

Press Day Held at National Research Center

October 16, 2004 – The NPC recently held a Press Day at the new **National Pool Industry Research Center** hosting Pool & Spa NEWS, Service Industry News, Watershapes and Pool Science Magazine.



Dr. Damian Kachlakev, Ph.D., P.E. and **Dr. Nirupam Pal, Ph.D., Cal Poly Research Team Leaders** were on hand with NPC Research Committee Representatives *Dana Anderson*, NPC Board Chair, *Jay Eaton*, NPC Board Chair Elect, *Mitch Brooks*, NPC Executive Director, and *Chris Miles*, IPSSA Administrative Chair to give a tour of the facility and answer questions.

David and Janice Dickman representing **Service Industry News** stated they were very impressed with the facility and the researchers involved. David further stated that this independent approach to industry research was well over do and will help the entire industry. *Bob Dumas* from **Pool & Spa NEWS** was glad he had attended. Bob stated that, "it is amazing that this center was discussed last fall and now it is actually a reality!" *Randy and Marti Beard* attended as representatives from **Watershapes** magazine. Marti stated that the education that will be gained from this research center will have a direct impact on the readers of Watershapes. *Jeff Zwick* from **Pool Science Magazine** noted the importance of the Research Center for consumers. Many of the problems that consumers are facing can be address here in the future.



The Research Team spent some time with the press outlining some of current findings of the first protocol and issues being addressed in the new protocol already underway. The NPC will not be releasing the full protocol for any of its research programs until conclusions are issued by Cal Poly.

And update on our NPC Research Program with possible preliminary findings will be presented by **Dr. Damian Kachlakev** and **Dr. Nirupam Pal** at the **NPC National Conference** in New Orleans on **Saturday, February 26** at the luncheon.