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## **Sugar Market Uncertainty, Suspension Agreements Top Agenda at International Sweetener Colloquium**

Washington, DC (March 1, 2017) – During this week’s 2017 International Sweetener Colloquium in Dana Point, CA, co-hosted by the [Sweetener Users Association](#) (SUA) and the [International Dairy Foods Association](#) (IDFA), policy experts and analysts discussed the most pressing issues facing the global sweetener industry.

**Rick Pasco, SUA President:** “This week’s International Sweetener Colloquium was a great opportunity for all segments of the sugar sector to come together to learn about the many challenges facing the industry. Questions regarding the status of the current sugar suspension agreements with Mexico were a focal point of discussion. It is clear that U.S. government policy has gone too far in limiting the supply of raw cane sugar needed to feed U.S. cane refineries. We look forward to working with the new administration to find solutions that will provide adequate supplies of sugar in our domestic market at reasonable prices.”

**Clay Hough, IDFA senior group vice president and general counsel and SUA treasurer:** “This year’s program was as strong as we’ve ever had. Sweetener users are seeking to understand the most fundamentally uncertain market in recent history. The colloquium was a timely help for the sector to cope with this very unprecedented situation.”

**Michael Dykes, D.V.M., IDFA president and CEO:** “Sugar and sweeteners are incredibly important to the dairy industry and are integral to many dairy products. IDFA is proud to host the International Sweetener Colloquium with SUA as an important part of our efforts to make access to these ingredients easier and more affordable for our member companies. We’re also proud of the event’s long history of excellent coverage of sugar industry issues affecting all dairy and food companies.”

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