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Phil Tong Receives Cargill Flavor Systems Food Specialties Award

Savoy, IL – The American Dairy Science Association is proud to announce Phil Tong as the 2008 recipient of the Cargill Flavor Systems Food Specialties Award. The award was presented on Wednesday, July 11, 2008, during the awards ceremony at the ADSA Annual Meeting in Indianapolis, Indiana.

The Cargill Flavor Systems Award was created to recognize important research contributions to chemistry, biochemistry, microbiology, engineering, or technology pertaining to the cheese and cultured dairy products industries. This contribution may be published research data, plans, methods, processes, devices, or inventions significant and beneficial to the cheese and cultured dairy products industries through either theory or practical application. The winner must have made the contribution within the five years immediately preceding nomination, and must have been a member of the American Dairy Science Association for at least five successive years. The winner must also be a resident of the United States, Canada, or Mexico.

Phillip Tong is a professor and director of the Dairy Products Technology Center at California Polytechnic State University. Since joining the faculty in 1986, Phil has been active in research, research-administration, and teaching in the area of dairy manufacturing technologies. Over the last 5 years, Phil's contributions have included enhancing our understanding of "gritty particle" development in cream cheese, functionality and use of membrane-processed dairy ingredients in cheese and cultured dairy products, development of novel analytical techniques for quantification of milk components, and the application of genotypic and phenotypic methods for examination of commercial species of probiotic bacteria.

It is with great pleasure that ADSA and Cargill Flavor Systems present Phil Tong with the 2008 Cargill Flavor Systems Food Specialties Award.

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