

# ***NIRS Forage and Feed Testing Consortium NEWS***

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and Knowledge of NIRS Testing.**



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## **Equation Updates Process & Instrument Specialist**



Please bear with us as we complete our transition process with our personnel. Please note and follow the information below:

1. The NIRSC instrument specialist position has been re-opened. A search is currently going on for qualified applicants for a full-time person, splitting that time to fill a 40% to 50% position with NIRSC.
2. When a permanent NIRSC instrument specialist has been hired, Paolo Berzhagi and Susan Selman will be training that person.
3. Paolo's involvement in the NIRSC will continue to be long-term and currently

he is doing the Breeders' 2004 annual update as well as 2004 commercial lab equation modeling.

4. Currently an agreement is drafted with Susan to work with us on a contract basis to do commercial lab spectra selection, work with standardization files, and answer lab questions.
5. Currently and Temporarily, Kim Darling will act as the collection person for spectra for all equation updates. She will also run samples as needed through the master instrument for standardization etc. Once a permanent NIRSC

instrument specialist has been identified, Kim will no longer carry out these duties.

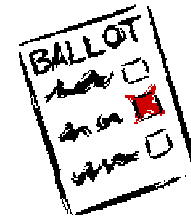
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Continue to contact Patty for membership information, business questions, and questions on samples for equation updates.

# Board Election Results



Thanks to all for voting in this year's NIRS Consortium Board Elections! This is YOUR Consortium and your vote is always important.

The following people have been elected to serve on the NIRS Consortium Board for a term of 3 years beginning October 1, 2004:

### Commercial Sector:

Kelli Conway from Servi-Tech Labs

### Government & University

#### Sector:

Paul Peterson from the University of Minnesota

#### Seed Research Sector:

Chuck Kahl from Mycogen Seeds

Thank you to those who participated as candidates and to all the membership for your vote!

During a June 21, 2004 Board Meeting, the Board unanimously voted to

appoint Neal Martin as an ex officio board member, since his term expires October 1, 2004.

Neal has generously agreed to participate with the board in this capacity. His years of knowledge and service to the NIRSC are greatly appreciated and we will all benefit as a group to continue to have him on board.

## ***Patty's Leave & Business Process***

As announced to the membership earlier, Patty will be taking a leave, to last 5-6 weeks, beginning the week of Sept. 13, 2004.

The following business items will be postponed until the end of October:

- o Annual Dues
- o Fee Package Sign-Up

We expect licensing to be complete by this time with WARF and the RUP and Coors/Lauer equations to be listed on the Fee Package sign-up.

**For further information on any of these topics, please contact Patty Laskowski.**

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