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Cal Poly DPTC Prominent at the 27th International Dairy Federation World Dairy Congress

Cal Poly Dairy Products Technology Center students and faculty gave oral presentations, presented research posters and chaired sessions on a global stage at the 27th International Dairy Federation World Dairy Congress held October 20-23, 2006 in Shanghai, China. There were approximately 1000 registrants from approximately 50 countries attending the meeting. In attendance were dairy researchers and dairy industry leaders from throughout the world. Conference attendees heard presentations related to dairy economic policy marketing and global trade, nutrition and health, innovations in dairy science and technology, and dairy animal health and welfare.

Among the presenters on the world dairy stage was Cal Poly DPTC graduate student, Jessica Yee. Her paper was titled: "Flavor Compound Partition in Cheese Treated by Supercritical Fluid Extraction" and it was the only paper accepted for oral presentation which was submitted by a graduate student at this conference. According to Jessica, "the opportunity to meet and listen to international dairy researchers from around the world was a tremendous opportunity for me and it was a great experience to visit China too". Its nice to meet some of the scientists that up to that point I only knew through reading their research publications, Yee added. Dr. Rafael Jimenez, Jessica's MS committee chair and thesis advisor, proudly said, "Jessica worked very hard on her research and her presentation and she represented Cal Poly graduate students very well."

In addition to her presentation, Professors Rafael Jimenez and Phillip Tong each gave invited papers and chaired technical sessions at the 3 day congress. Another DPTC graduate student, Andrea Laubscher presented a research poster titled: Correlation of DGAT1 expression with fat content in the Cal Poly Herd.

"Actively participating in these types of meetings helps us to establish effective collaborations and gain new insights on scientific and technical needs in dairy foods that our group can bring back to the classroom and also to help our domestic dairy industry" said Tong, Director of Cal Poly's DPTC " "It's important for Cal Poly students, faculty and staff to be part of the global scientific community. By sharing and exchanging ideas we all benefit and accelerate technical innovation and broaden our scientific perspectives", Tong added.

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About IDF

IDF is the International Dairy Federation. It is the first source of information on dairy issues on a global scale. It is both a forum for discussion and exchange and a dairy information center, created by and for the dairy sector. The mission of IDF is to promote and enhance the image, trade, production and consumption of milk and milk products worldwide by collecting and disseminating scientific, technical and economic information and providing a platform for meaningful exchange of professional knowledge and discussion. **IDF** has 49 member countries now. With 49 member countries, covering over 74% of the world's milk production, IDF gives an authoritative, independent dairy sector view on global dairy issues.

Photos:

007 – Jimenez with Prof. Harjinder Singh of Massey University, New Zealand who was a recent visiting scholar at DPTC

010 – Jessica Yee (grad student) speaking with international scientists after her oral presentation

021 – Prof. Tong and Jimenez overlooking the Pudong District of Shanghai China.



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About DPTC:

The Dairy Products Technology Center (DPTC), established in 1986, is a program within the College of Agriculture at Cal Poly State University that conducts education, research, and outreach activities to provide solutions to help manage risk, facilitate innovation, and defend equity in the dairy foods industry and related business sectors. For further information visit our website at www.calpoly.edu/~dptc.

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