

Successful AACC International Milling & Baking Division Spring Technical Conference Held in San Antonio, Texas

The AACC International Milling & Baking Division held its 2006 Spring Technical Conference in San Antonio, TX, at the Hawthorne Suite Hotel on the Riverwalk May 17–19. Attendees participated in a conference on “Smooth Solutions for Prickly Issues” held over two days. Division members gave presentations on a variety of key issues facing the baking and milling industries, including whole grains, biotechnology, food defense, health and nutrition, and consumer perceptions regarding carbohydrates. The session wrapped up with a discussion on tips for getting the attention companies want from food editors and the media.

AACC International Milling & Baking Division Chair Lee Sanders served as program chair, and Bill Olson served as the golf tournament chair. “We had close to 50 attendees for this year’s conference,” said Sanders. “Attendees enjoyed a strong technical

program and gained valuable first-hand information on emerging research on key technical issues.” Social and networking activities included a golf tournament and afternoon reception.

In business conducted during the conference, the division agreed to increase both the George K. Minor undergraduate and M. Rella Dwyer graduate student scholarships from \$2,000 to \$3,000 annually. The division also increased the student travel stipend to enable additional students to participate in the annual meeting, which will be held in San Francisco, CA, September 17–20, in conjunction with the World Grains Summit. Sanders announced that division elections would be held in July.

“This successful conference would not have been possible without the strong support of our sponsors. I appreciate all of their support of this worthwhile conference,”

said Sanders. Sponsors included ADM Milling, The American Bakers Association, American Ingredients Company, Bay State Milling Company, BC Williams Bakery Service, Inc., Cain Food Industries, DSM Food Specialties, Farmers Direct, Innovative Cereal Systems, International Fiber Corporation Research Products, Inc., Roman Meal Company, Roman Meal Milling Company, Sosland Publishing Company, The Long Company, The Mennel Milling Company, and Watson, Inc.

The 2007 Spring Technical Conference will be held in Las Vegas, NV, May 16–18, 2007. Individuals interested in presenting papers should contact Milling & Baking Division Chair-Elect Steve Schorn, coordinator of the 2007 technical conference, at steveschorn@researchprod.com.



AACC M&B Golf Tournament winners (left to right): Bill Olson, Lesley MacFarlane, Dave Braun, and Nick Weigel. The tournament was held at The Golf Club of Texas.



Milling & Baking Spring Technical Conference attendees learn about issues facing the milling and baking industries during the two-day technical program.

Obituaries

George Norman (Norm) Irvine

George Norman (Norm) Irvine, a longtime AACC International member, passed away on May 7, 2006, at the age of 84, in Victoria, MB, Canada. Norman obtained his B.S. degree in physical chemistry at the University of Manitoba and his Ph.D. degree in chemistry from McGill University. During World War II, he served in the Canadian Navy as a radar officer. At the end of the war, he joined the Grain Research Laboratory of the Canadian Grain Commission, where he served as research scientist, section head, and director and chief chem-

ist. He is well known internationally for his expertise on the quality of Canadian durum and bread wheats.

Norman served in many professional organizations, including on the AACC International Board of Directors and the ICC Executive Committee. He received many awards, among them the AACC William F. Geddes Memorial Award and the Neumann Medal of the German Association for Cereal Research.

Norman is survived by his wife Joyce; his sons Duncan (Sarah) and Donald; and grandchildren Daniel and Karen.

Jane-Anne (MorMor) Williams

Jane-Anne (MorMor) Williams, age 61, of Plymouth, MN, has passed away. Jane-Anne was the president and CEO of J.S. Williams, Inc. She is survived by her loving husband of 38 years Richard Alan Williams; daughters and sons-in-law Sonya and Cory Johnson and Kersten and David Dusterhoff; grandchildren Ashley, Kyle, Macey, and Erik; brothers and sisters-in-law John “Bill” and Lucy Swinson, Richard “Dick” and Karen Swinson. Jane-Anne was an ingredient broker before she gave it up to spend time with her grandchildren.

Virgil Smail Receives 2006 William F. Geddes Memorial Lectureship

Virgil Smail of Kansas State University was the recent recipient of the 2006 William F. Geddes Memorial Lectureship Award sponsored by the AACC International Northwest Section. He is currently professor and department head, Grain Science and Industry, at Kansas State University. Smail's presentation, "Collaborative Research and Innovation: The Future of the Grains Industry," discussed the importance of government, industry, and academia working together throughout the supply chain to build and maintain a proactive grains research program. He emphasized that basic foundation

research will drive innovation and secure the future of the grains industry.

Smail's career has focused on assisting grain production, marketing, and baking industries to become more competitive and profitable while holding key leadership positions at various institutions. He served as president and CEO of the American Institute of Baking and AIB International and as director of the U.S. Grain Marketing Research Laboratory in Manhattan, KS. He earned his Ph.D. degree in crop breeding, specializing in wheat genetics with a plant pathology minor, from Montana State University.



Virgil Smail (center) receives 2006 William F. Geddes Memorial Lectureship Award from Ron Heddleson (left) and Len Marquart (right).

AACC International Offers New Resource

Primer papers on topics of importance to the grain-based foods industry are now available from AACC International! Written by leading experts, these primer papers provide background information on key topics in a nontechnical format. The papers are intended to be informative and useful to audiences with varied levels of knowledge on the topics covered. The papers offer food professionals at any level rapid access to the basic principles of and knowledge about the topic. Available as a PDF file, each primer paper includes numerous web links to additional information on the subject discussed.

The first two primer papers—"Allergens" and "Genetically-Modified Crops"—offer overviews on two topics that are of continued importance to the grain-based foods industry. As a member benefit, primer papers are free to all AACC International mem-

bers. Nonmembers may download the papers for free through September 30, 2006. After that time, the primers will remain complimentary to members, but nonmembers will be charged a nominal fee of \$15 per article. To receive the primer papers, visit the AACC International website at www.aaccnet.org and click on the primer papers icon.

A new primer paper is expected to be available each month. AACC International is currently accepting primer paper topic ideas. People interested in authoring a paper are also invited to contact the association. If interested in authoring a paper or to submit topic ideas, please contact Susan Kohn at skohn@scisoc.org.

Providing easy-to-use, informative materials is one of the many ways AACC International is working to enhance your membership experience!

Ten Years of Content Added to Online *Cereal Chemistry*

Research articles published between January 1987 and December 1996 are now available online on *AACCnet*. These articles are provided in part by a generous contribution from the University of Wisconsin, Madison Library, which has supplied the scanning and is working together with AACC International to make all *Cereal Chemistry* content available online. This newly added content will be open to all and is integrated with *Cereal Chemistry's* paid subscriber content.

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