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## AFDO Conference Early Bird Registration Ends March 1st!

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!

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## Webinar: Hot Topics in the Regulation of Cell-Cultured Proteins—What You Need to Know

Date: February 22, 2019

Time: 2:00PM - 3:00PM Et

This session will introduce emerging issues pertaining to the commercialization and regulation of Cell-Cultured products derived from meats, seafood or poultry. Included is an overview of the production process of cell-cultured proteins, labeling of the new products as well as other regulatory issues of this new poultry and meat-based protein products. These products are on the verge of being market-ready, and discussed are whether existing regulations are adequate for emerging safety concerns of these technologies. Join Susan Burns of Burns LLC and Barbara Kowalczyk for a webinar on Animal Cell Culture Technology from Meats Products.

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### Statement from FDA Commissioner Scott Gottlieb, M.D., on the agency's new efforts to strengthen regulation of dietary supplements by modernizing and reforming FDA's oversight

The use of dietary supplements, such as vitamins, minerals or herbs, has become a routine part of the American lifestyle. Three out of every four American consumers take a dietary supplement on a regular basis. For older

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taking them on their own.

That's why today we are announcing a new plan for policy advancements with the goal of implementing one of the most significant modernizations of dietary supplement regulation and oversight in more than 25 years.

I've personally benefited from the use of dietary supplements and, as a physician, recognize the benefits of certain supplements as a part of a comprehensive care plan. It's clear to me that dietary supplements play an important role in our lives as we strive to stay healthy. It's also clear that the U.S. Food and Drug Administration plays an important role in helping consumers make use of safe, high-quality dietary supplements while also protecting Americans from the potential dangers of products that don't meet the agency's standards for marketing. [Read more...](#)

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## 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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## NCAAFDO Meeting at the Food Safety Summit

NCAAFDO Meeting to be held in conjunction with Food Safety Summit

NCAAFDO Meeting Dates:

Monday, May 6, 2019 - 1:00PM - 5:00PM

Tuesday, May 7, 2019 - 8:00AM - 5:00PM

Topics to include:

- Updates on implementation of Preventive Control inspections by FDA and state programs
- FDA retail program update
- Building stakeholder relationships to enhance food safety
- Major outbreaks in the north central region including cyclospora
- Partners with a Common Purpose
- Food fraud and food defense or foodborne outbreaks in the news

[View the flyer](#) for more information or to register!

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## Webinar: Boil Water, What?! When Good Water Goes Bad

As environmental health professionals, we have many challenges to face in our day to day life. Natural disasters and food and water related emergencies only add to its complexity. A common situation we have all faced, both as food safety experts and sometimes as consumers, are boil water events. Whether we call it an alert, advisory, notice, precautionary, mandatory or so on...it can be difficult even in the best of times, which is rarely when it happens. This webinar will bring together a panel of experts to discuss the science and art of handling boil water events. We will hear about a study the WQRF completed on

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what it means to deal with BWA procedures in a retail food establishment.

Date: March 7, 2019, 2:00PM - 3:00PM ET

**1.0 NEHA REHS/RS Continuing Education-Contact Hour will be available**

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## 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 FluidReview website at <http://www.iafp.fluidreview.com>.

## AFDO Conference Scholarship Program

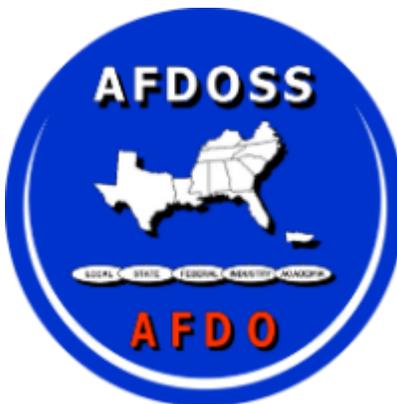
The Association of Food and Drug Officials (AFDO) received a scientific

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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...](#)

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## AFDOSS Scholarship Award

In 1999, AFDOSS established the Mary Logan Scholarship in honor of one of our great members who served as Secretary/Treasurer for our regional affiliate for 30 years. Mrs. Logan, who is now retired, worked 39 years with the Tennessee Department of Agriculture.

This scholarship in the amount of \$4,500 is designed to be awarded to top students who have demonstrated a desire to serve in a career of research, regulatory work, quality control, or teach in an area related to some aspect of foods, drugs or consumer product safety. Student candidates should have demonstrated leadership capabilities and must have at least a 3.0 grade point average. [View more information...](#)

[View Criteria for applying](#)

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## AFDO Continuing Education Tuition

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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.

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## 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.

[Apply Now](#)

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## 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 Food Safety Education-hosted webinars and 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.

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## NEFDOA Save-the-Dave

What: 2019 NEFDOA Annual Educational Conference

When: May 14-16, 2019

Location: The Hotel Northampton, Northampton, MA

Please see the [NEFDAO Events Page](#) or contact [Pattie Kaczynski](#) for further details

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## 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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## Job Postings

### Public Service Manager 1 - Assistant Bureau Chief - Iowa

The Iowa Department of Inspections and Appeals is seeking to fill a Public Service Manager 1 position. The position will serve as the Assistant Bureau Chief for the Food and Consumer Safety Bureau within the Administration Division. The position will primarily be responsible for managing the bureau's federal grant programs and statewide licensing activities. 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.

As a member of the Iowa Department of Inspections and Appeals Food and Consumer Safety Bureau leadership team, the Assistant Bureau Chief will play a vital role in strengthening relationships, protecting public health and advancing food safety regulatory program standards in Iowa. [Read more or apply...](#)

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### Regional Sanitarian - MD Department of Health

This position serves as a Regional Sanitarian in the Center for Food Processing, Office of Food Protection, Prevention and Health Promotion

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and federal laws and regulations that govern food safety. This position also performs the following duties: collects food samples; serves as a member of the Rapid Response Team; conducts Pre-opening inspections for food processing plants and retail chain Or franchise facilities; provides training and consultation to industry and local health departments; conducts investigations related to foodborne disease outbreaks and complaints; performs studies such as time and temperature relationships or pH assessment to assure safe food processing; and takes enforcement action when necessary to gain operator compliance and protect the public from adulterated and misbranded food. The Regional Sanitarian works in partnership with industry and local, State, and federal agencies to promote public health and ensure that food products are produced in a safe and sanitary manner. [Read more and apply...](#)

## Plan Review Specialist (Sanitarian IV, Registered) - MD Department of Health

he Plan Review Specialist coordinates a Statewide program that provides for the review and approval of plans for new and remodeling food establishments and ensures inspection of these facilities to determine compliance with State and Federal law, regulations, and standards. [Read more and apply...](#)

### Other Training Opportunities



## Preventive Controls for Human Foods and Foreign Supplier Verification Programs

**Preventive Controls for Human Foods Course (PCQI)**

[Course Information](#)



## 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](#)

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

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

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