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**Sustainable Use of Glycerine in Foams
Honored With Glycerine Innovation Award**

- **Trio of Pittsburg, Kan. Researchers Honored at AOCS Annual Meeting**
- **Annual Award Sponsored by Soap and Detergent Association, National Biodiesel Board**

WASHINGTON, D.C. – May 4, 2009 – Three researchers from Pittsburg State University in Kansas are the recipients of the 2009 Glycerine Innovation Award, sponsored by The Soap and Detergent Association (SDA) and the National Biodiesel Board.

Pittsburg researchers Zoran Petrovic, Ivan Javni and Mihail Ionescu were honored for their research that developed a new family of glycerine-based polyols – a series of organic molecules – suitable for use in rigid polyurethane foams.

These foams in turn are used in thermal insulation (refrigeration industry and construction), packaging, transportation, adhesives, sealants, and coatings. Total volume of polyols for these applications is measured in millions of tons.

The SDA/NBB Glycerine Innovation Award recognizes outstanding achievement for research into new applications for glycerine, with particular emphasis on commercial viability.

The award was presented at the 100th Annual Meeting of the American Oil Chemists' Society in Orlando, Florida. Recipients received a commemorative plaque and a \$5,000 honorarium.

The Glycerine Innovation Award is presented annually by AOCS' Industrial Oil Products Division. The deadline for nominations for the 2010 Award is November 1, 2009. For details, visit AOCS' website at <http://www.aocs.org/member/awards/award.cfm?awd=glycerine>.

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The National Biodiesel Board is the nonprofit trade association representing the U.S. biodiesel industry. Its members include biodiesel producers, feedstock producers and organizations, and technology providers.