Nominate Colleagues for Three Prestigious Awards

AACC International is accepting nominations for the Alsberg-French-Schoch Award, Applied Research Award, and Thomas Burr Osborne Medal. Nominations must be submitted by June 1, 2006.

The Alsberg-French-Schoch Award is given to an individual whose contributions to fundamental starch science are deemed most worthy of recognition. Sponsored by the Corn Refiners Association, this award is given every two to four years and includes a \$2,000 honorarium and a plaque, as well as the opportunity to present a lecture on some phase of starch science during the annual meeting of the association.

The Applied Research Award, established in 2005, is presented in recognition of a

significant body of distinguished contributions to the application of science in the cereals area. This award consists of a \$2,000 honorarium and a plaque. Recipients of the Applied Research Award are also accorded the status of AACC International Fellow.

The Thomas Burr Osborne Medal is presented to an individual whose research in cereal chemistry has contributed significantly to the progress of the science. This award, created in 1926, was named after the outstanding protein chemist Thomas Burr Osborne. The award consists of an honorarium of \$2,000 and an inscribed medal in the form of a plaque. The recipient presents an address at the AACC International

Annual Meeting at which the medal is presented. Recipients of the Osborne Medal are also accorded the status of AACC International Fellow.

Completed award nomination packets should be sent to the attention of Linda Schmitt at AACC International Headquarters, 3340 Pilot Knob Rd., St. Paul, MN 55121, USA. Contact Peter Wood, AACC International Award Chair, at woodp@agr. gc.ca with award questions.

More information on the awards, including the nomination form and lists of previous winners, can be found at www.aaccnet. org/membership/awards.asp.

FDA Issues Guidance on Whole Grain to Manufacturers

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration issued a draft guidance document on what the term "whole grain" may include on February 15, 2006. The "Guidance for Industry and FDA Staff: Whole Grain Label Statements" is designed to assist manufacturers with what the FDA considers appropriate for food label statements. A link to the FDA document can be found on AACCnet. There is a 60-day comment period. The agency clarified that it considers "whole grain" to include cereal grains that consist of the intact, ground, cracked or flaked fruit of the grains whose principal components-the starchy endosperm, germ, and bran-are present in the same relative proportions as they exist in the intact grain.

This definition is nearly the same as the definition AACC International approved in 1999. AACC International recently established a Whole Grains Task Force led by Julie Miller Jones. This group has been working with the USDA and apprising the FDA to assure that the federal government's recommendations are uniform, represent sound science, and guide consumers effectively. The task force is finalizing a letter to the FDA emphasizing two major points: 1) that whole grains are a dietary substance, not a category and 2) that whole grains are not a surrogate for fiber. In addition, AACC International also will be submitting comments regarding the whole grain draft guidance document.

Silent Auction Items Needed

Support the AACC International Student Division at the 15th Annual Silent Auction during the 2006 World Grains Summit in San Francisco, CA, September 17–20, 2006. Donations are currently being collected. In previous years, donations have ranged from corporate novelties or consulting time, to books and handmade regional items. Donations are tax deductible, so think big! Your

generous contributions will benefit undergraduate scholarship and graduate fellowship funds for students on their way to careers in grain science.

To donate or for more information, contact Baninder Sroan at baninder@ksu.edu. Invest in the future of grain science today!

Obituary— Wilfried Seibel

AACC International member Wilfried Seibel passed away on January 12, 2006. He was born in 1930 in Dalwigsthal, Germany. After obtaining a Ph.D. degree in 1956, he joined the Federal Research Institute for Cereal Processing, Detmold, Germany. During a long association with AACC International and ICC, his activities benefited cereal science and scientists in many countries and contributed to establishing the system of method standardization used by ICC and ISO for quality assessment of wheat.

Over the course of his career, Wilfried authored or coauthored 700 publications and 22 books on grain processing in German and other languages, as well as two textbooks, and supervised 15 Ph.D. theses. He continued to work after his official retirement in 1995, participating in activities related to AACC International, ICC, and cereal science in general.

Wilfried became an AACC International member in 1975 and was a member of the Europe Section and Nutrition and Milling & Baking divisions. Wilfried served ICC as technical director (1988–1996) and codirector (1996–2006), as president (1996–1998), and in a variety of other activities, including as editor-in-chief of *Getreide, Mehl und Brot*. He received the Clyde H. Bailey Medal from ICC in 1982 for his contributions and achievements in cereal science and technology.

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