April 15, 2018

Dear Food Industry Stakeholder,

On behalf of the organizing partners, Institute for Food Safety and Health (IFSH), and Food Research Institute, University of Wisconsin-Madison, I am pleased to announce that we are hosting a very exciting venue which brings together into one symposium three important microbiome fields of study: **“Food Waste and Sustainability: Strategies to Improve Food Safety, Food Security and Nutrition”, September 27, 2018.** The event will be held at the Chicago Marriott Southwest Hotel in Burr Ridge, IL. Given the interest level of the subject and the outstanding speaker line-up, it will be a very well attended event.

We are also pleased to announce that we will have sponsorships available! Your organization may be interested in being a sponsor at the symposium. We are currently taking sponsor enrollments. Please see the attached file which includes the sponsorship prospectus.

If you select a sponsorship online, please note that the included complimentary registrations will require a code which we will provide. Call me anytime if you have questions. Please visit this link for attendee registration and a sponsorship enrollment: [https://FWS-SEPT2018.EVENTBRITE.COM](https://FWS-SEPT2018.EVENTBRITE.COM)

Best Regards,

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Food Waste and Sustainability:
Strategies To Improve Food Safety, Food Security and Nutrition

September 27, 2018
At: Chicago Marriott Southwest At Burr Ridge, 1200 Burr Ridge Parkway, Burr Ridge, IL 60527

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Food Waste and Sustainability: Strategies to Improve Food Safety, Food Security and Nutrition

An IFSH-U WI FRI Symposium, September 27, 2018
Chicago Marriott Southwest at Burr Ridge
Burr Ridge, Illinois

Synopsis: Food production needs to be a sustainable endeavor that considers environmental, social, and economic issues. Food waste works against sustainability in all three of these areas. This symposium will bring together representatives from industry, academia, and government to discuss ways in which food sustainability can be improved and food waste decreased without compromising food safety, food security, or nutrition. Sessions will cover agricultural issues and solutions related to sustainability in food production, approaches to reducing food waste in manufacturing of various food products, and ways to minimize waste in retail and restaurant environments. Consumer and social issues related to sustainability and food waste will be addressed. Additional presentations will discuss the role of supply chain management, date labeling, and cold chain management in improving sustainability in the food supply and reducing waste.

What to expect: In this symposium, academic and industry practitioners will discuss and review the current understanding of food and gut microbiomes and their interconnectedness.

Who should attend: This symposium is intended for food safety and nutrition professionals from industry, academia and government in food processing, food safety, quality assurance, regulatory functions, public health administration, and those involved in developing or using pathogen detection equipment and methods.

Location: The symposium will be hosted at the Chicago Marriott Southwest Hotel in Burr Ridge, Illinois.

Web: https://FWS-SEPT2018.EVENTBRITE.COM

Marketing this event: IFSH and the partner organizations (organizing committee members) will market this event through email and other media message services to their own members and stakeholders which number well over 3,500 professional industry contacts. Event notices will also be placed in key professional association calendars including IFT and IAFP. An early save the date notice will be launched to stakeholders as of May 1, 2018 via Constant Contact.

Sponsor Registration: Sponsor registration is available on-line at: www.iit.edu/ifsh
Please contact Armand Paradis at 708-563-8175 for sponsorship details.
Food Waste and Sustainability: Strategies to Improve Food Safety, Food Security and Nutrition
September 27, 2018
Tentative Program

7:30 a.m. Registration / CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST

8:15 a.m. Introduction

Morning Session 1: Overview
8:30 a.m. Overview: Providing nutrition and food security to the world population safely
9:00 a.m. Using accelerated genetics to improve productivity/nutrition
9:30 a.m. Water sustainability in crop production

10:00 – 10:30 a.m. EXHIBITS AND NETWORKING BREAK (30 minutes)

Morning Session 2: Sustainability initiatives for specific food sectors
10:30 a.m. Fresh produce (packing, including water use; distribution)
11:00 a.m. Novel approaches to utilizing food waste in the meat industry
11:30 a.m. Dairy production and manufacturing

12:00–1:15 p.m. LUNCH AND EXHIBITS (1 hour 15 MINUTES)

Afternoon Session 1 Sustainability for general food production and distribution
1:15 p.m. Water sustainability in processing facility
1:45 p.m. Cold chain management (frozen vs. refrigeration; reliability in developing economies/ following natural disasters; energy use reduction)
2:15 p.m. Packaging; and Sustainability; Biodegradable; Unintended consequences with reduced packaging

2:45–3:15 p.m. EXHIBITS AND NETWORKING BREAK (30 minutes)

Afternoon Session 2: Retail, restaurants, consumer and social issues
3:15 p.m. Initiatives to use food waste productively (supply chain management)
3:45 p.m. Date labeling: quality vs. safety; how much food is discarded unnecessarilly
4:15 p.m. Panel discussion: economics, consumer perspective, other initiatives in animal and crop production; path to future

5:00 p.m. Concluding remarks; adjourn

Tentative program. Topics and times may be subject to change.
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Chicago Marriot Southwest at Burr Ridge IL, USA

The symposium will be held at **Chicago Marriott Southwest at Burr Ridge**. This category 4 hotel is located at **1200 Burr Ridge Parkway, Burr Ridge, IL 60527**, which is just 21 miles south of the O’Hare International Airport and 13 miles west of the Midway International Airport. The hotel offers over 130 rooms.

We secured a special discounted rate based on the type of room at the hotel. To take advantage of the discounted price, please use the link below.

The discounted rate will be available until September 1, 2017. As always, we encourage you to make reservations ASAP.

To learn more about the hotel, please visit:

- [https://www.tripadvisor.com/Hotel_Review-g35742-d483292-Reviews-Chicago_Marriott_Southwest_at_Burr_Ridge-Burr_Ridge_DuPage_County_Illinois.html](https://www.tripadvisor.com/Hotel_Review-g35742-d483292-Reviews-Chicago_Marriott_Southwest_at_Burr_Ridge-Burr_Ridge_DuPage_County_Illinois.html)
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