

## **TRIP REPORT:**

### **May 27 – 28, 2005:**

I traveled to Kyiv, Ukraine, as part of a PFID associate award focused on the establishment of a Better Process Control School (BPCS) and food security efforts for the country and region. The LSU AgCenter BPCS instructor team consisted of Michael Moody, Fred Trappey and Tara Etheredge. All three have extensive experience in the School, since this School is offered through the LSU AgCenter's Department of Food Science. It should be pointed out that these three team members spent considerable time in preparing materials, planning and coordinating this event months prior to the actual course. In addition, the class was monitored and audited by Brad Taylor of the Food Processors Institute, the course sponsor and Don Greaves of the US Food and Drug Administration, the certifying governmental agency for all Better Process Control Schools.

### **May 31 – June 3:**

On May 31 through June 3, the Better Process Control School was hosted by the International Institute of Food Safety and Quality and taught by LSU Agricultural Center Instructors which included Dr Michael W. Moody, Dr. Fred Trappey and Ms. Tara Etheredge. There were 18 students in the four day class. The class was monitored and audited by Drs. Brad Taylor (Food Processors Institute) and Don Greaves (US Food and Drug Administration). In my opinion, the course was presented in a highly professional manner. The course was held at the Kyiv National University of Technology and Economics and under the direction of the International Institute of Food Safety and Quality.

### **June 4 – 5:**

Visited retail food establishments to examine and compare finished products as related to low-acid canned foods.

### **June 6 - 7:**

On June 6, I traveled to Odessa to visit the Akavit processing facility. On June 7, I presented a seminar to facility personnel on "Food Plant Security". Approximately 12 individuals attended the seminar. This one hour presentation provided introductory concepts on food processing biosecurity concepts based on current published guidelines available through the US Food and Drug Administration and the US Department of Agriculture. The seminar was well received by the facility, and it is hoped that implementation of the biosecurity concepts at the facility will be a model for other facilities to follow.

**June 8 – 11:**

I traveled to Berdiansk to present the same seminar at Pocherck, a fish processing facility. There were approximately eight in attendance. The seminar was well received and it is hopeful that the concepts will be implemented as a model for others to follow.

**June 12 – 13:**

Return to Kyiv and US.