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**IACM Recognizes Dr. Joseph F. Borzelleca with Lifetime Service Award
*Award Recognizes Dr. Borzelleca's Exemplary Leadership of the Color Additives Industry***

WASHINGTON, D.C. (September 24, 2012) – The International Association of Color Manufacturers recognized Dr. Joseph F. Borzelleca with its inaugural Lifetime Service Award during its Global Color Conference, held September 11-13, 2012, in Chicago, Illinois. In the 1970s and 1980s, Dr. Borzelleca designed lifetime toxicity/carcinogenicity studies sponsored by IACM's predecessor organization, the Certified Color Manufacturers Association, which remain the standard of excellence for food color safety assessment more than three decades later.

The award was introduced by IACM's General Counsel, John Cox, who read a portion of the award certificate to Conference attendees:

“We celebrate him for his exemplary leadership in working with the U. S. Food and Drug Administration to establish the gold standard for the safety assessment of certified food color additives. Most certified food colors used in the United States today are available because of his efforts.”

Though he was unable to attend the award presentation in Chicago, Dr. Borzelleca sent a pre-recorded video in which he expressed sincere appreciation to IACM and provided Conference attendees with a historical perspective of the industry's involvement in promoting and expanding the safe use of colors.

IACM's Scientific Director, Sean V. Taylor, Ph.D., accepted the award on Dr. Borzelleca's behalf. Having worked with Dr. Borzelleca for several years, Dr. Taylor noted “Dr. Joe is a scholar, teacher, gentleman, and friend.”

IACM is deeply grateful to Dr. Joseph F. Borzelleca for his many decades of unparalleled service to the color additives industry.

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