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Professional Educators' Common Interest Group
Conference Call notes
Tuesday, June 30, 2009
2:00 pm

Participants: Andy Proctor, University of Arkansas, USA
Rich Hartel, University of Wisconsin, USA
Randy Weselake, University of Alberta, Canada
Bob Mullen, Case Western Reserve University, USA
Barb Semeraro, AOCS, USA

- I. **Leadership Team** – It was agreed that the CIG will be lead by a leadership team. The group will review the effectiveness of leading by a team versus officers at the next committee meeting at AOCS Annual Meeting & Expo. The current leadership team members are: Andy Proctor, Nurhan Dunford, Rich Hartel, Randy Weselake, Eric Decker, Toni Wang, Cliff Hall, SA Momin, Carlos Torres, Bob Mullen and Deland Myers.
 - a. Newsletter – Andy will coordinate the development of the group's newsletter.
 - b. Hot Topic – Andy and Randy will coordinate the development of the group's Hot Topic session.

- II. **Vision/Direction** – Currently the tag line for the CIG is: Promoting teaching excellence in lipid science through discussion and the exchange of ideas. The group agreed to continue with the use of this tag line in all publication material.

The purpose of CIG is to provide a venue for those involved in university education and industrial training in lipids and oils to promote teaching excellence in lipid science and oil technology through discussion and exchange of ideas.

- III. **Hot Topic Session** – The group discussed plans to organize a Hot Topic for the 101st AOCS Annual Meeting & Expo. Hot Topic sessions are held on Tuesday morning of the meeting and vary in length of time from 1 hour up to 3 hours.

The focus of the group's Hot Topic session will be on Lipid education. Six speakers were suggested, and each speaker would have 30 minutes.

Andy and Randy will submit the Hot Topic request form to AOCS by October 2009. The form is available on the AOCS Annual Meeting & Expo website.

Education Innovations in Lipid Science
Co-Chairs: Andy Proctor and Randy Weselake

Speaker	Affiliation	Topic	Follow-up by
Rich Hartel	University of Wisconsin, USA	Curriculum Development	
Tony Huang or Karen Schaich	University of California-Riverside, USA State University of New Jersey-Rutgers, USA	Facts and Myths: Getting it Straight Educating the public	Randy Weselake
Dave Viziach	Dow Agrosociences, Indiana, USA	View from industry – what should be the focus of universities courses and curriculum – what should be taught/emphasized – each speaker would bring a different perspective since in different industries.	Randy Weselake
Steve Hill	Kraft, Illinois, USA		Andy Proctor
Alex Marangoni	University of Guelph, Canada	Crystallography	?
Roland Verhe	University of Ghent, Belgium	Internationalizing curriculum, comparing differences between cultural universities.	Andy Proctor

Other ideas to consider for the Hot Topic session were:

- Biosynthesis section (Randy Weselake)
- Student presentation (Brent Sorensen, Crystal)
- Instrumentation teaching methods (Craig Byrdwell)
- How to get the help you need to teach a class, since most fats/oils specialize in an area. Or how to get beyond your teaching specialization.

Other session titles were:

- Best Practices in Teaching Physical Chemistry
- Best Practices in Teaching Food Analysis
- Innovations, Developments, ? in Teaching

Please send any session title suggestions to Andy Proctor.

The conference call ended at 2:48 pm.