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**Richard Hartel Makes History by Being the First to be Named PMCA's Marie Kelso Memorial Award Recipient for a Second Time.**

*July 7, 2008, Bethlehem, PA* —PMCA's Production Conference Program Committee has named **Richard W. Hartel**, Professor, Food Engineering, *University of Wisconsin - Madison*, as the twelfth recipient of the Marie Kelso Memorial Award for his paper, *Free Volume - Why Hard Candy Gets Sticky*, presented at the 62<sup>nd</sup> Annual Production Conference on April 8, 2008.

This is the first time in the history of this prestigious award that the same recipient has been named for a second time. Professor Hartel also received the award in 1999 for his paper entitled *Fat Bloom During Storage of Chocolate – The Influence of Structural Elements Within the Chocolate*.

Production Conference Program Committee Co-Chair, Judy Cooley, *The Hershey Company*, will present the award at the Tuesday Evening Banquet during the 63<sup>rd</sup> Annual Production Conference, April 28, 2009 at the Hershey Lodge and Convention Center. The award consists of a gift of \$1,000 and a distinctive timepiece inscribed with his name. Rich Hartel's name joins those of the ten previous award winners; Edward S. Sequine, *Guittard Chocolate Company*, Susan L. Hefle, Ph.D., *University of Nebraska*, 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*, Joe Smillie, *Quality Assurance International, Inc.* (QAI) and Cindy Cosmos, *Bell Flavors & Fragrances, Inc.* on a large memorial plaque displayed at the PMCA office.

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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.

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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