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Specialized Course on Feed Manufacturing Technology (ENGLISH)

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Students from around the globe at the SFT

Uzwil, July 12, 2006 – **This year, 16 students from ten nations received the coveted SFT certificate qualifying them as feed manufacturing engineers. They successfully completed the 27th specialist course held by the international School for Feed Technology (SFT) in Uzwil, Switzerland.**

This year's graduate course was held in English, and its participants were just as international, with students attending from Indonesia, China, Sri Lanka, the United Arab Emirates, South Africa, Venezuela, Colombia, Brazil, and Finland. They had all invested a lot of time for their training, first during the six-month preparatory course and then during the subsequent nine-week on-site training course in Uzwil. They had written their final examinations just the evening before, and their relief and joy that they had passed is therefore not surprising.

School director out of passion

The graduation ceremony took place in the Hotel Uzwil. The School's director, Ernst Nef, handed the students their diplomas one by one, always adding a few personal remarks to his congratulations, since he knew some amusing event or a certain preference of each one of them. This gave the ceremony an extremely cordial, friendly, and entertaining touch.

The fact that feed manufacturing technology has ceased to be a male domain was borne out by the successful completion of the course by two ladies, who were also proud to receive their certificates.

Special distinction

Basically, all the students would have deserved an award in view of their performance and the successful completion of their studies. But where grades are given, one of them will always achieve the best result. This year's best in class was the oldest participant, Arun Kumar Sayli from the United Arab Emirates. Sayli is production manager with the Emirate Grain Products Co. in Sharjah and has a broad background knowledge of grain processing. As a distinction for his best results, Luis Hernandez – the head of the Feed and Oilseeds business unit of Bühler AG – presented him the SFT commemorative plaque. The international Bühler Technology Group is the partner of the SFT and has supported it since it was set up in 1979.

Great interest in Switzerland

Ernst Nef was happy to report that formulated feed manufacturers the world over are interested in producing clean feeds that are safe for animals and humans. But he said the class had also showed a vivid interest in things outside the School. Some students may arguably have seen more of Switzerland than many locals.

In order to allow them to take along one more impression of Switzerland on their way back home, Ernst Nef had invited the "Alpstää" quartet to the graduation ceremony – a genuine yodel group from the hilly Appenzell region who perfectly rounded out the ceremony with their natural yodels and colorful traditional costumes.



Luis Hernandez, head of the Feed and Oilseeds business unit of Bühler AG; Ernst Nef, School Director of the SFT; and Victor Borner, member of the SFT School Council congratulate Arun Kumar Sayli (second from the right) from the United Arab Emirates on his top result as a freshly graduated feed engineer.



After their successful completion of the specialist course at the international School for Feed Technology (SFT) in Uzwil, Switzerland, the graduates pose for a group photograph together with the SFT instructors.

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