



## **Tracey Duffey of the World Cocoa Foundation Named PMCA's 2009 Marie Kelso Memorial Award Recipient**

*July 20, 2009, Bethlehem, PA* —PMCA's Production Conference Program Committee has named **Tracey Duffey**, Program Director for the Southeast Asia and West Africa programs of the *World Cocoa Foundation*, as the thirteenth recipient of the Marie Kelso Memorial Award for her paper, *Managing Pest and Disease Pressures – Cocoa Farmers' Perspective*, presented at the 63<sup>rd</sup> Annual Production Conference on April 29, 2009.

Production Conference Program Committee Co-Chair, Judy Cooley, *The Hershey Company*, will present the award at the Tuesday Evening Banquet during the 64<sup>th</sup> Annual Production Conference, April 27, 2010 at the Hershey Lodge and Convention Center. The award consists of a gift of \$1,000 and a distinctive timepiece inscribed with her name. Tracey Duffey's name joins those of the twelve previous award winners; Edward S. Sequine, *Mars Sncakfood*, 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)*, Cindy Cosmos, *Bell Flavors & Fragrances, Inc.* and Richard Hartel, *University of Wisconsin – Madison (two time winner)* 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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