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Conversations with AFDO

Conversations with AFDO will release a new podcast this week!

Joe Corby, former AFDO executive director, shares the story of Partners with a Common Purpose, an initiative for creating change through a shared vision with food and medical products industry representatives. This shared vision recognizes a common purpose embraced and supported by government regulators and industry in improving public health and consumer services.

Go to <https://afdo.podbean.com/> or download the Podbean app to view or listen to the app:

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Foodborne Pathogens and Processing of Low Water Activity Foods

The Florida Integrated Food Safety Center of Excellence (FLCoE) and the University of Georgia, Center for Food Safety (UGA-CFS) will be hosting a second webinar on **January 23, 2019 at 11AM EST**.

It is estimated that Salmonella and Campylobacter cause more than 1 million illnesses every year in the US. Most illnesses occur due to consumption of undercooked poultry or as result of cross-contamination. This seminar will discuss

the characteristics of these poultry-borne pathogens and the challenges they pose

for the poultry industry and the food safety practices that would result in safer supply of poultry and poultry products. Information will be useful for regulators and inspectors as they investigate poultry-associated foodborne outbreaks. Following the presentations there will be time for Q&A.

[Learn more and/or register for the webinar](#)

AFDO Announces Availability of FDA Scientific Conference Grant Program Scholarships

The Association of Food and Drug Officials (AFDO) received a scientific conference grant from the U.S. Food and Drug Administration. The purpose of the award is to provide scholarships to state and local food & drug regulatory personnel to attend the 2019 AFDO Annual Educational Conference (AEC). This year's AEC is being held June 22-26, 2019 at the Grant Hyatt Atlanta in Buckhead, Atlanta, GA.

AFDO Continuing Education Tuition Reimbursement Awards

In 2017, AFDO established a non-traditional continuing education tuition reimbursement fund to be awarded annually to worthy officials who are currently employed at a state, local, tribal, or territorial government agency and are returning to college or continuing their education to benefit the food and/or drug safety arena. Each award amount is not to exceed \$1500 and is not renewable.

All applications must be received by **April 15 of the current year** to be considered for the current year's award.

Apply Now!

Professional Development Grant

The AFDO Professional Development Committee will again fund a Professional Development Grant intended to benefit IFPTI Fellowship graduates, currently employed with a regulatory agency, that may not otherwise be able to participate in the annual AFDO Training Conference. The grant award may include reimbursement of conference registration fees, travel expenses, hotel costs, incidentals, and food per diem. Disbursement of the grant monies will require a completed reimbursement form along with a paid receipt of expenses. This year the AFDO Conference will be held in Atlanta Georgia June 22-26, 2019.

Grant recipients are required to: be an IFPTI graduate, attend the pre-conference workshop and committee meetings, be a member of an AFDO committee, and attend the conference in its entirety.

The application must be received by February 1. Grants will be awarded and applicants notified by March 1.



New Poultry Safety Resources

Americans eat more chicken every year than any other meat. These Don't Wing It resources help people enjoy chicken at home safely:

- [Don't Wing It Video NEW!](#)
- [Spanish language poultry recipes NEW!](#)
- [Poultry safety brochures](#)
- [Infographic](#)

Share these [important food safety tips](#) with your family, friends and social networks!

MCAFDO Save-the-Date

What: 2019 MCAFDO Annual Educational Conference

When: February 26-27, 2019 (8:00 am to 5:00 pm each day)

Location: [Bluemont Hotel, 1212 Bluemont Avenue, Manhattan, KS 66502](#)

Check out the [MCAFDO website](#) for more details or to register!

Nominate a Worthy Candidate for an AFDO Award

AFDO's awards are presented annually at the Annual Educational Conference during the Wiley Award banquet. The awards are administered by the Awards Committee Chair, with subcommittees for the Wiley and Associate Member that are chaired by the immediate past recipient.

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scholarship awards to \$2500 beginning with the 2019 awards. Each is awarded annually to qualified undergraduate students in their third year of study.

Here's a list of each AFDO Award:

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[Scholarship](#)

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Job Opportunities

Iowa Department of Inspections & Appeals, Food & Consumer Safety Bureau Job Opportunities

Public Service Supervisor - Regional Inspection Supervisor

The Department of Inspections and Appeals is seeking to fill a Public Service Supervisor position. The position will serve as a Regional Inspection Supervisor for the Food and Consumer Safety Bureau within the Administration Division. The position will primarily be responsible for supervising, evaluating and leading a highly trained and dedicated team of Food Safety Specialists. Nationally recognized for innovation, Iowa's food safety regulatory program maintains strong partnerships with government and non-government organizations that share a common purpose: protecting public health. [Learn more and apply...](#)

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Other Training Opportunities



Preventive Controls for Human Foods and Foreign Supplier Verification Programs

Preventive Controls for Human Foods Course (PCQI)

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Foreign Supplier Verification Programs Course (FSVP)

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EAS Consulting Group Training

Developing Vitamin, Mineral and Supplement Products for Commercial and Compliance Success

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Riverside, CA

[Ensuring Regulatory Compliance of GMP Laboratories](#)[April 23, 2019](#)[Dietary Supplement Good Manufacturing Practices \(GMP\) Compliance Seminar](#)[April 2-3, 2019](#)

Philadelphia, PA

[May 7, 2019](#)

Denton, TX

[August 13, 2019](#)

Andover, MA

[November 12, 2019](#)

Long Island, NY

Laws and Regulations Committee Updates

Laws and Regulations Committee Update

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