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Technical Connections Meeting Webinar (IFSH Members)
March 27, 2019 (Online via WebEx)

High Pressure Processing Short Course and Workshop
April 8-11, 2019 at the IIT Moffett Campus, Bedford Park, IL
Registration link: https://bit.ly/2KOJPFh

FSPCA Preventive Controls for Human Food Participant Courses
April 16-18; August 6-8 at the IIT Moffett Campus, Bedford Park, IL

IFSH Research Advisory Meeting (IFSH Members)
May 2, 2019 at the IIT Moffett Campus, Bedford Park, IL

Whole Genome Sequencing Symposium & Workshop
Symposium May 6, 2019 at Chicago Marriott Southwest, Burr Ridge, IL
Workshop May 7, 2019 at IIT Moffett Campus, Bedford Park, IL
Registration link: https://bit.ly/2T09gE7

IFSH Annual Meeting 2019 (IFSH Members)
September 24-25, 2019 at Chicago Marriott Southwest, Burr Ridge, IL

FSPCA 2019 Annual Conference
October 22-23, 2019 at Chicago Marriott Southwest, Burr Ridge, IL

IFSH & University of Wisconsin’s Food Research Institute Joint Symposium
October 24, 2019 at Chicago Marriott Southwest, Burr Ridge, IL

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Technical Connections Meeting

IFSH began implementing a series of webinars called Technical Connections Meetings (TCMs) to communicate and engage with our members and stakeholders concerning IFSH's collaborative research program. Our Fall 2018 webinar showcased the safety of high pressure processed juices and beverages. Invited speakers were: Dr. Alvin Lee, Director of the Center for Food Processing and Innovation and Associate Professor of Food Science and Nutrition, IIT IFSH and Dr. Joyce Longfield, Vice President of Product Innovation, Good Foods Group and Chair of the Cold Pressure Council.

We look forward to having you join us for the upcoming 2019 Technical Connections Meeting. Mark your calendars!

Wednesday, March 27, 2019  10:00a.m.-11:00a.m. (CST)
“Factors Affecting Transfer of Heavy Metals to Beer and Wine During Filtration”
By Ben Redan, Research Chemist/ORISE Fellow, FDA

Please contact Renee Anderson at randerson1@iit.edu if you would like to learn more about our IFSH Technical Connections Meeting Webinars!

New IFSH Members

We are delighted to welcome our newest member company

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For more information about IFSH membership, check out our membership pages at: https://www.ifsh.iit.edu/members. Please notify Armand Paradis at aparadi2@iit.edu of any changes to your company’s name, address or email addresses of your delegates to allow us to keep our records up to date.
IFSH On The Road & In The Press

November 1. IFSH was part of the Chicago Section IFT Annual Suppliers Night at the Donald E. Stephens Convention Center in Rosemont, IL as an exhibitor.

November 6-8. **Food Safety Preventive Controls for Human Foods Course** was held at the Institute for Food Safety and Health. Ten participants completed the course. To learn more about upcoming FSPCA courses offered at IFSH check out the IFSH events page at: https://www.ifsh.iit.edu/news-events/events
November 8. The **International Association for Food Protection (IAFP)** and IAFP’s Professional Development Groups (PDGs) hold monthly webinars. Dr. Nathan Anderson, FDA presented “Validation of Pathogen Control Technologies for Low-Moisture Foods: Product and Process Considerations” at the Low Water Activity PDG. Registration for these webinars is free. https://www.foodprotection.org/events-meetings/webinars/

November 13. The Institute for Food Safety and Health was honored as a co-recipient with Flying Food Group, for this year’s **2018 Midwest Food Matters Leadership Award**. The award ceremony was held at the Hilton Chicago Hotel. This award is presented annually to companies or entities who have demonstrated leadership in promoting and supporting the food industry in Chicagoland and the Midwest. All of the net proceeds of the 2018 campaign will support key non-profit business development initiatives that will help the food industry grow and thrive, including the creation of the Sue Ling Gin Scholarship in Food Safety at IFSH. Check out the full news article at: https://appliedtech.iit.edu/news/2018/nov/26/institute-food-safety-and-health-honored-co-recipient-2018-midwest-food-matters

Front row (left to right): Jason Wan, Renee McBrien, Kristin Pfeiffer, Catherine Rolfe, Darsh Wasan
Back row (left to right): Eric Larson, Robert Brackett, Alan Cramb, Robert Carlson
November 13-15. Dr. Robert Brackett, IIT Vice President and IFSH Director was a featured speaker at the Food Safety Consortium-Plenary Panel Discussion: The Food Safety Workforce-The Next Generation at the Renaissance Schaumburg Convention Center Hotel in Schaumburg, IL. This consortium attracts some of the most influential minds in food safety and enables attendees to network, engage in conversations and learn about food safety solutions critical to advancing their careers. IFSH was also an exhibitor at the Food Safety Consortium.

November 28-30. IFSH, QuoData GmbH, and FDA offered a training course titled Method Validation and Statistics for Microbiological Methods, Part A: Qualitative Methods at IFSH in Bedford Park, IL. Participants in the course were able to understand the terminology of national and international validation standards; design, conduct and evaluate single-or multi-laboratory method validation studies; utilize the validation performance characteristics in order to make decisions regarding the appropriate use of microbiological methods, optimize testing strategies and more. Special thanks to QuoData GmbH’s chief scientist and CEO PD Dr. habil. Steffen Uhlig along with Dr. Karina Hettwer and Bertrand Colson for leading the workshop. This same workshop will be offered in the Fall 2019 at the Joint Institute for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition (JIFSAN) in College Park, MD.
IFS\textsuperscript{H} On The Road & In The Press

December 2-4. Dr. Kathiravan Krishnamurthy, Assistant Professor, Food Science and Nutrition was an invited speaker, panelist and organizer for the "Food Innovation and Engineering (FOODIE) Conference" in Napa, California. The conference highlighted three major areas sustainability, health and safety, and taste. Dr. Krishnamurthy led the discussions on Novel Food Processing Technologies.


December 6. The International Association for Food Protection (IAFP) and IAFP’s Professional Development Groups (PDGs) hold monthly webinars. Dr. Elizabeth Grasso-Kelley, Assistant Professor, Food Science and Nutrition presented “Selection and Use of Target “Pertinent Pathogen” for Process Validation” at the Low Water Activity PDG. Registration for these webinars is free. https://www.foodprotection.org/events-meetings/webinars/
Food Safety Preventive Controls Alliance (FSPCA)
In accordance with the Alliance’s mission to support safe food production for the U.S. market, the FSPCA has, by January 2019, trained 2,345 Lead Instructors and issued 90,383 Preventive Controls for Human/Animal Food certificates and Foreign Supplier Verification Programs certificates combined. Visit the FSPCA Website at fspca.net for more information.

Updated Training Materials
The FSPCA Preventive Controls for Animal Food course manual and the FSPCA FSVP course manual have been updated! Download a free copy from the FSPCA website.

The public version of the Animal Food participant manual v1.1 along with the errata sheet are available for download on the FSPCA website: https://www.ifsh.iit.edu/fspca/fspca-preventive-controls-animal-food. The public version of the FSVP participant manual v1.1 along with the errata sheet are available for download on the FSPCA website: https://www.ifsh.iit.edu/fspca/courses/foreign-supplier-verification-programs-fsvp/.

2019 Lead Instructor Training
The FSPCA announced the dates and locations for the 2019 Human Food, Animal Food and FSVP Lead Instructor courses. Check the FSPCA website for updates: https://www.ifsh.iit.edu/fspca/fspca-preventive-controls-human-food#LICS (human food); https://www.ifsh.iit.edu/fspca/fspca-preventive-controls-animal-food#AFLICS (animal food); https://www.ifsh.iit.edu/fspca/courses/foreign-supplier-verification-programs-fsvp#FSVP-lead-instructor-course-schedule (FSVP).

Looking for FSPCA Preventive Controls for Human Food, Animal Food or FSVP participant courses? Visit the FSPCA online course list: https://fspca.force.com/FSPCA/s/ (click on the “Course” tab). The list can be sorted by type of course, start date and location!

Save-the-date for the 2019 FSPCA Annual Conference. The FSPCA 3rd Annual Conference “Advancing Food Safety Collaboration” will be held on October 22-23 at the Chicago Marriott Southwest in Burr Ridge, IL. Don’t miss this opportunity to learn from and network with leading food safety professionals from around the globe!
Are you an undergraduate student interested in exploring opportunities in food safety, food engineering and nutrition? Would you like to undergo a rigorous mentoring and professional development training along with a paid research internship to fine-tune your skill sets required to help you to become successful scientists, engineers, and entrepreneurs? You will be trained by mentors from the Illinois Institute of Technology and Food and Drug Administration for a 10 week period (May 28, 2019-August 2, 2019). The selected students will receive a stipend along with support for travel, accommodation, and meal plan via funding from the National Science Foundation (Award # 1757989).

Learn more about the award here: https://www.nsf.gov/awardsearch/showAward?AWD_ID=1757989 (Award # 1757989).

Applications will be accepted until 5:00pm CST on Friday, March 15, 2019. Learn more about how to apply here: https://www.ifsh.iit.edu/news-events

November 27. IIT Food Science and Nutrition graduate students met with IIT professors and FDA scientists to learn about possible thesis projects. This project interview and pairing session allows the students to “match” with a principal investigator/mentor and project of interest.

Dr. Lauren Jackson, Binaifer Bedford and IIT Food Science Graduate Student
Retirements

Mary Lou Tortorello, Ph.D. retired on December 31, 2018 after 27 years of faithful service to FDA. Besides being an internationally recognized expert in the field of the microbiological safety of fresh and processed food products, she served several years as Supervisor of FDA’s Food Technology Branch at FDA/IFSH. She also served as the Platform Coordinator of the Food Microbiology Platform at IFSH and as the Chair of Moffett’s Quality Assurance committee. She was very well respected as an outstanding scientist and as a friend to everyone. She will be greatly missed.

Joe Jablonski, Ph.D. retired on January 31, 2019 after 15+ years exceptional service to FDA/IFSH. Prior to joining FDA/IFSH in 2003, Joe worked for 16 years in the industry as an analytical chemist for Monsanto Agricultural Chemistry Co. and Ricerca Biosciences. Joe served in many roles at FDA/IFSH over the years: as a researcher supporting the Chemistry and Packaging Research Platform, as a member of the Moffett QA and Safety Committees and as the Moffett Hazardous Waste Officer. In addition, Joe served as mentor for the junior chemists at FDA/IFSH and for many of the students involved with chemistry projects at IFSH. We will miss him and wish him a long, happy retirement.
Congratulations to FDA/IFSH scientists Tim Duncan Ph.D., Kristin Schill Ph.D., and Yun Wang Ph.D. on receiving a 2019 Collaborative Opportunities for Research Excellence in Science (CORES) grant from the FDA Office of Chief Scientist. Their project entitled “Development of a quantum dot-based microfluidic device for the rapid detection of biologically active botulinum neurotoxin in complex media” was one of only seven CORES grants awarded to scientists throughout FDA this year.

Awards

Dr. Kristin Schill, Dr. Tim Duncan and Dr. Yun Wang
New Staff Member

Please welcome Xiyang (Sunny) Liu, Support Scientist - Microbiology. He has joined the Low Moisture Foods Research Team to continue to support the USDA CAP funded Enhancing Legacy Technologies Project as well as other low water activity research projects. Sunny recently completed his Master Degree in Food Safety and Technology last summer from the Illinois Institute of Technology.

Other News

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