

Nominations solicited for milling operative of the year

KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI, U.S. — Nominations are being accepted until April 4 for the 2008 "Milling Operative of the Year" award, which recognizes excellent performance by a miller. Established in 1986 by *Milling & Baking News*, sister publication to *World Grain*, the award will be presented in May to the practicing milling operative who has made the most significant contribution to the progress of a plant, a company and the industry from an operating point of view.

The 23rd annual "Milling Operative of the Year" award will be presented on May 15, 2008, at the annual banquet of the 112th anniversary technical conference and trade show of the International Association of Operative Millers, May 13-15 in Orlando, Florida. The winner will receive an inscribed plaque, and a scholarship will be established in the winner's name at Kansas State University at Manhattan.

Selection of the winner will be made by the staff of *Milling & Baking News* and a panel of IAOM officers.

Jerry D. Kuhn, White Lily Foods Co., Knoxville, Tenn., received the first "Milling Operative of the Year" award, in 1986. Recent recipients include Gary Pickelmann, Star of the West Milling Co., Frankenmuth, MI, in 1997; Rick Thomas, ADM Milling Co., Los Angeles, CA, in 1998; Hugo Gerbholz, ConAgra Flour Milling, Omaha, NE, in 1999; Charles Jordan, General Mills, Inc., Kansas City, MO, in 2000; Neil Mathieson, Robin Hood Multifoods Inc., Port Colborne, ON, Canada, in 2001; Kevin Doehring, American Italian Pasta Co., Excelsior Springs, MO., in 2002, Bob Reid, The Mennel Milling Company, Fostoria, OH in 2003, Mike Long, Bay State Milling Company, Quincy, MA in 2004, Everett Abercrombie, Horizon Milling in 2005, Todd Peterson, North Dakota Mill in 2006 and Michael Wade Blalock, Milner Milling in 2007.

Nominations should be submitted by April 4, 2008 in a summary of not more than two pages to: Eric Schroeder, Managing Editor, *Milling & Baking News*, 4800 Main St., Suite 100, Kansas City, Mo. 64112; fax: (816) 756-0494; e-mail: eschroeder@sosland.com.