

## PEOPLE



Luis (Lucho) F. Salazar

Agdia, Inc. has announced that **Luis (Lucho) F. Salazar** has joined the company as scientific director. In his new position, Salazar will be responsible for expanding Agdia's interaction with breeders, researchers, and growers to solve problems with plant pathogens in a wide variety of crops using Agdia programs, services, and products. Prior to joining Agdia, Salazar was principal scientist at the International Potato Center located in Lima, Peru.

**Frank Yiannas** has assumed presidency of the International Association for Food Protection. Yiannas oversees all food safety programs and public health functions for Walt Disney World.



Michaël van Sallandt



Marc den Hartog

**Michaël M. R. van Sallandt** has been appointed general manager Europe IOI-Loders Croklaan. Van Sallandt has a long history of service with the company, most recently as business unit manager Bulk Oils Europe. **Marc V. P. den Hartog** will succeed van Sallandt as business unit manager Bulk Oils Europe. Den Hartog previously worked in supply chain and sales and marketing roles with the company.

The Corn Refiners Association has announced that **Li Li** of Iowa State University and **Huijun Liu** of Pennsylvania State

University are the 2006 winners of the CRA/AACC International outstanding poster awards. The awards provide recognition to outstanding researchers for their efforts to advance scientific principles in the corn wet milling process. The winners were selected during the World Grains Summit in San Francisco, CA, September 17–20, 2006.

## ASSOCIATIONS

## WFC Launches Blog

Wheat Foods Council, a leading grain industry association, has launched a blog entitled Grain Talk with Marcia Scheideman. "The purpose of the online platform is to provide consumers, health professionals, and industry with clear, relevant, and fact-based information with the goal of debunking myths, showcasing credible science, and providing insights gathered from the grain industry in its entirety," says Scheideman.

## COMPANIES

## Acquisitions

Minteq International Inc., a wholly owned subsidiary of Minerals Technologies Inc., has announced the completion of the acquisition of ASMAS, an Istanbul-based Turkish producer of refractories. The company will operate in Turkey as ASMAS, a part of the Minteq family of companies.

Acatris Health Group has announced it has been acquired by Israeli-based Frutarom Group. Acatris's health ingredients will be managed from Frutarom's Fine Ingredients Division headquartered in Switzerland and its name will be changed to Frutarom Group.

## Award

Colloides Naturels International (CNI) has received the award for the best export company in 2005, presented by the French government. The award recognizes CNI's global export expertise. CNI exports 90% of its production outside of France, shipping to more than 75 countries.

## Certification

Nielsen-Massey Vanillas has become the first extract company and ingredient sup-

plier in the United States to receive independent gluten-free certification from the Gluten-Free Certification Organization.

## Expansion

CP Kelco has announced it has expanded operations into China to produce purified carboxymethyl cellulose in Taixing, Jiangsu Province. The new facility will have an initial capacity of 15,000 MT.

## INGREDIENTS

## Leavening Agent/Phosphate Technologies

ICL Performance Products LP has introduced Levona, a new leavening agent that is calcium-enriched and has zero sodium. Levona enables food manufacturers to formulate products that can carry healthy messages such as "low sodium" and "a good source of calcium," without compromising flavor, volume, texture, and convenience.

Also announced is the introduction of Benephos, a reduced sodium phosphate technology that provides beverage formulators the ability to market shelf-stable beverages that are lower in sodium. Benephos will aid in the stabilization of proteins, minerals such as calcium, and color, as well as flavor enhancement. Benephos is a reduced sodium version of a broadly used soluble polyphosphate.

## Amylase

Danisco has developed GRINDAMYL POWERFresh. The value-adding G4 amylase sets a new standard in anti-staling technology for bread and tortillas by extending the shelf life of bread and tortillas, and at the same time, makes them more satisfying to eat.

## NOTICES

## New Location

The AOCS Headquarters has moved to a new location. New contact information: Mail Address: P.O. Box 17190, Urbana, IL 61803; Street Address: 2710 S. Boulder, Urbana, IL 61802; Phone: +1.217.359.2344; Fax: +1.217.351.8091; e-Mail: general@aocs.org; Website: www.aocs.org.

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**2007.** San Antonio, Texas. San Antonio Convention Center. Oct. 7–10.

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**January**

**28-February 2, 2007.** Course: Feeds & Pet Food Extrusion. College Station, TX. Contact: Mian N. Riaz, Food Protein R&D Center, Texas A&M University, College Station, TX 77843-2476; +1.979.845.2774; Fax +1.979.458.0019; E-mail mriaz@tamu.edu; URL <http://www.tamu.edu/extrusion/>

**February**

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**April**

**30-May 2, 2007. 6th European Young Cereal Scientists and Technologists Workshop.** Montpellier, France. Contact: AACC International-Europe, Stanislas de Rijcklaan 60/22, BE-3001 Heverlee, Belgium; +32.16.204035; Fax +32.16.202535; E-mail [aacc@scisoc.europe.org](mailto:aacc@scisoc.europe.org); URL <http://www.cerealsand.europe.net>

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**June**

**15-22, 2007. XXVII International Workshop/Symposium on Rapid Methods and Automation in Microbiology.** Manhattan, KS. Contact: Daniel Y. C. Fung; Kansas State University, Department of Animal Sciences and Industry, 139 Call Hall, Manhattan, KS 66506; +1.785.532.1208; Fax +1.785.532.3295; E-mail [dfung@ksu.edu](mailto:dfung@ksu.edu); URL <http://www.dce.ksu.edu/rapidmethods>

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