



## **Dr Rod Mailer Fellow- AOCS**

**The American Oil Chemists Association (AOCS) has today admitted Dr. Rod Mailer to the fellowship of the AOCS, during the annual AOCS conference in San Antonio, Texas.**

**Rod Mailer, a life member of the AOF, has been a leader in the growth and development of the Australian oilseeds over the past 3 decades.**

**Initially Dr Mailer worked to develop canola quality rapeseed, for export markets, to compete in international canola markets. His study focussed on factors responsible for quality characteristics including agronomic and environmental studies. Many publications on these issues illustrate the role of nutrients, water and temperature stress on oilseed quality.**

**For a number of years Rod studied olive oil quality and production as the crop has developed into a significant Australian industry. His studies focussed on how quality can be controlled. Irrigation, harvest timing, processing and storage have been the key factors in this research. He has worked to identify issues of fraud or adulteration in commercial olive oils both within Australia and internationally, particularly in the USA. He became accredited with the International Olive Council and utilised those methods to ensure that consumers can ensure what they buy, or sell, is indeed extra virgin olive oil.**

**Dr Mailer has played a key role in developing standards for edible oils for Australia and globally in his role as a Technical representative on the International Standards Organisation, Codex Alimentarius and Standards Australia.**

**Dr Mailer developed reliable and rapid methodology which has contributed to developments in the canola industry throughout Australia. He has managed several industry projects with funding provided by Grains Research and Development Corporation, Rural Industries Research and Development Corporation, Horticulture Australia Ltd, Australian Oilseeds Federation, Australian Olive Association and NSW Department of Primary Industries.**

**For several years he has supervised Australia's major commercial oil testing**

**laboratory, The Australian Oils Research Laboratory, Wagga Wagga, focussing on olive and canola analysis but also encompassing a wide range of oil products.**

**Dr Mailer continues to play a role in research as a research Fellow with the Department of Primary Industries in NSW within Industry and Investment NSW. He works with industry through his company, Australian Oils Research and NSW Department of Primary Industries. Dr Mailer also consults to the AOF.**

**The AOF congratulates Rod on the appointment to his fellowship of the AOCS.**

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