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Specialized Course on Feed Manufacturing Technology (GERMAN)

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Graduation ceremony for new feed production engineers

Uzwil, July 26, 2007 – **At the graduation ceremony on July 13, 2007, the successful students who completed the 28th Specialized Course of the international Swiss Institute of Feed Technology (SFT) in Uzwil, Switzerland, received their coveted diplomas qualifying them as Feed Production Engineers.**

Of the total of ten students from Germany and Switzerland, eight successfully completed their training as Feed Production Engineers. The nine-week course in Uzwil was preceded by a six-month preparatory course in which all students had to work through no less than 23 different subjects on their own. The students' knowledge of the extensive subject matter was then tested in the subsequent main course in 14 intermediate tests and one final oral examination. The relief of having passed the exams was evident on many of the students' expressions. In his speech, Ernst Nef, the Director of the Swiss Institute of Feed Technology, among other things attributed the excellent individual marks and the high average grade to the bad weather during most of the course. He said this had no doubt made it very much easier for the students to spend their time preparing for the tests.

The graduation ceremony was held in the Hotel Uzwil. Ernst Nef handed the students their diplomas, adding a few personal remarks or anecdotes to each of his congratulations. He also emphasized the rising requirements that the feed manufacturing industry is facing: He said that on the one hand consumers were increasingly demanding feeds that were safe for animals and humans, but on the other hand legislators were also issuing a continuous stream of new regulations and laws. This, he added, was precisely a reason why permanent continuing education was so important.

The guests also included a few former SFT students such as Hermann Dudler, who as a graduate of the third course was arguably the most senior alumnus present. Also the entire executive board of the school is made up of former students.

The Swiss Institute of Feed Technology offers high-grade specialist training that requires minimum absence from the job. In a nine-week Specialized Course, it imparts the technical training and continuing education that professionals from the feed manufacturing or related industries need. This specialist training with its strong focus on practice allows students to understand, apply, and operate state-of-the-art production plants and process technologies. Since being set up 28 years ago, 450 persons from 61 countries have successfully completed the Specialized Course on Feed Manufacturing Technology of the Swiss Institute of Feed Technology.



This year's best in class was Lukas Stofer from Switzerland (here with his wife). School Director Ernst Nef and School President Luis Hernandez presented him a commemorative plaque.



The successful students of the Specialized Course on Feed Manufacturing Technology together with their instructors and the executive board of the Swiss Institute of Feed Technology.

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