



GLOBAL PULSE CONFEDERATION

Global Pulse Confederation appoints new Executive Director

Industry veteran expected to bring new ideas and energy for 2016 International Year of Pulses

DUBAI, U.A.E. (June 10, 2016) - [The Global Pulse Confederation](#) (formerly CICILS/IPTIC), the international body for the global pulse industry, announced the appointment of Randy Duckworth as their new Executive Director. Randy Duckworth has extensive experience in the pulse industry and international agriculture, having spent 18 years working for the US Dry Pea & Lentil Council and the US Dry Bean Council where he was instrumental in developing new international markets.

Randy Duckworth comments: “I am glad to be joining such a respected organization. I am excited for this new opportunity to work with the talented staff, Executive Committee and President Arslan to support GPC’s efforts to expand international pulse consumption and production. I look forward to the challenge of creating additional value for members and improving the industry’s already well regarded annual convention.”

Randy Duckworth replaces Gavin Gibson who worked for GPC since 2012 and was previously Executive Director of Pulse Australia. “Gavin’s wealth of experience and industry knowledge made him a huge asset for GPC and the pulse industry. We will miss him greatly and wish him all the best with his retirement,” said GPC President Hüseyin Arslan.

“I have greatly appreciated the opportunity to be involved with GPC as both an Executive Committee member and Executive Director for the past 15 years,” said Gibson, “I am fortunate to have worked with a great group of people and help make the International Year of Pulses a reality. I know they will be in good hands with Randy Duckworth.”

“We’re happy to welcome Randy Duckworth aboard during this exciting period of growth for the industry,” said Arslan, “The timing is perfect to add a seasoned professional like Randy, as we are in the midst of the United Nations 2016 International Year of Pulses.”

“We view Randy’s appointment as a sign of GPC’s continuing commitment to growing the organization and the global pulse industry” added Hakan Bahceci, past GPC President and CEO of Hakan Agro DMCC, “New product innovations and increasing global demand for pulses led us to look for an individual who will fit in with our spirit of collaboration and innovation. I’m confident Randy will play a key role in achieving our industry’s ambitious objectives.”

About the Global Pulse Confederation (GPC)

The Global Pulse Confederation (GPC) is the not-for-profit body for the global pulses industry. GPC is headquartered in Dubai and licensed under Dubai Government authority, Dubai Multi Commodity Centre (DMCC). GPC is comprised of 18 national associations and over 600 private sector members. GPC members represent over 60 million tons of pulse production in 55 countries, which is worth over US\$100 billion at retail level. More information about the Global Pulse Confederation can be found at <http://www.cicilsiptic.org/about-us>. More information about the United Nations’ 2016 International Year of Pulses can be found at <http://iyp2016.org/>.

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