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Charlene Bruce Receives the Association of Food & Drug Officials (AFDO) Harvey W. Wiley Award

International Honor for Exemplary Success and Leadership in Food Safety

Indianapolis, IN – July 8, 2015 - Charlene Bruce was awarded the Harvey W. Wiley Award at the 119th AFDO Annual Educational Conference on June 23, 2015.

The Harvey W. Wiley Award is AFDO's most prestigious award. It is presented to a regular or honorary member for exceptional service to the state or nation in the performance of duties and responsibilities in the administration and enforcement of food and drug law and/or consumer protection laws and demonstrated promotion of the objectives of the Association.

The award recipient is determined by the Wiley Award Subcommittee which consists of past winners of this award and is chaired by the most recent recipient.

Charlene Bruce retired after serving more than thirty years with the Mississippi State Department of Health. For the past twenty years she served as the Director of the Food Protection Program for the state-wide Food Retail and Food Processing Programs. Prior to becoming the Director of the Food Program, she served as an FDA Rating Officer for both the Milk and Food Programs.

Charlene served as President of the Association of Food and Drug Officials (AFDO) and as President of the Association of Food and Drug Officials of the Southern States (AFDOSS). She was awarded the Eugene H. Holeman Award for outstanding service to AFDOSS. The Mississippi State Department of Health awarded her the Public Health Environmentalist of the Year. She has served on numerous AFDO and AFDOSS committees.

Charlene received her B.S. Degree from The University of Southern Mississippi and her M.S. Degree in Food and Dairy Science from Mississippi State University. After retiring she is involved with IFPTI's Fellowship program serving as a trainer, mentor and, subject-matter expert. Charlene also serves as an instructor for the University of Tennessee.

About the Association of Food and Drug Officials:

AFDO is an international, non-profit organization that is in the forefront of streamlining and simplifying regulations by either drafting regulatory rules or by commenting on government proposals. By developing a broad base of support for new approaches, AFDO has become a recognized voice in determining the rules and shape of the regulatory playing field of the future. The consensus that AFDO develops is key to advancing uniform laws, regulations, and guidelines that result in more efficient regulation and less confusion among industry in the marketplace. AFDO develops support for its positions by interfacing with high-level regulatory officials, industry representatives, trade associations, and consumer organizations. This continues to have a significant impact on regulations at the federal, state and local level.

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