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**INSTITUTE OF FOOD TECHNOLOGISTS® FELLOW
APPOINTED COMMANDER OF THE BRITISH EMPIRE (CBE) BY QUEEN ELIZABETH II**

CHICAGO— Queen Elizabeth II has appointed Professor Colin Dennis, a Fellow of the Institute of Food Technologists (IFT), as Commander of the Order of the British Empire (CBE) for his distinguished service to the agri-food industry. Established in 1917 by King George V, the Order of the British Empire recognizes outstanding service in the arts and sciences, public service outside the civil service, and work with charitable and welfare organizations.

Professor Dennis is the third IFT Fellow to be recognized by Queen Elizabeth II. In 1997, Dr. J. Ralph Blanchfield was named Member of the Order of the British Empire (MBE) for scientific services to the food industry, and in 1972 the late Professor Alan G. Ward was appointed CBE for services to food science.

For more than 20 years, Professor Colin Dennis has provided technical service to the agri-food chain by serving as Director-General of Campden BRI, an independent membership organization headquartered in Chipping Campden, Gloucestershire, United Kingdom, with nearly 400 employees.

Professor Dennis has provided strategic leadership in ensuring research and development programs are highly relevant to the needs of the industry and that these are supported by the availability of process and product development services, training, and consultancy. His focus has been in relation to product safety and quality, processing efficiency, and innovation.

Throughout his 25 years of IFT service, Professor Dennis has chaired several committees and advisory panels. His leadership in food science and technology was recognized internationally by his election in 2001 as IFT Fellow and as a Fellow of the International Academy of Food Science and Technology. He has represented the industry on influential government committees and played a key role in promoting effective partnerships between government, academia and industry. He recently completed a two-year term as chair of the Scientific Council of the International Union of Food Science and Technology, where he played a leading role in organizing the 14th World Food Congress in Shanghai, China.

Professor Dennis resides in the Cotswolds and can be reached for interviews through Mrs. Lynette Lewis, Secretary to Professor Colin Dennis, CBE, at l.lewis@campden.co.uk. Further information is available at www.campden.co.uk.

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