

**Rheology Division of AACC International  
Annual General Meeting Minutes  
September 23, 2008**

**Present:** 17 members of the Rheology Division (Oppenheimer, Sroan, Frazer, Kragh, Don, Meira, Wei, Byars, Mulvaney, van Vliet, Dewettinck, Rayas, Dempster, Dolan, Hirano, Dogan, Scanlon)  
MacRitchie (guest)

**Chair:** A. Oppenheimer

**1. Items for discussion**

*Discussion on Rheology Symposium*

Some discussion was held on the success of the Rheology Division's sponsored symposium (Rheological Properties of Whole Grains) and the Division's support of the Protein Division's symposium (Dough Structure and its relation to Breadmaking Performance)

**2. Treasurer's Report**

The balance brought forward from March 31, 2008 was \$5,903.64. Thanks to corporate sponsorship from General Mills and from Cargill to support travel funds for speakers at the Rheology Division symposium, Division funds were slightly better than at this point last year with a balance of \$6,175.30.

**3. Secretary's Report**

*Communication with Membership*

An e-mail was circulated to the Rheology Division membership on 15<sup>th</sup> September, 2008 comprised of three items: request for approval of increase in fees for the Division; request for approval of changes to the by-laws of the Division; solicitation of nominations for Secretary/Treasurer (2008/2009).

- a. Since it has been many years since Division fees were raised, a brief discussion was held on whether raising membership fees from \$10 per year to \$15 per year would be a disincentive to sustaining membership numbers. It was felt not.
- b. The updated by-laws were not deemed to have controversial elements, and members at the AGM agreed that should suggested amendments not be received from members by October 15<sup>th</sup> that the revised by-laws would be adopted.
- c. A request for further nominations for Secretary/Treasurer was sought at the AGM (only one nomination had been forthcoming from the general membership request of 15<sup>th</sup> September). Members agreed that should no further nominations be received by October 15<sup>th</sup> that Dr Clyde Don (Business Consultant with CCL Nutricontrol in the Netherlands) would be acclaimed as Secretary/Treasurer for the Rheology Division for 2008/2009.

#### **4. Other Business**

##### *Baltimore 2009 Meeting*

Some discussion ensued on the proposed change in the format of the meeting and the need for the Rheology Division to work with other divisions to support a symposium topic targeting one of the 7 scientific initiatives. The Chair was to bring Division concerns to the Board.

##### *Baltimore 2009 Meeting Rheology Workshop*

It was hoped that a Rheology Workshop would be held prior to the Baltimore meeting. Some difficulties in logistics associated with a meeting off the mainland US thwarted an attempt to hold the Workshop prior to the Honolulu meeting.

A suggestion that the Rheology Workshop be associated with a mid-west university (eg, U Minnesota, Kansas State) at a different time from the AACC International Annual Meeting was also to be considered.

#### **5. Division Awards**

##### *Student Travel Grant*

The recipient this year was ir. Filip van Bockstaele (Department of Food Science and Technology, University College Ghent).

It was noted that Filip had sent a letter of appreciation to the Rheology Division for his Award. In addition, Dr Dewettinck (his advisor) thanked the Rheology Division for assistance with Filip's travel to the Annual Meeting to present his thesis research.

Dr Dempster raised the point that perhaps it might be more appropriate for recipients of the Rheology Division Student Travel Grant to receive the Award at the Rheology Division luncheon instead of at the Student Division dinner. There was general agreement to this suggestion.

##### *Isydore Hlynka Best Student Paper 2007 Meeting*

The recipient for best student paper at the 2007 AACC International meeting in San Antonio was Ms Dongjun Zhao of the Department of Food Science at Cornell University. Unfortunately, Ms Zhao was unable to attend the meeting this year to accept the Award.

##### *2008 Rheology Division Young Scientist Award*

There were a significant number of nominations for the Young Scientist Award for this year (scientists within 5 years of receipt of their PhD that have demonstrated outstanding ability in cereal-based rheology and texture related research). The recipient of the Award was Dr Aaron Goh (formerly a materials scientist at Unilever in Vlaardingen, Netherlands and now a lecturer in the Department of Mechanical Engineering at Curtin University, Sarawak in Malaysia. Due to changing position just prior to the Annual Meeting, Dr Goh regretted not being able to come to the Honolulu meeting to accept the Award.

### *2008 George W. Scott Blair Lecture Award*

The Scott Blair Award is presented to a scientist who has shown exceptional ability in research areas involving rheology and texture as related to cereal based products. The recipient this year was a scientist who has done much to further our understanding of rheological mechanisms operating in cereal systems – Professor Finlay MacRitchie of the Department of Grain Science and Industry at Kansas State University. Professor MacRitchie was able to attend the annual meeting in Honolulu and was presented with the Award by Alan Oppenheimer (see picture).

### **6. Chair's Closing Remarks**

Alan Oppenheimer thanked the membership of the Division for their support during his time as Chair, Vice-Chair and Secretary/Treasurer. He was presented with a plaque recognizing his commitment to the furtherance of the activities of the Rheology Division by Martin Scanlon on behalf of the new Chair, Teri Paeschke (unable to attend due to changing jobs just prior to the meeting).