**Curt Youngs’ Accomplishments and Activities Related to Kosovo**

**August 2011**: Youngs obtained a Borlaug Fellowship training grant to train University of Prishtina (Kosovo) faculty member Dr. Behlul Behluli in bovine embryo transfer technologies

**Fall 2011**: Youngs conducted 10-week training program in bovine embryo transfer technologies for Dr. Behlul Behluli

**May 2012**: Youngs visit to Kosovo; met with University of Prishtina officials, gave lectures to 5th-year veterinary students at University of Prishtina, spoke to the Kosovo Veterinary Association, toured private dairy farms with Minister of Agriculture Blerand Stavelichi

**June 2012**: Kosovo President Atifete Jahjaga visit to ISU (Youngs participated in a luncheon event organized by Global Agriculture Programs office)

**August 2012**: Youngs received a supplement to the Borlaug funding for additional training in Kosovo

**August 2012**: Iowa & Kosovo State Partnership Program workshop (Camp Dodge); Youngs spoke about his work in Kosovo; Youngs escorted Minister of Agriculture Blerand Stavelichi to the Iowa State Fair

**September 2012**: Youngs facilitated signing of a 5-year International Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between ISU and University of Prishtina

**April 2013**: Youngs represented ISU at an international trade meeting with Kosovo Ambassador to US Akan Ismaili

**May 2013**: Youngs and Animal Science Professor Leo Timms gave guest lectures at University of Prishtina, worked with Kosovo Milk Producers Association, & made dairy farm visits

**July 2013**: Youngs taught at University of Prishtina International Summer University (Topic: Reproductive Technologies for Livestock Genetic Improvement [a 2-week short course])

**May 2014**: Youngs and Timms participated (at Camp Dodge) in video conference call with US Embassy in Kosovo

**June 2014**: Youngs participated in the Kosovo/Iowa Sister States telephone conference call

**July 2014**: Youngs taught at University of Prishtina International Summer University (Topic: “Assisted Reproductive Technologies: Biological and Ethical Considerations”; one of only 19 courses selected from global applicants)

**July 2014**: Youngs facilitated export of 19 frozen dairy cattle embryos to Kosovo

**June 2015**: Youngs participated in the annual Kosovo-Iowa Sister States meeting

**July 2015**: Kosovo’s first-ever bovine embryo transfer calf was born July 6, 2015 (http://www.news.iastate.edu/news/2015/09/03/kosovo)
July 2015: Youngs taught at University of Prishtina International Summer University (Topic: “Feeding the World in the Year 2050: The Potential Role of Kosovo and Other Balkan Nations”; only global applicant selected to teach a workshop)

October 2015: Youngs (and Burden and Hansen from Value Added Agriculture Programs) met with Minister of Agriculture Memli Krasniqi at ISU

June 2016: Youngs interviewed at ISU by Public Television of KOSOVO (RTK) regarding Iowa State University involvement in Kosovo (June 17, 2016); program aired in Kosovo on October 3, 2016

July 2016: Youngs taught at University of Prishtina International Summer University (Topic: “Global Food Security: Now and in the year 2050”; one of only 11 courses selected in a global competitive process)

September 2016: Youngs attended Iowa Secretary of Agriculture dinner (held at Camp Dodge, Iowa) in honor of Memli Krasniqi, Minister of Agriculture, Forestry and Rural Development of the Republic of KOSOVO

September 2016: David Acker and Youngs met with Alban Zogaj (Chief Economist) and Petrit Selimi (National Coordinator) of the Millenium Challenge Corporation of KOSOVO

October 2016: Youngs spoke at University of Iowa Provost’s Global Forum (held in Des Moines, Iowa) on The Role of Iowa in KOSOVO’s Path to Independence”

December 2016: Youngs submitted application (on behalf of ISU) to the American Councils for International Education for ISU to serve as a host institution for the KOSOVO American Education Fund (KAEF) graduate fellowship program

January 2017: Youngs presented results of the Kosovo bovine embryo transfer work at the International Embryo Transfer Society annual conference (abstract of work published in Reproduction, Fertility, Development)

Spring 2017: Ms. Albulena Basha (KAEF Fellow) accepted a graduate position under Dr. Helen Jensen starting fall 2017 (Ms. Basha transferred to Wendong Zhang as major professor after Helen Jensen retired). Youngs serves as ISU campus liaison for the KAEF program with American Councils on International Education.

April 2017: ISU hosted visit from Kosovo Minister of Education Arsim Bajrami (Youngs was Animal Science host; Mickelson was host for Agricultural & Biosystems Engineering)


September 2017: Youngs facilitated signing of a 5-year renewal International Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between ISU and University of Prishtina
October 2017: Youngs featured in documentary film ("With A Cup of Sugar") about the Iowa-Kosovo relationship

October 2017: Youngs hosted at ISU a delegation of Kosovo businessmen exploring potential collaborations with ISU

January 2018: Youngs attended reception for Mr. Behgjet Pacolli, First Deputy Prime Minister & Minister of Foreign Affairs of Kosovo at the Consulate of Kosovo office in Des Moines

February 2018: Youngs served as animal science host of Mr. Shyqiri Bytyqi, Kosovo Minister of Education

February 2018: Youngs contributed to an Iowa Sister States program video to congratulate Kosovo on its 10th anniversary as a country

February 2018: Youngs attended a special dinner at Des Moines Area Community College (DMACC) in celebration of the 10th anniversary of Kosovo as a country


March 2018: Youngs represented ISU at the Kosovo Higher Education Summit held at Des Moines Area Community College

March 2018: Youngs attended the Kosovo agriculture products meeting held at the Des Moines Area Community College

May 2018: Youngs represented ISU as part of a 56-member delegation from Iowa that went to Kosovo to strengthen relationships between Iowa and Kosovo.

July 2018: Youngs taught at the University of Prishtina International Summer University program (Topic: Global Food Security: Now and in the Year 2050; one of only 15 courses offered; selected in a competitive process)

December 2018: Youngs attended a reception for Mr. Kadri Veseli - Speaker of Assembly of the Republic of Kosovo at the Consulate of Kosovo office in Des Moines

December 2018: Collaborative project with the Kosovo Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry, and Rural Development (MAFRD) and Kosovo Association of Milk Producers (KAMP) came to fruition after 17 months. Purpose of the project is to increase the genetic potential for milk production in dairy cows in Kosovo to better utilize existing milk processing capacity and to reduce reliance on imports of dairy products into Kosovo. Import into Kosovo 2,000 doses of "female" sexed dairy cattle semen, 2,000 doses of "regular" dairy cattle semen, and 60 dairy cattle embryos.

December 2018: Youngs received in-kind product donations to support agricultural development work in Kosovo
**March 2019:** Full-length research article resulting from collaborative research on dairy cattle lameness in Kosovo was submitted for publication

**On-going activities:**
Grant proposal with World Learning and two other US university partners to extend the Transformational Leadership Project (TLP) and provide additional opportunities for training of Kosovars in graduate degree programs and graduate certificate programs in agriculture, business, and engineering development of a Fulbright proposal to assist the University of Prishtina Faculty of Agriculture launch their newly-approved Agriculture and Veterinary Institute