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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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Official Methods of AnalysisSM Approved for Cannabinoids

AOAC INTERNATIONAL recently approved two methods and four standards for cannabis methods. Two methods were adopted by AOAC as *Official Methods of Analysis* on November 19, 2018: **Quantitation of Cannabinoids in Cannabis Dried Plant Materials and Concentrates and Oils Using Liquid Chromatography-Diode Array Detection Technique with Optional Mass Spectrometric Detection** (submitted by Eurofins Food Integrity & Innovation); and **Cannabinoid in Dried Flowers and Oil Using Liquid Chromatography** (submitted by British Columbia Institute of Technology).

In 2017 and 2018, AOAC developed and adopted a total of four standards for cannabis methods. Three of the standards specify which cannabinoids, and at what concentrations, candidate *Official Methods of Analysis* must be able to measure. The fourth is a standard for methods that detect pesticides in cannabis. This landmark standard specifies the Limit of Quantitation for 105 pesticides that candidate methods should be able to measure.

All methods and standards are available electronically through AOAC's e-OMA: www.eoma.aoac.org.

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.

Applications due by **March 1, 2019**. [Learn more and apply...](#)

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.

Apply Now



2019 Consumer Food Safety Education Conference

This seventh in a series of food safety education conferences sponsored by the non-profit Partnership for Food Safety Education, we'll explore influences on consumers, the way to effect behavior change, and the way forward to better engaging everyone in modeling proper food preparation and hand hygiene practices.

Top reasons to attend CFSEC 2019:

- Learn from [thought-leaders](#) on educating consumers and behavior change
- Expand your [professional network](#)
- Earn [13 or more CEUs](#)
- Stay at a [great hotel at Disney World](#), plus freebies!

Early bird discounts expire January 25!

REGISTER NOW: <http://cfsec2019.fightbac.org/events/cfse-2019/>

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.

The AFDO Board of Directors has increased the amount of each of the 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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February 5, 2019

Riverside, CA

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April 3, 2019

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April 23, 2019

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