

PEOPLE

Nikken Foods Company USA Inc. has promoted **Jim Nolte** to director of technical services. Nolte, who has more than 25 years in the flavor industry, will continue to work with customers to develop finished formulations using Nikken Foods' line of natural flavors.

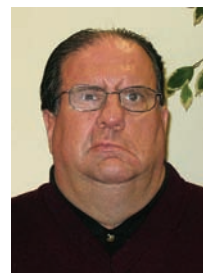


Wixon Inc. has promoted **Leda Strand** to director of technology applications and industrial ingredients. Strand will now be responsible for the Mag-nifique™ Technology applications research. She is the secretary of the Wisconsin Institute of Food Technologists.

Wixon has also named **Jill Sonntag** to senior food technologist of technology applications and industrial ingredients. In her new role, Sonntag will work with the Mag-nifique™ and Wix-Fresh™ technology applications.

Gail Vance Civile, founder and president of Sensory Spectrum Inc., has been recognized with the ASTM International Award of Merit, the highest recognition for individual contributions to standards activities. ASTM Committee E18 on Sensory Evaluation cited Civile's long-range planning, symposium development, and contribution to expanding E18's scope.

Giorgio Foods' **Paul Tucker** has been promoted to national sales manager for school food service and contract manufacturing. Tucker has been with Giorgio for 24 years, where he started as a project manager in the frozen foods division.



Association News appeared here in the printed version of the journal.

Chris Savage has been named president of Griffith Laboratories Canada. Savage was formerly president of Griffith Laboratories Central and South America, where he led the company to record growth in the region.

Solvay North America has named **Michael Lacey** as vice president of finance and information technology. Most recently, Lacey served as president and CEO of Solvay Solexis Inc. Lacey will now be responsible for overseeing the company's businesses in Canada, Mexico, and the United States.

COMPANIES

Acquisition

SIG Strategic Investments has acquired U.S. Mills, a developer and marketer of cereal and snack foods, including Uncle Sam, Erewhon, Farina, and more. Charles Verde, chief executive officer, and Cynthia Davis, president and chief operating officer, will maintain their role as the executive management team.

New Company

Organic Partners International has announced its formation as a new source for certified organic products and ingredients. M.J. Davis and Co. and George's Organics merged as part of the development of the new company.

New Program

Cognis, a global specialty chemical supplier, is supporting the Global Communications Project 2007, an international competition for students. The goal of the project is to increase awareness and understanding in public relations and communications. This year students will be asked to develop strategies that will help Cognis better target selected local markets.

Expansion

Tate & Lyle ANZ has expanded its product portfolio to include a broader range of specialty food ingredients. The company will assume responsibility of the distribution of Krystar® crystalline fructose, previously managed by Danisco, and a number of other ingredients previously managed by Bronson & Jacobs.

ASSOCIATIONS

Merger

The National Food Laboratory, an independent affiliate of the Food Products Association (FPA), has entered into a new phase of growth following the FPA and Grocery Manufacturers Association merger. The NFL is now part of the nation's largest trade association serving the food, beverage, and consumer packaged goods industry.

DDGS Report

The National Corn Growers Association has announced the release of a new report containing guidelines for the analysis of distillers dried grains with solubles (DDGS). The report provides recommended test methods for determining the moisture, crude protein, crude fat, and crude fiber content of DDGS.

AACC INTERNATIONAL ANNUAL MEETINGS

2007. San Antonio, Texas. Henry B. Gonzalez Convention Center. Oct. 7–10.

2008. Honolulu, Hawaii. Hawaii Convention Center. Sept. 21–24.

INGREDIENT PRODUCTS

A new study published in the *American Journal of Clinical Nutrition* has shown that ORAFIT's Beneo™ prebiotics can favorably alter several colorectal cancer biomarkers.

Cognis has introduced Nutrisoft® 55, a new emulsifier with a low trans-fat content. In addition to replacing the saturated standard emulsifier, the product also increases the stability and quality of prepared foods.

David Michael is anticipating a drop in cocoa production this fall, and as a result the company is re-releasing their line of Cocoa-Mate® cocoa extenders.

BI Nutraceuticals has added to its line of organic ingredients. The company now offers anise seed, fennel seed, ginger root, licorice root, psyllium, and slippery elm.

Van Drunen Farms now offers freeze-dried tropical fruit. The available fruits include,

but are not limited to, acai, banana, kiwi, mango, papaya, and pineapple. The company is also offering sugar-infused bananas as a low-moisture, shelf-stable product.

The Scoular Company announced that it will begin marketing four new organic soy ingredients, including textured vegetable product, soy flour, soy grits, and soy/rice grits.

ENRECO, Inc., has unveiled a line of flaxseed nuggets called Flax-It!™. The potential food product applications range from baked goods to salad toppings.

Virginia Dare is now offering free trade vanilla.

Vita-Pakt® Citrus Products Co. has introduced organic Wild Sunflower Root flour as part of its Fresh Ideas Organic Marketplace. Wild Sunflower Root is a rich, low-calorie, and low-glycemic source of prebiotic fructooligosaccharides and inulin.

LAB EQUIPMENT

Hunter Lab has announced the release of UltraScan VIS, a new high-performance color measurement spectrophotometer that measures the full range of human color perception. The product includes EasyMatch® QC software for research and quality control applications.

Tempo EB, from bioMérieux, is the first automated test for Enterobacteriaceae enumeration in food products. It can run a complete test, including confirmation, in less than 24 hours.

PLANT EQUIPMENT

Cletral has introduced a new benchtop twin extruder. The Evolum 25, the smallest of the Evolum extruders, makes it easy to test new product development, test formulations, explore new recipes, and design foods.

The 9245 On-line Sodium Analyzer from the Hach Co. provides maximum accuracy and minimal maintenance for on-line sodium measurement. The product is designed specifically for boiler-steam generation and cooling water applications.

July

28–31. 2007 IFT Annual Meeting and Food Expo. Chicago, IL. Contact: Institute of Food Technologists, 525 W. Van Buren, Ste. 1000, Chicago, IL 60607; +1.312.782.8424; Fax +1.312.782.8348; E-mail info@ift.org; http://www.ift.org

August

1. Global Food Safety and Quality Conference. Chicago, Illinois. Contact: Institute of Food Technologists, 525 W. Van Buren, Ste. 1000, Chicago, IL 60607; +1.312.782.8424; Fax +1.312.782.8348; E-mail info@ift.org; http://www.ift.org

1. Second Annual International Food Nanotechnology Conference. Chicago, IL. Contact: Institute of Food Technologists, 525 W. Van Buren, Ste. 1000, Chicago, IL 60607; +1.312.782.8424; Fax +1.312.782.8348; E-mail info@ift.org; http://www.ift.org

7–10. Extrusion Processing Technology and Commercialization Short Course Manhattan, KS. Contact: Anita McDiffett, +1.785.532.4080; E-mail almgret@ksu.edu; http://www.ksu.edu/igp

26–30. 13th Australian Barley Technical Symposium. Fremantle, Western Australia. Contact: Promaco Conventions, 7/22 Parry Avenue, Bateman, WA 6150, Australia; +61.8.9332.2900; Fax +61.8.9332.2911; http://www.promaco.com.au/2007/abts

26–31. Course: 9th Annual Practical Short Course on Texturized Vegetable Protein and Other Soy Products. College Station, TX. Contact: Mian N. Riaz, Food Protein R&D Center, Texas A&M University, College Station, TX 77843-2476; +1.979.845.2774; Fax +1.979.458.0019; E-mail mriaz@tamu.edu; http://www.tamu.edu/extrusion

September

3–5. Workshop: Mycotoxin Analysis and Prevention in Feed. Glasgow, UK. Contact: ICC Headquarters, Marxergasse 2, A-1030 Vienna, Austria; +43 1 707 7202 0; Fax +43 1 707 7204 0; http://www.icc.or.at

12–14. First International Symposium on Gluten-Free Cereal Products and Beverages. Cork, Ireland. Endorsed by C&E and AACC International. Contact: AACC International-Europe, Stanislas de Rijcklaan 60/22, BE-3001 Heverlee, Belgium; +32 16 204035; Fax +32 16 202535; E-mail aacc@scisoceurope.org; http://www.glutenfreecork2007.com



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November

20–22. Oils and Fats 2007. Munich, Germany. Contact: Martin Lechner, Messe München GmbH, M,O,C, Lilienthalallee 40, 80939 München, Deutschland; +49 89 3 23 53 - 2 15; Fax +49 89 9 49 - 9 72 39 82; E-mail bettina.albrecht@messe-muenchen.de.

27–29. Workshop: Safety and Wholesomeness of Cereal Food. Ping Tung, Taiwan. Contact: Roland Ernest Poms, ICC Headquarters, Marxergasse 2, A-1030 Vienna, Austria; +43 1 707 7202 0; Fax +43 1 707 7204 0; http://www.icc.or.at

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6–8. IFE India 2007. New Delhi, India. Contact: Montgomery International Ltd., 9 Manchester Square, London W1U 3PL, UK; +44 (0) 20 7886 3102/3109; Fax +44 (0) 20 7886 3101; E-mail ifeindia@montex.co.uk; http://www.ife-india.com/

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