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NDSU Institute of Barley and Malt Science to Co-Sponsor China-US Symposium on Barley, Malt and Brewing

The Institute of Barley and Malt Science (IBMS), a center based in the North Dakota Agricultural Experiment Station, is co-sponsoring a China – U.S. symposium on barley, malt and brewing.

The symposium will be held in Wuxi, Jiangsu, China, April 27-29. Additional sponsors are the American Society of Brewing Chemists and the School of Biotechnology at Jiangnan University.

“This symposium offers a great opportunity for the exchange of information,” says Paul Schwarz, IBMS director. “The Chinese beer market is perhaps the most dynamic in the world. China surpassed the U.S. to become the world’s largest producer of beer in 2002 and of malt in 2006.”

North Dakota leads the U.S. in the production of malting barley.

Speakers from the U.S. include Greg Casey (Miller-Coors Brewing); Rich Horsley (NDSU); Schwarz and Xiang Yin (Cargill Malt).

Chinese speakers include the Ms. Lvjun Du (Chair of Chinese Society of Brewing Chemists, Beijing, China), Ms. Li Wang (Chief Manager of Suntory Brewing Co. Ltd, Kunshan, China), and the Chief Brew Masters Tsingtao (Qingdao, Shandong Province), Yanjing (Beijing), Snow (Tianjin, Hebei Province), Jinxing (Zhengzhou, Henan Province) and Pearl River (Guangzhou, Guangdong Province) brewing companies.

“The general theme of the symposium focuses on the influence of raw materials on final beer quality,” Schwarz says. “Topics cover many aspects of the barley-to-beer chain and include breeding, scientific/technical advances and food safety.”

The symposium is supported through registration fees. More than 50 people have preregistered.