

Extrusion research center for Pakistan

AOCS member Mian N. Riaz, head of the extrusion technology program and graduate faculty of food science and technology program at the Food Protein Research and Development Center at Texas A&M University in Collge Station, Texas, USA, and Faqir M. Anjum, director of the Institute of Food Science and Technology at the University of Agriculture, Faisalabad, Pakistan, have received a grant of \$709,000.00 to establish an extrusion center at the University of Agriculture, Faisalabad, Pakistan.

The two year award is from the Pakistan-U.S. Science and Technology Cooperative Program (National Academy of Sciences, U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) and Higher Education Commission of Pakistan). The selection process was highly competitive with only 11 awards out of 112 proposals.

Extruded food and feed products play a significant role in human and animal health in the United States and other nations. To date this technology is absent in Pakistan, where it could have a major impact on food quality and utilization. The present project will establish the Center for Excellence in Extrusion Technology. This center will facilitate teaching, research and



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product development for students. Moreover, this project will strengthen cooperation between two nations in the field of research and development through close collaboration between scientists from both nations. The extrusion center will also provide educational support to private and government entities.

Senior appointments at Solae

The Solae Company, based in St. Louis, Missouri, USA, announced on April 5 that it had made two senior appointments.

Daniel Johnston is to hold the position of the company's chief finance officer. He was previously chief financial officer at St. Louis-based United Industries, which manufactures and markets a broad line of consumer lawn and garden, household and pet products. Johnston is a CPA and holds a Bachelor of Science degree in accounting from the University of Missouri at Columbia, Missouri, USA.

Thomas Burrows becomes The Solae Company's regional vice president of North America. Previously he was vice president of marketing and sales for ConAgra Food Ingredients, a wholly owned subsidiary of ConAgra Foods, headquartered at Omaha, Nebraska, USA. ConAgra Foods Ingredients is the maker of Peter Pan® brand peanut butter and Healthy Choice® brand frozen entrees. A Burrows holds a Bachelor of Science degree in economics from the University of Wisconsin at Eau Claire, Wisconsin, USA, and a Master of Science degree in business administration from the University of Chicago, Illinois, USA.

Eskin co-edits nutraceutical dictionary

AOCS member N.A. Michael Eskin, associate dean in the faculty of human ecology at the University of Manitoba, Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada, and Snait Tamir, head of nutrition at Tel Hai Academic College in Upper Galilee, Israel, published in January 2006 the *Dictionary of Nutraceuticals and Functional Foods* with Taylor & Francis, Abingdon, Oxfordshire, United Kingdom/CRC Press, Boca Raton, Florida, USA.

This text is the first reference of its kind in a rapidly developing field. It covers almost 480 items based solely on peer-reviewed scientific literature.



N.A. Michael Eskin

Kraft names global category chief

Kraft Foods, with corporate headquarters at Northfield, Illinois, USA, reported on April 13 that Jeri Finard had been appointed to the position of Executive Vice President, Global Category Development.

Her responsibilities will be to drive new product growth platforms and leading global category strategies. Finard, who previously headed up the company's North American beverages division succeeds John Baxter, who became vice president and president, snacks and cereals sector at Kraft North America Commercial in March 2006.

Finard has been with Kraft for 20 years and has held a number of marketing and business management positions spanning



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