Reg Ohlson receives Stroud Jordan award

The prestigious Stroud Jordan award will be presented this year to **Reg Ohlson.** This award is given annually at the American Association of Candy Technologists (AACT) Technical Seminar.

Named for the late Dr. Stroud Jordan, a pioneer candy technologist, the purpose of the award is to recognize outstanding contributions by an individual to the field of confectionery technology.

Ohlson has been in the confectionery business since 1956; of these years, 35 have been in the United States.

Ohlson recently retired as vice president, scientific affairs at Mars, Incorporated, where his responsibilities included U.S. and international trade association activities and the coordination and harmonization of worldwide technical and food regulatory issues.

With Mars, Inc., he held research and development positions in the United Kingdom, Holland and the United States. As an active member of various scientific and trade associations in the United States and Europe, he served as national trade delegate and non-governmental observer at World Health Organization, Codex Alimentarius and European Union meetings.

Ohlson was president of the International Office of Cocoa, Chocolate and Sugar Confectionery for five years and served on and chaired a number of committees of the U.S. Confectionery Manufacturers Association, American Cocoa Research Institute, Grocery Manufacturers of America, National Food Processors Association and International Life Sciences Institute.

He is on the PMCA Production Conference committee and has received awards from the Chocolate Manufacturers Association for 30 years and 40 years of distinguished service to the industry in the United States and internationally.

“My participation in industry associations has always had the prime objective to promote and, if necessary, aggressively defend the confectionery industry and its products and activities,” he says.

He has traveled widely in this objective to places such as Europe, Australia, South America and Asia.

Ohlson has participated in the Codex Alimentarius committee for its discussion of food labeling and cocoa products and chocolate standards.

He is a frequent author and invited speaker on confectionery formulation, practices, regulations and trends, including chocolate and candy formulation.