I was delighted to speak at the event at UC Berkeley on October 10 (go to http://hearstmuseum.berkeley.edu/beer), alongside Bruce Paton, Christine Hastorf and especially Fritz Maytag. But what possessed me to wear a Hawaiian shirt?

Where are they now? Part three

Bob Ward was Charlie Bamforth’s first MS student in Davis. He went on to get his PhD in Bruce German’s lab (knowing Bamforth’s prejudice against having such things in his lab!!) and has been an Assistant Professor at Utah State University in Nutrition, Dietetics and Food Sciences since 2005. He works on the nutritional properties of a bioactive fraction from milk and on the impact of feeding practices on meat and milk quality. Bob and Lisa Jacobson married on September 15th 2002 and are the proud parents of Jasper and Micah.

After leaving Davis in 2003, visiting student Cristian Milani has graduated from Bologna University with a MSc in Food Science and Technology. After time with a private wastewater treatment company in Italy, he later joined FMC Technologies in the US as Business Development Manager and during his 4 years in Florida, Cristian travelled extensively to foster international relationships and develop international markets. In 2008 he moved to Singapore and France, obtaining an MBA last December from INSEAD. He went on to be the co-founder of The Insight Alliance, an international partnership providing strategy consulting and business analysis services to SME’s and private clients.
After serving as Brewmaster at Sudwerk while pursuing his BS at UC Davis, Rich Ellis became Technical Sales Manager for Gusmer Enterprises, manufacturer of filtration media and distributor of equipment and analytical instrumentation for the brewing and malting industries. Living on the Jersey shore with wife Julie and daughter Elizabeth, he can indulge his hobbies of sailing, surfing and cycling.

UPDATE: Ellen Beiting (see Aggie Brew 14) is now a group manager at the Michelob Brewing Company in St. Louis.

Jim Mellem graduated in 2000 (BS Food Science) and is legendary for the “cuvet incident”. After a brief stint as a QC relief weekend technician at Anheuser-Busch in Fairfield, he joined Sierra Nevada Brewing Co that same year. Starting in quality assurance, he then moved into the research and development lab and pilot brewery. This summer he was promoted to cellar supervisor, where he is in charge of fermentation, yeast handling and dry hopping. He is also the treasurer of Northern California MBAA. Last year he married Jessica and they spent their honeymoon in Europe – (naturally) attending Oktoberfest!

Alberto Sun (MS 2003) was hired as a Brewing Manager at the Anheuser-Busch Fairfield Brewery. He then went on to spend a couple of years working at the Corporate Brewing Raw Material Group in St. Louis, MO. At the start of 2009, he moved back to his homeland of Brazil to work for the Latin America North Zone of the recently founded AB-InBev, still working on Raw Materials. An avid sports fan, he continues to participate in open water swimming competitions and to wait for Brazil to win its sixth World Cup title in 2010. (Charlie notes: “alas for Alberto, I rather suspect it is England’s turn!”)

Goldberg-Ruffolo wedding
It was great to be at the wedding of Jonathan Goldberg (MS 2008) and Jamie Ruffolo that took place in October in beautiful British Columbia. They met in the department – the latest in a series of couples that found one another in the selfsame way!! Jon is brewing with Mark Anthony in Vancouver.

Honoring Fritz

Delightful to see Fritz Maytag honored at UC Davis as a “Friend of the College” with a 2009 College of Agriculture and Environmental Sciences Award of Distinction

Fast plane to China

It was a great pleasure to be one of the speakers at the International Symposium of New Technology of Beer Brewing in Wuxi in November, an event held under the auspices of the American Society of Brewing Chemists. Others there included immediate past ASBC President Xiang Yin (far left), incoming President Rebecca Newman (middle), Evan Evans (University of Tasmania, to the right of Rebecca) and Pat Ting (Miller-Coors, next to Evan).

Michael J Lewis Endowment

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Beer and Health

Click on http://www.craftbeer.com/pages/beerology/health-benefits for a new page (to be updated) on beer and health

Classes update

FST3 maintains its place as the third most popular class on campus (squeezed out by a class on sex, would you believe?). Current enrolment (in two Quarters) is 600++ and we are delighted to have wonderful guest speakers, such as
Ken Grossman, Dan Gordon, Scott Ungermann, Fritz Maytag and Jay Prahl.

FST102A will run again in the Winter Quarter – and, as I write, enrolment is far above capacity at 65! We are trying to get a bigger classroom.

So quite what the take-up will be for FST102B in the Spring is anyone’s guess!

We would love to hear from you

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