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Cindy Cosmos Named Recipient of PMCA's Marie Kelso Memorial Award

August 14, 2007, Bethlehem, PA —PMCA's Production Conference Program Committee has named **Cindy Cosmos**, Senior Flavor Chemist at *Bell Flavors and Fragrances, Inc.*, as the eleventh recipient of the Marie Kelso Memorial Award for her paper, *Flavors From Around the World – The Same or Different?* presented at the 61st Annual Production Conference on April 17, 2007.

Production Conference Program Committee Co-Chair, David Hess, *Quigley Manufacturing, Inc.*, will present the award at the Tuesday Evening Banquet during the 62nd Annual Production Conference, April 8, 2008 at the Hershey Lodge and Convention Center. The award consists of a gift of \$1,000 and a distinctive timepiece inscribed with her name. Cindy Cosmo's name joins those of the ten previous award winners; Edward S. Sequine, *Guittard Chocolate Company*, Susan L. Hefle, Ph.D., *University of Nebraska*, Richard W. Hartel, Ph.D., *University of Wisconsin-Madison*, Marlene B. Stauffer, *Blommer Chocolate Company*, Harold H. Schmitz, Ph.D, *Mars Snackfoods*, Nicole Staniec, *Firmenich, Inc.*, Bill Dyer, *Blommer Chocolate Company*, Greg Ziegler, *Pennsylvania State University*, Jeffrey Fine, *AarhusKarlshamn USA* and Joe Smillie, *Quality Assurance International, Inc.* (QAI) on a large memorial plaque displayed at the PMCA office.

PMCA's Board of Directors established the award in 1997. It is given each year to the author of the paper presented at the previous year's Annual Production Conference that most significantly contributes to industry knowledge, thus honoring the memory of Marie Kelso in a manner reflecting her faithful dedication and unwavering belief in the value of the Production Conference for the industry.

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Marie Kelso served as Secretary to the Production Conference Committee for 38 years, and indeed her name became synonymous with the event itself. In her youth she was secretary to Hans Dresel, a salesman for Felton Chemical Company in Philadelphia, Pa. As her boss worked tirelessly to organize and promote PMCA's Annual Production Conference, as well as AACT events, she organized and managed tirelessly as well. After she left her job at Felton Chemical, the Production Conference became her life's work. Marie was also active for many years in the Philadelphia Section of AACT. Marie Kelso passed away in September 1995.

PMCA is a non-profit international trade association in the confectionery industry whose goals are to provide open forums for the free exchange of technical information through its Annual Production Conference, to promote and direct basic and applied scientific research in the science of chocolate and confectionery through its Research Program at leading universities and to educate and train technical and manufacturing personnel worldwide through its Short Course Program. The organization was originally founded in 1907 as the Pennsylvania Manufacturing Confectioners' Association.

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