



# International Association of Operative Millers

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## **IAOM Appoints Interim Executive Vice President**

Leawood, Kan. – The International Association of Operative Millers (IAOM) announces the promotion of Melinda Farris to the position of interim executive vice president. Farris has served the association in the capacity of communications director since November 2004, and was instrumental in the foundation of the association's newest district for Eurasia.

Farris will be responsible for leading the implementation of IAOM's strategic vision through short- and long-range planning. Prior to joining IAOM, she was communications manager for the American Chamber of Commerce in Russia, a business association uniting over 700 member companies. A Kansas native, Farris holds a bachelor's degree in mass communication from Baker University, and a master's degree in Russian and East European Studies from the University of Kansas. She is fluent in Russian. Farris and her husband Bart reside in Olathe, Kan.

Farris succeeds Gary Anderson who served as IAOM executive vice president from September 2001 to May 2007.

IAOM has been the leading provider of educational resources and training for the grain milling industry since its foundation in 1896. Through conferences, workshops, correspondence courses, short courses and publications, IAOM has played an integral role in the continued education and training of the professionals in this industry for 111 years. IAOM is an individual-based member organization with a 1,500-strong membership representing over 70 countries worldwide. With 15 districts around the world, IAOM provides an international forum for networking; the exchange of ideas, technical and educational opportunities; and the discovery of new products and services.