

Update from the Division

As of Oct. 13, 2016, our division has a total of 47 members, with two new members joined in early 2016. Currently, our division has only 10 student members, suggesting that we should welcome more students to join our division.

During the last AACCI annual meeting held on Oct. 23-26, 2016, in Savannah, GA, we had a successful division luncheon meeting on Oct. 24, 2016. Division chair Jinsong Bao presided at the meeting, Dr. Rusty Bautista (DLC representative) introduced the past activities, Jinsong Bao also reported the financial status of our division. Then, division members elected Mr. John Ashby as new division vice chair. Prof. Ya-jane Wang and Dr. Rusty Bautista introduced the new plan of a rice chemistry and technology short course which will be held in the University of Arkansas Food Science Department next year (2017). Finally, Dr. Francesco Dell'endice (Qualysense, Switzerland) gave a short presentation on the high speed/high throughput grain quality instrument, and Dr. Mark Bason (Perten Instrument) provided an update on the development of Paddycheck and its application in rice quality assessments. A total of 20 members attended the division meeting.

In January, a Division Leadership Council (DLC) meeting took place at AACCI International headquarters, focusing on the accomplishments and status on action plan of the DLC and each division from this past year. The vice chair John Ashby represented the Rice Division. The AACCI Chair of the Board Lydia Midness along with President-Elect Laura Hansen attended the meeting. The AACCI Scientific Advisory Panel (SAP) reported the top science areas for AACCI focus for the Board, and previewed their findings to help inform our discussions and action plan. Some divisions presented their past activities and potential new division activities as well collaborations between the divisions. John introduced that our division has a plan to hold rice milling quality short course in the University of Arkansas.

The first rice milling quality short course was held on May 22, 2017 at the Food Science Department, University of Arkansas and was a big success! This short course is designed for rice processors, food scientists, and technologists who wish to learn rice milling and its impact on rice properties in food product development. A total of 25 registrants/attendees from private industry, academia, and research institutions attended the one-day course. Dr. Jarrod Hardke gave a lecture on "rice as a food

grain”, Dr. Terry Siebenmorgen provided two lectures on rice milling, and Dr. Ya Jane Wang shared her expertise on rice kernel composition and chemistry. Kimberly Batham from AACCI and Robin January of the University of Arkansas did a phenomenal job in coordinating/organizing the event. Drs. Terry Siebenmorgen and Ya-Jane Wang's leadership on this program were top notch! We are grateful for their great contributions!

With the success of the rice milling quality short course, which was produced as a component of the AACCI Continuing Education Department, the AACCI and the Rice Division is currently planning and coordinating with the Rice Processing Program/Food Science Department of the University of Arkansas to offer the course in 2018. This cooperative program, however, will be promoted as an AACCI Rice Division course and any gain associated with the course will benefit the division. More updates to come at the division meeting in San Diego. An equally successful short course next year would mean potential additional income for the division.

Highlights: Planning to attend the Cereals 17 Annual Meeting in San Diego, CA (Oct. 8-11, 2017)

“The AACCI Annual Meeting is the place to learn, collaborate, and innovate with the best and the brightest in the grain-based foods industry”! Our Rice Division has actively contributed in the upcoming symposia at Annual Meeting in San Diego, CA. There is one rice-based symposium “***Moving through the plateau of rice quality with omics technologies***”(at 02:00 PM - 03:40 PM, Oct. 9, 2017) organized by our division through Prof. Melissa Fitzgerald and a technical session “***Rice: from genes to drying***” (at 8:30-10:10am, Oct. 11, 2017). It should be noted that there are also rice-related talks in other symposia. Do not miss the latest and exciting advances in Rice Chemistry and Technology! We are looking forward to seeing you all at the meeting and welcome you to attend the **All Division Luncheon/Business Meetings** (12:00-1:00pm, Monday, Oct. 9, 2017) and **Rice Division meeting** thereafter (See below).

Please also consider to attend the “**Rice Milling & Quality Technical Committee Meeting**” which will be held October 10, at 7:00am-8:30am.

All Division Luncheon/Business Meetings and Rice Division Events at the Cereal 17 Annual Meeting in San Diego, CA (12:00-2:00pm, Monday, Oct. 9, 2017)

As suggested at the DLC meetings in the past and at the most recent meeting, there is a significant benefit to developing a cohesive approach where all divisions are represented and visible. This year, there will be one buffet luncheon for all Divisions in one location (with designated table sections for each Division) in an outside terrace area with meeting rooms available after the meal for business meeting presentations. This new format will add an interactive component that creates a collaborative and engaging environment, but also enables Divisions to share an overview of what they are working on and conduct their needed Division business.

The Division Lunch will take place on Monday, October 9, from 12:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m., with the business meeting programs starting at 12:45 p.m. The Luncheon will be included in the price of registration providing the unique opportunity for all attendees to participate and learn more about the AACCI Divisions.

After the common luncheon, our division will have a short business meeting. The agenda of the rice division meeting, 2017 is as follows:

1. Welcome, introductions, election, and welcome to the new Division chair, by Jinsong Bao [3-5 min]. John Ashby will preside at the latter meetings.
2. Updates in our division, by Rusty Bautista [3-5 min]
3. Any other business
4. Adjourn

Important: Prepare the symposium **right now** for next AACCI annual meeting in London, October 21 – 23, 2018.

Traditionally, the invitation for division-sponsored symposia submission for annual meetings opens in November and closes very quickly. Although the symposia submissions for Cereals 17 were accepted from Jan. 23 to Feb. 3, 2017, it was a very narrow window to prepare and submit the symposium topic and invite potential speakers. To strengthen our division's opportunity to sponsor a symposium, we encourage every member to prepare potential symposium proposals as soon as possible after the annual meeting. All division members are encouraged to submit proposals. Five speakers should be invited for each symposium. If anyone has an idea for symposium you may email to all other members for discussion and selection of speakers.

Financial Report: As of March, 2017, Rice Division has a financial balance of \$5,035.97 USD. During the Division meeting, we will discuss the possibility to offer speakers some travel scholarships in the future annual meetings. The detailed incomes and expenses are attached below.



RICE DIVISION

MARCH 2017

BALANCE FORWARD 3/31/16

\$ 5,755.73

RECEIPTS			
April Dues		45.00	
May Dues		15.00	
June Dues		60.00	
July Dues		30.00	
August Dues		75.00	
September Dues		45.00	
October Dues		45.00	
November Dues		75.00	
Annual Meeting Income		740.00	
December Dues		75.00	
January Dues		45.00	
February Dues		-	
March Dues		60.00	
TOTAL INCOME			1,310.00
EXPENSES			
April Dues Processing Fees		3.00	
May Dues Processing Fees		1.00	
June Dues Processing Fees		4.00	
July Dues Processing Fees		2.00	
August Dues Processing Fees		5.00	
September Dues Processing Fees		3.00	
October Dues Processing Fees		3.00	
November Dues Processing Fees		5.00	
Annual Meeting Expenses		1,073.42	
December Dues Processing Fees		5.00	
January Dues Processing Fees		3.00	
February Dues Processing Fees		-	
John Asby Expense Reimbursement		841.44	
DCL Meeting Expenses		76.90	
March Dues Processing Fees		4.00	
TOTAL EXPENSES			(2,029.76)
BALANCE MARCH 2017			\$5,035.97