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Pittsburgh Conference

For the first time, Newport Scientific joined the Science Industry Australia (SIA) stand at the Pittcon exposition held in the Orange County Convention Center in Orlando, Florida, from 27 February through 4 March 2005. Pittcon is the world's largest annual conference and exposition devoted to laboratory science and this year the banner was 'Everything Science Under the Sun'.

Managing Director, Rodney Booth, represented Newport Scientific at the exposition.

'Pittcon was a valuable opportunity to observe the very latest directions the instrumentation industry is taking, and mix with some of the key players', says Rodney. 'The larger companies use Pittcon as the primary showcase for their new products and strategies. This stimulates our own ideas when generating new solutions for our customers, as well as providing an international benchmark to aspire to in terms of our product's performance, presentation and quality.'

'Since Pittcon is truly an international marketplace, we also have the chance to meet customers and distributors from virtually every country in the world. We not only encounter new potential end-users of Newport Scientific products, but perhaps more importantly, high quality distributors. As a result of my visit to Pittcon this year, we are discussing distribution agreements for a number of new territories.'



New Packaging for RVA™ CANS AND PADDLES

From June 2005, boxes of 315 RVA cans and paddles will make way for new 'Dispenser Box' packs, conveniently compact containing 200 cans and paddle sets.

The new 'Dispenser Box' offers several new features and advantages:

- They look good and have improved **construction**. They are strong white corrugated cardboard with additional inner boxes of corrugated cardboard to protect the cans and paddles.
- They have two removable perforated 'doors' for **convenient** access to the cans and paddles.
- They are compact thereby **reducing freight costs**.

In addition, there is no increase in per unit costs and can-only, paddle-only, trays of 400, and trays of chemically resistant cans and paddle sets will still be available.



Conference and Seminar Catch-up

GRAIN TESTING

Inaugurated by Dr Rajorhia of the Indian Dairy Association, the seminar on grain testing was held in New Delhi on 15 February and included presentations by Bronwyn Elliott on 'Weather Damage Testing Using the RVA', and 'Introduction to doughLAB', plus an RVA practical session. Guest speaker, A/Prof. DC Saxena of Sant Longowal Institute of Engineering and Technology, Punjab, described the use of the RVA to study wheat quality for making tandoori roti. Please contact support@newport.com.au for copies of 'Weather Damage Testing Using the RVA', and 'Introduction to doughLAB' presentations.

EXTRUDED FEEDS

Dr Athapol Noomhorm, Professor of Food Engineering and Bioprocess Technology at the Asian Institute of Technology, presented 'Engineering Properties of Food Materials' to an audience of 130 at the seminar on extruded feeds at Charpa Tech Centre, Bangkok, on 18 February. Participants then enjoyed a presentation by Bronwyn Elliott titled 'How the RVA Can Contribute to Understanding Extruded Foods and Feeds'. For a copy of Bronwyn's paper contact support@newport.com.au.

And coming up in 2005 ...

NORTH AMERICA Foss North America will show the RVA-StarchMaster at the International Wheat Quality Conference, Manhattan, KS, in May, and feature Newport Scientific products at the Institute of Food Technologists Food Expo, New Orleans, LA, in July and the AACC Annual Meeting in Orlando, Florida, in September.

EUROPE Mark Bason will present 'Optimised Method for Detecting the Effect of Flour Additives in the doughLAB' at the ICC 50th Jubilee Conference in Vienna in July.

AUSTRALIA Newport Scientific will feature the RVA-Super4 at the RACI 'Connect' National Convention and the Australian Institute of Food Science & Technology Annual Convention in Sydney in July.

FOOD INGREDIENTS

Newport Scientific's Jennifer Dang assisted Lotun Science Co. Ltd and demonstrated the RVA-4 during the Food Ingredients China Expo in Shanghai, which ran from 17 to 20 March.

MILLING AND BAKING

Foss Benelux and Newport Scientific ran a seminar for the milling and baking industry at Katholieke Universiteit, Leuven, Belgium, on 23 March. Guest speakers included Prof. J Delcours, University Leuven, Belgium; Ing. B Gunter, Codrico, Rotterdam, Netherlands; Ing. G Sinave Institute Agronomic, Gembloux, Belgium; and Ing. N Haegens Vandemoortele, Izegem, Belgium.

STARCH CONVENTION IN DETMOLD

From 20 to 22 April, the 56th Starch Convention was held in Detmold, Germany, where Newport Scientific's Corinne Charrié presented the paper 'Testing Amylolytic Enzymes in the RVA: a Review' and Newport Scientific's representative in Germany, Winopal Forschungsbedarf GmbH, exhibited the RVA-Super4.

MEET THE PEOPLE: BARRY ARCHIBALD



After finishing a five-year apprenticeship in Sydney in 1983 in Motion Picture and Television Electronics, and completing an Electronics Trades Certificate, Barry did a course in Industrial Electronics. From 1978 to 1990 he worked at Rank Electronics (later Amber Technology), servicing professional motion picture, TV studio and recording studio equipment, and then from 1990 to 1992 he serviced computer equipment for Commodore Computer repair centre in England. From 1992 to 2002 he worked at Fairlight ESP on the production and servicing of Australian-made professional audio editing consoles.

In February 2003, Barry started working at Newport Scientific where most of his time is spent in the production of RVAs, including the new Super-4 model. He is also responsible for servicing (on-site when required) in Australia and New Zealand.