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AFDO Board of Directors Meets in Washington, DC

The AFDO Board of Directors met on November 5 to 8, 2018 in Washington DC. The meeting included a session with FDA leadership, USDA-FSIS leadership, and consumer groups.

The board welcomed new members Beth Wittry from Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), Linsey Hollett from Health Canada, and Angela Montalbano from New York Department of Agriculture and Markets.



During the Board's meeting with FDA the following representatives participated:

- Mel Plaisier, Associate Commissioner for Regulatory Affairs
- Erik Mettler, Assistant Commissioner
- Michael Rogers, Assistant Commissioner
- Don Prater, Assistant Commissioner
- Susan Mayne, CFSAN Director
- Doug Stearns, CFSAN Deputy Director
- Pat Alcock, Director, Office of Training, Education, and Development
- Lisa Creason, Director, Information System for ORA
- Laurie Farmer, Director of Cooperative Programs
- Glenda Lewis, Director, Retail Food Protection Staff
- Todd Cato, Acting Director, Office of Enforcement and Import Operations
- Mara Burr, International Food Safety Policy Manager, CFSAN
- Tony Taube, Chief Human and Animal Food Policy Branch, ORA
- David Edwards, Director Division of Animal Feeds, CVM
- Alan Tart, Deputy Director, Office of Partnerships
- Jeff Farrar, Director, Intergovernmental Affairs and Partnerships, Office of Foods and Veterinary Medicine

Highlights from the day-long session with FDA included discussions about next steps in an integrated food safety system including FSMA and preventive control implementation, acceptance of state inspections, work-planning, imports and exports, training, and AFDO resolutions.

Sandra Eskin from the Pew Charitable Trusts coordinated a session with several consumer groups, representatives included: Pew, Food and Water Law

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on FDA and USDA funding. The board has included consumer groups in its Fall Board meeting in Washington, DC for four years and finds this opportunity for collaboration to be valuable.

The Board also met with the U.S. Department of Agriculture's acting Undersecretary for Food Safety Carmen Rottenberg and many FSIS leaders. The discussion included collaboration in retail foods with grinding logs and *Listeria monocytogenes* prevention, acceptance of state lab results, and general updates on the organization.

FSIS representatives included:

- Carmen Rottenberg, Acting Deputy Undersecretary for Food Safety
- Carl-Martin Ruiz, Deputy Assistant Administrator for FSIS OIEA
- Janell Krause, Scientific Advisor for Risk Assessment/Senior Leader, OPHS
- Mark Crowe, Director, OIEA Compliance and Investigation Division
- Kristina Barlow, Senior Microbiologist with Risk, Innovations and Management Staff
- Philip Brownstein, Executive Associate for Regulatory Operations
- Mary Cutchall, Director ODIFP ECS
- Denise Ellen, Assistant Administrator OPHS
- William Shaw, Director of RIMS

The Board's general business included topics such as communications, grant and cooperative agreement updates, staff updates, and discussions. The board approved hiring a part-time communications director to coordinate member/stakeholder communications and external communications. The Board also approved increased visibility in the medical products area with sponsorships for several events held by Xavier Health. The planning for the AFDO 2019 Conference in Atlanta was also discussed.

The Centers of Disease Control and Prevention, Canadian Food Inspection Agency, Health Canada and Department of Homeland Security also participated and provided updates to the Board.

The board greatly appreciates the willingness of FDA, FSIS, and others to participate in this meeting.

Food and Agriculture Sector Membership Meeting

The Food and Agriculture Sector Membership Meeting took place on November 14-15th at Battelle Crystal City Operations in Arlington, VA. A variety of government agencies spoke about the ongoing efforts to protect our food supply through prevention, preparedness, response and recovery activities. Specifically, Lauren Yeung, FDA Office of Partnerships, provided an update on the Rapid Response Team (RRT) program sharing data collected from the Capability Assessment Tool (CAT). Jennifer Pierquet, Co-Chair Food Protection and Defense Committee, gave copies out of the updated Food Emergency Regulators Pocket Guide to all attendees. She explained how this guide can be used to respond to emergencies most commonly experienced by food regulators in the field. The next Food and Agriculture Sector Membership Meeting will be held in spring 2019.



Holiday Recipes: Delicious & Safe

By now you know that the *Story of Your Dinner* campaign includes tons of great resources.

This week, make sure to share these [delicious recipes](#) which include food safety steps. Recent research showed people will follow food safety steps if they are included in the recipe!

On the menu for the holidays: [roast turkey](#), [butter glazed Brussels sprouts](#), [mini-turtle cheesecakes](#), and many more!

Conversations with AFDO

Conversations with AFDO released a new podcast on November 1, 2018.

Marla Phillips , Director of Xavier Health, will be discussing the use of artificial intelligence in medical products. Xavier has been facilitating working groups in this area and an annual conference on this topic.

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FDA News



Statement from USDA Secretary Perdue and FDA Commissioner Gottlieb on the regulation of cell-cultured food products from cell lines of livestock and poultry

Last month, the U.S. Department of Agriculture and the U.S. Food and Drug Administration held a public meeting to discuss the use of livestock and poultry cell lines to develop cell-cultured food products. At this meeting, stakeholders shared valuable perspectives on the regulation needed to both foster these innovative food products and maintain the highest standards of public health.

After several thoughtful discussions between our two Agencies that incorporated this stakeholder feedback, we have concluded that both the USDA and the FDA should jointly oversee the production of cell-cultured food products derived from livestock and poultry. Drawing on the expertise of both USDA and FDA, the Agencies are today announcing agreement on a joint regulatory framework wherein ...[Read more...](#)

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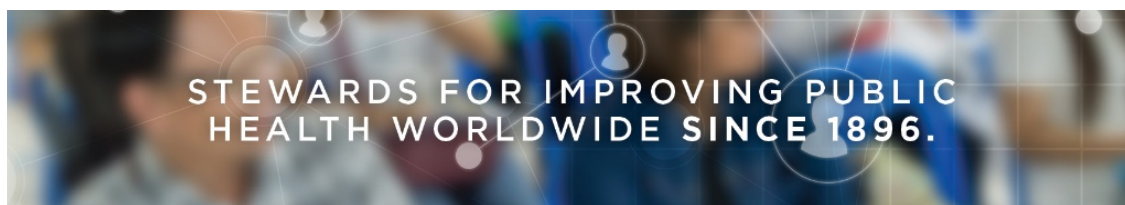
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