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## Cal Poly DPTC Prominent at the 27th International Dairy Federation World Dairy Congress

SAN LUIS OBISPO -- Cal Poly Dairy Products Technology Center students and faculty gave oral presentations, presented research posters and chaired sessions on a global stage at the 27th International Dairy Federation World Dairy Congress recently in Shanghai, China.

Cal Poly was among approximately 1,000 registrants from some 50 countries participating. In attendance were dairy researchers and dairy industry leaders from throughout the world. Conference attendees heard presentations related to dairy economic policy marketing and global trade, nutrition and health, innovations in dairy science and technology, and dairy animal health and welfare.

Among the presenters on the world dairy stage was Cal Poly DPTC graduate student Jessica Yee. She presented a paper titled, "Flavor Compound Partition in Cheese Treated by Supercritical Fluid Extraction." Hers was the only paper and presentation by a graduate student at this conference – an honor for both Yee and Cal Poly.

"The opportunity to meet and listen to international dairy researchers from around the world was tremendous for me," said Yee after the conference. "It was a great experience to visit China too."

Professor Rafael Jimenez, Jessica's master's committee chair and thesis advisor, proudly watched his student. "Jessica worked very hard on her research and her presentation and she represented Cal Poly graduate students very well," Jimenez said.

Another DPTC graduate student, Andrea Laubscher, presented a research poster titled "Correlation of DGAT1 Expression with Fat Content in the Cal Poly Herd."

Jimenez and Cal Poly Professor and DPTC Director Phillip Tong also gave invited papers and chaired technical sessions at the three-day congress.

"Actively participating in these types of meetings helps us to establish effective collaborations and gain new insights on scientific and technical needs in dairy foods that our group can bring back to the classroom and also to help our domestic dairy industry," said Tong.

It's important for Cal Poly students, faculty and staff to be part of the global scientific community, Tong stressed. "By sharing and exchanging ideas we all benefit and accelerate technical innovation and broaden our scientific perspectives," he said.

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The International Dairy Federation is the first source of information on dairy issues on a global scale. It is both a forum for discussion and exchange and a dairy information center, created by and for the dairy sector. The mission of IDF is to promote and enhance the image, trade, production and consumption of milk and milk products worldwide by collecting and disseminating scientific, technical and economic information.

About DPTC:

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The Dairy Products Technology Center (DPTC), established in 1986, is a program within the College of Agriculture, Food and Environmental Sciences at California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo, that conducts education, research, and outreach activities to provide solutions to help manage risk, facilitate innovation, and defend equity in the dairy foods industry and related business sectors.

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