

## **STR Canton, MA Laboratory (Shuster) Receives AOAC Certificates of Recognition**

STR is proud to announce its Canton, MA Laboratory (Shuster Laboratories), has received the AOAC Certificate of Recognition for participation in the collaborative study for the evaluation of methodology for Chondroitin Analysis (Determination of Chondroitin Sulfate Content in Raw Materials and Dietary Supplements by HPLC-UV after Enzymatic Hydrolysis). We have also received a Certificate of Recognition for participation in the collaborative study for the evaluation of methodology for Saw Palmetto Analysis (Determination of Campesterol, Stigmasterol, and Beta-Sitosterol in Saw Palmetto Raw Materials and Dietary Supplements by Gas Chromatography).

This is an interlaboratory collaborative study used to validate proposed methods through independent testing in laboratories worldwide which follow the same method and analyze the same samples. These AOAC<sup>®</sup> Official Methods<sup>SM</sup> developed are then recognized worldwide and used by testing laboratories, regulatory agencies, regulated industries and academic institutions. The AOAC<sup>®</sup> Official Methods<sup>SM</sup> are written in the U.S. Code of Federal Regulations, product specification, and product acceptance and adopted by international organizations such as the International Standardization Organization, Codex Alimentarius Commission, International Dairy Federation, European Standardization Committee, and many others.

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