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123rd AFDO Conference Registration is OPEN!

The AFDO Conference is getting closer, make sure to [register](#) before **March 1st** to take advantage of the early bird registration!

The conference draft agenda contains a lot of educational and exciting sessions! [Check out the agenda now](#) and register for the conference! Workshops and committee meetings will be held on June 22 and 23, 2019. These are open to all attendees, please plan to attend!

Conversations with AFDO - AFDO Conference Preview Pod-Cast Released

Conversations with AFDO will release a new podcast this week!

AFDO Past President Pam Miles and Executive Director Steven Mandernach discuss the highlights of the upcoming 2019 AFDO Conference. Take a look to learn more about the upcoming conference and don't forget to register by February 28, 2019 in order to secure the discounted early bird registration rates.

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

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[Google Play Store](#)

IAFP Regulator Travel Scholarships Available for the 2019 Conference

IAFP welcomes your nominations for our association awards. You are not required to be an IAFP member to nominate a deserving professional or colleague for one of our awards. We also encourage members to apply for the IAFP Travel Award for State or Provincial Health or Agricultural Department employees (North America only) and for the IAFP Travel Award for Food Safety Professionals in a Country with a Developing Economy to attend the IAFP Annual Meeting. Student members are invited to submit an application for the Student Travel Scholarship Award to attend the IAFP Annual Meeting. Student Travel Scholarship criteria can be accessed on the students page and below. Instructions to apply for each award are included in the criteria for the respective award.

Award entries for the 2019 are due Tuesday, February 19. Applications and nominations are now being accepted, which must be completed through the

AFDO Conference Scholarship Program

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.

We will be able to fund a **limited** number of representatives to the conference. 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

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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.

[Apply Now](#)



Register for the 2019 Consumer Food Safety Education Conference

Early bird [registration has opened](#) for From Consumers to Chefs: Food Safety Education Matters, a two-day conference, March 7-8, 2019, filled with [take-away strategies for changing people's food safety knowledge and behaviors](#). This seventh in a series of consumer food safety education conferences is hosted by the non-profit [Partnership for Food Safety Education](#). The beautiful [Swan and Dolphin Resort](#) is the conference location and a terrific rate is available to conference attendees.

The conference, expected to be attended by 400 health and food safety educators from across the United States, will explore influences on consumers; the way to effect behavior change; and strategies to better engage everyone in modeling proper food preparation and hand hygiene practices.

Don't miss the early bird registration rates – [register now here](#).

Check Out Recordings of Partnership for

Knowledge Exchanges

Check out the useful webinar recordings on all food safety topics from the Partnership for Food Safety Education below!

These resources are a preview of what will be presented at the Conference for Food Safety Education.

[View Educational Resources](#)

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:

[Achievement](#)
[Industry Associate Member](#)
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[Scholarship](#)

FDA News



Statement from FDA Commissioner Scott Gottlieb, M.D., on new steps to strengthen the agency's process for issuing public warnings and notifications of recalls

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration is taking new steps to strengthen and modernize the process for issuing a public warning about a voluntary recall and for notification of recalls.

Most companies collaborate with the FDA to rapidly initiate voluntary recalls and work with their supply chain partners to remove the product from shelves to prevent further distribution. And in general, a recall occurs quickly when the problem is discovered. However, there are situations where the FDA may need to provide safety advice to marketplace to protect consumers. [Read more...](#)

FDA Material on Produce Inspections

[Produce Safety Inspections web page](#)

["What to Expect of a Regulatory Inspection", FDA Fact Sheet](#)

[FDA Voice: Paving the Road to Produce Safety Rule Inspections](#)

[Constituent Update: Additional Resources Support Compliance with the](#)

Other Training Opportunities



Preventive Controls for Human Foods and Foreign Supplier Verification Programs

Preventive Controls for Human Foods Course (PCQI)

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[Course Schedule](#)

Foreign Supplier Verification Programs Course (FSVP)

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[Course Schedule](#)



EAS Consulting Group Training

[What Does the 2018 Farm Bill Mean for the Cannabis Industry?](#)

March 13, 2019

[Regulatory, Technical and Formulations for New Infant Formula Notifications Challenges and Opportunities](#)

April 2, 2019

[Webinar: Qualified Individual under FSVP](#)

April 3, 2019

[Ensuring Regulatory Compliance of GMP Laboratories](#)

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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

A collection of current food, drug, device, and consumer product regulatory issues and news

[Update from 2/4 - 2/5, 2019](#)

[Update from 2/7 - 2/8, 2019](#)

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