Understanding Cereal Proteins Workshop in South Africa

In November 2006, Cereal Science and Technology-SA collaborated with AACC International to present a 2-day technical workshop on “Understanding Cereal Proteins: Nutritional, Functional and Analytical Aspects” in Pretoria. Representing AACC International was keynote speaker, Phil Williams, PDK Projects Inc., who delivered papers on Analysis of Cereal Proteins and New Applications of NIR in Agriculture and Food Processing. The workshop was attended by more than 70 people and there were 10 papers and 7 practical demonstrations. The presentations are available from Belinda van der Merwe by contacting her at vandermerweb@tut.ac.za.

Japan Section November Meeting

The AACC International Japan Section held two unique lecture meetings at the Flour Miller Association building in November 2006. Nancy M. Edwards, program manager, Grain Research Laboratory of Canadian Grain Commission, spoke on the current research of bread and durum wheat being done at the Grain Research Laboratory. A wide variety of topics were covered, including fundamental rheological studies using model systems, rheology of fermented doughs, protein composition studies, and baking with nontraditional ingredients.

Hideki Okusu, chief manager, Analytical Center of Central Laboratory, Nippon Flour Mills Co. Ltd., updated Japan Section members on the World Grains Summit meeting using video tape and also reported on topics of importance.

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OBITUARIES

William Ogilvie Swinton Meredith

William Ogilvie Swinton Meredith, a longtime AACC International member, passed away on October 15, 2006, in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, Canada. He was born in Fife, Scotland in 1911. At age 18, he went to Canada on an agricultural scholarship. He attended Ontario Agricultural College in Guelph, Ontario, and graduated with a B.S.A. from the University of Toronto in 1934.

Meredith first worked as a research chemist with the National Research Council in Ottawa. During 1937, he moved to Winnipeg, still with NRC. He completed an M.Sc. degree in 1939 in organic chemistry and statistics from the University of Manitoba.

From 1946 to 1974, Meredith was a research scientist, Grain Research Laboratory of the Canadian Grain Commission, Winnipeg. He was head of barley and malt research and a consultant in statistics and biometrics. He carried out pioneering work on the effects of barley protein on malt and beer quality and his work was also instrumental in identifying beta-glucan as the material causing filtration problems during brewing. His research work, including research articles and book chapters, was reported in more than 120 publications.

Meredith traveled extensively as Canadian liaison to the European Brewery Convention and in relation to collaborative studies with universities around the world. He gave numerous talks at scientific conferences around the world. In 1967, Meredith was awarded the Canada Centennial Medal for his professional contributions to Canadian barley research and development. He was a Fellow of the Chemical Institute of Canada and a Fellow of the Institute of Brewing.

He was predeceased by Dorothy, his wife of 68 years, in 2005. He is survived by son John O. Meredith (Helen) of Saskatoon, two grandchildren, Scott Meredith (Jennifer) and Karla Manuel (Vance), and...
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