

# Getting to Know AACCI: Moses Khamis

AACC International members are one of a kind, and we want to highlight all of their amazing accomplishments—both in AACCI and in their careers. “Getting to Know AACCI” is a series of member interviews capturing the stories of our many volunteers and their journey with AACCI.



**Moses Khamis**  
Bunge North America  
Member for 7 years

**Q: What is your current position and what are you currently working on?**

**A:** I am a food scientist. I work mostly on food product development, specifically research on extruded snacks, ancient grain products, and milling. In my current role, I develop formulas and product prototypes, and I conduct pilot and plant trials. I work with cross-functional teams of sales, quality assurance, engineering, and operation employees to satisfy our customers’ needs.

**Q: When and why did you first decide you wanted to work in cereal grain science?**

**A:** I was interested in food science and technology during high school in Uganda. During my senior year of undergraduate schooling at Alexandria University in Egypt in 2006, I worked on a research project to develop sorghum-based food products. This opportunity led me to understand and appreciate the in-depth role of cereal grains in human and animal nutrition. I decided to attend the Grain Science Program at Kansas State University, where I pursued my master’s (December 2009) and Ph.D. (August 2014) degrees to advance my scientific knowledge of cereal grains.

**Q: When did you first join AACCI and why?**

**A:** I became an AACCI member in 2009. I wanted to join the professional association of my peers. AACCI offered the best opportunities to build networks and develop professional relationships. There is always a lot to learn and share at AACCI meetings. I have met lifelong friends through AACCI—colleagues who go above and beyond in mentoring, advising, etc.

**Q: Why did you decide to volunteer with AACCI, and what committees/boards are you currently on?**

**A:** I have learned and gained a lot professionally each year since I joined AACCI. I want to contribute to the success of AACCI. I see it as a mutual opportunity for me to continue to grow and also to help grow AACCI.

**Q: What have been the most exciting moments of your career or membership experience so far?**

**A:** I am always excited to see the excellent student research projects that are presented at AACCI Annual Meetings. Meeting up with old friends is always exciting, and sometimes the annual meeting is the only opportunity to meet face to face.

**Q: What have you learned from your membership in AACCI?**

**A:** I’ve learned that professional fellowship and networking are critical for personal development. Face-to-face meetings make a big difference in building relationships, more so than e-mail or telephone communications. For example, for part of my Ph.D. research I worked with Peter Koenig of Bepex International. I met him at the 2011 AACCI Annual Meeting in Palm Springs, CA, and it was easy for us to communicate and work based on that meeting.

**Q: What’s next for you?**

**A:** I want to grow professionally as a food scientist and contribute to feeding the world with healthy, nutritious, and safe food. I will continue to volunteer with AACCI.

Do you know someone who has dedicated significant time to AACCI and the field of cereal grain science? Let us know!

We will be conducting interviews with members to be featured in future issues of *Cereal Foods World*.

Contact [lmcginty@scisoc.org](mailto:lmcginty@scisoc.org) if you or someone you know should be highlighted.

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