

FSHN Report – March, 2007

- The research efforts of Dr. Hans Blaschek, Professor of Food Microbiology in FSHN, have recently been rewarded through the \$500 million British Petroleum bioenergy research program granted to University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. The research conducted will be completed through collaborative efforts with the University of California at Berkeley and the Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory. The University of California at Berkeley is the lead research institution in the program.
- Two students have been selected for the “3+2 program” with China Agricultural University (CAU) in Beijing, China, and they will arrive on campus for the Fall, 2007 semester. As a reminder, this is a collaboration between CAU, UIUC, and corporations. Kraft Foods will provide support for the students from CAU to come to FSHN to complete their senior years (B.S. degree will be granted from CAU) and for a 2-semester non-thesis M.S. degree from UIUC. While in this program, the students will participate in 1-2 internships with Kraft Foods in the U.S. and will be interviewed for a possible position with Kraft Asia.
- On March 1 and 2, the department hosted “Graduate Recruitment Day.” Perspective graduate students arrived on Thursday, March 1, 2007 and attended an interactive dinner at the Bevier Café. On Friday, March 2, 2007, students were given the opportunity to talk with our faculty and attend our graduate seminar. The day proved to be quite successful, providing benefits for both the perspective students and the faculty.
- The Spice Box dining area will be renovated starting during Summer 2007. Other improvements that will follow in the next two years include continued improvements to the quantity foods kitchen, Bevier Café, the entry ways, and meeting rooms on the third floor of Bevier Hall. These renovations were made possible through a generous gift from Phillip and Juanita Francis.
- Awards:

COLLEGE OF ACES:

- FACULTY AWARD FOR GLOBAL IMPACT:** Dr. Elvira de Mejia
- FACULTY AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN TEACHING—**
College: Dr. Kelly A. Tappenden
- JOHN CLYDE AND HENRIETTA DOWNEY SPITLER**
TEACHING AWARD: Dr. Karen M. Chapman-Novakofski

- iv. **TEAM AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE:** *Illinois Center for Soy Foods Team*
Dr. Keith R. Cadwallader
Mr. Pradeep K. Khanna, National Soybean Research Laboratory,
ACES Administration (not in FSHN, but we will claim him!!)
Dr. Barbara P. Klein
Dr. Karl E. Weingartner
- v. **GRADUATE STUDENT RESEARCH AWARD—M.S.:** Young
Soo Song (major professor is Dr. Elvira de Mejia)

UIUC

- i. **CAMPUS AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN UNDERGRADUATE TEACHING:** Dr. Shelly Schmidt

INSITUTE OF FOOD TECHNOLOGISTS

- i. **INSTITUTE OF FOOD TECHNOLOGISTS STEPHEN S. CHANG AWARD FOR LIPID OR FLAVOR SCIENCE FOR 2007:** Dr. Keith Cadwallader