

Establishment of the Ghana Groundnut Working Group (GGWG): A Legacy of the American Peanut Research and Education Society (APRES)

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The American Peanut Research and Education Society (APRES) celebrated 50 years of existence in 2018. The organization has provided an important forum for information exchange, collaboration among members across all segments of the peanut industry, and a journal that provides an outlet for discovery to the scientific community. In 2019, individuals representing the peanut industry in Ghana along with colleagues from the United States established the Ghana Groundnut Working Group (GGWG) with the goal of creating a forum similar to APRES. The theme of the first meeting held in July 23, 2019 in Tamale was *Developing Partnerships to Create Greater Value of Groundnut through Innovation*. Approximately 50 individuals attended the one day session that included a discussion of challenges and solutions to many of the issues facing the peanut industry in Ghana. The second meeting of the GGWG was held March 10-11, 2020 in Tamale. Future goals of the GGWG included expansion of representation across all segments of the peanut supply chain in Ghana and developing a leadership structure that will assist in ensuring the long-term sustainability and positive impact of the GGWG.