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**LEADING MANUFACTURERS BLOMMER CHOCOLATE, READCO KURIMOTO AND WOLFGANG CANDY TO HOST PMCA TRAINING COURSE**

**May 28, 2008, Bethlehem, PA** — Offered once every two years, PMCA announces the date for their four day foundation course in “*Chocolate and Compound Manufacture and Use*” being held Tuesday October 28<sup>th</sup> through Friday October 31<sup>st</sup> 2008 in York, Pennsylvania.

Students registering for this course will have the opportunity for a unique and robust learning experience facilitated by several leading experts in the field. The course will include an extensive review of the science of chocolate and compound manufacturing, a tour of the *Blommer Chocolate Company*, a visit to *Readco Kurimoto* for an in-plant conching demonstration and hands-on, practical work in the *Wolfgang Candy Company* production facility.

The practical aspects of processing Cocoa, from cleaning, roasting (bean, nib, liquor), liquor production, cocoa butter and cocoa powder through the manufacture of chocolate and compounds; tempering, moulding (shell and single shot), enrobing and finishing will be covered. In addition, there will be a review of specialty chocolates, (reduced fat, low calorie and aerated chocolate), as well as quality control issues.

This course is relevant for various types of technical staff, product developers, process engineers, managers, line operators, anyone new to the confectionery industry and to those looking to review or expand their knowledge in the area of chocolate and compound technology. Students receive a course manual and CD as well as a PMCA technical short course completion certificate. The non member course fee is \$1,055 with students from PMCA member companies receiving the discounted rate of \$949. Early registration is highly encouraged as the course is limited to 24 students only.

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Additional questions about the course and registration forms can be obtained online at [http://www.pmca.com/short\\_courses/schedule.asp](http://www.pmca.com/short_courses/schedule.asp), from the PMCA office at: Tel. (610) 625-4655, Fax (610) 625-4657 or via email at [info@pmca.com](mailto:info@pmca.com).

PMCA Short Courses are designed to create an opportunity for economical and practical training and are applicable to a broad range of personnel.

### **About PMCA**

*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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