

CEM SPRINT Wins 2008 IFT Food Expo Innovation Award

Matthews, North Carolina (June 29, 2008) - CEM Corporation, a leading global provider of laboratory instrumentation, is pleased to announce that the Company's **SPRINT™ Rapid Protein Analyzer** won an **IFT Food Expo Innovation Award** at the *2008 IFT Food Expo* in New Orleans, Louisiana today. At the Keynote Session, incoming IFT President Sheri Schellhaass and IFT President-Elect Marianne Gillette presented the awards, which are designed to honor outstanding innovations in products, ingredients, applications, instruments, equipment, technology, and services. Four awards were presented during the ceremony.

Michael J. Collins, PhD, president and CEO of CEM Corporation, who received the award on behalf of the Company said, "We are honored to receive this award and we would like to thank IFT for their efforts in educating the food industry on the latest breakthroughs in every aspect of food processing and manufacturing. IFT is at the forefront of innovations in the food industry and for them to recognize a technology as significant is high praise indeed."

In only two minutes, the SPRINT Rapid Protein Analyzer accurately determines protein in a wide variety of foods, using CEM's proprietary **iTAG™ Technology**. Unlike current testing methods which determine the amount of nitrogen present and then calculate the protein, the SPRINT actually "tags" the protein for a direct measurement. Thus, the system avoids the problem of non-protein nitrogen, as can be found in some contaminants, falsely elevating the protein results. SPRINT is a green technology that utilizes a method that is AOAC- and AACC-approved.

This is the second year for the IFT Food Expo Innovation Awards. The program is only open to companies exhibiting at the IFT Food Expo. A panel of 9 jurors from industry and academia with expertise in a variety of areas within the food industry reviewed all of the entries.

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About IFT

Founded in 1939, and with world headquarters in Chicago, Illinois, USA, the Institute of Food Technologists is a not-for-profit international scientific society with 22,000 members working in food science, technology and related professions in the industry, academia and government. As the society for food science and technology, IFT brings sound science to the public discussion of food issues. For more on IFT, visit www.ift.org.

About CEM

CEM Corporation, a private company based in Matthews, North Carolina, is a leading global provider of microwave laboratory instrumentation. The Company has subsidiaries in the United Kingdom, Germany, Italy and France, as well as a global network of distributors. CEM designs and manufactures systems for bioscience applications, life sciences, analytical laboratories and processing plants worldwide. Recently, the Company expanded its offerings to include custom peptide synthesis services and specializes in difficult sequences. The Company's products are used in many industries including pharmaceutical, biotech, chemical, environmental, and food processing, as well as academic research.

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