

PRESS INFORMATION from *The Dairy Group*

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Ian Ohnstad, Milking Technology Specialist with The Dairy Group appointed to the Board of Directors of National Mastitis Council.

At the recent annual meeting in Washington DC, Ian Ohnstad was appointed to the Board of Directors of the National Mastitis Council.

The National Mastitis Council (NMC) is a not-for-profit professional organization devoted to reducing mastitis and enhancing milk quality. NMC promotes research and provides information to the global dairy industry on udder health, milking management, milk quality, and milk safety. Founded in 1961, NMC now has more than 1,500 members in more than 40 countries throughout the world.

The National Mastitis Council carries out a number of roles:

- ❑ Provides a forum for the international exchange of information relating to mastitis control and milk quality.
- ❑ Develops and publishes educational materials including books, brochures and audio visuals on udder health, milking management and milk quality.
- ❑ Establishes guidelines for mastitis control methods.
- ❑ Develops protocols for determining effectiveness of mastitis control products.
- ❑ Monitors changes in technology relating to udder health and milk quality.
- ❑ Holds meetings and provides continuing education opportunities.

Commenting on his appointment Ian Ohnstad said, "It is a great privilege to be appointed to the board of NMC and I look forward to using my new position to extend the benefits of NMC membership to UK dairy producers and their professional advisors".

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