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Help AFDO Congratulate Claudia Coles



Claudia Coles has been named the new president of the Seafood Products Association. As a scientific and technical trade organization, the Seafood

food safety, quality, and legality.

Coles joins SPA after more than 35 years with the Washington State Department of Agriculture, where she was in various leadership roles. Most recently, Coles was the Policy and External Affairs Advisor for the department. Coles is an AFDO past president, member of various committees and co-chair of the new cannabis committee.

“SPA found my contacts made through AFDO in both federal and regulatory arenas just what they were looking for as we continue to build the SPA program going forward,” Coles says. SPA is located in Seattle, Washington. Coles can be reached at 206-619-9850 or ccoles@spa-food.org.

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!

For hotel information or to book your room for the conference: [Hotel Information](#)
We hope to see all of you in Atlanta in June!

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.

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Recall Fatigue Survey

Consumer Food Safety Education Conference would like your help! Please take the below survey on recall fatigue. The results of this survey will be posted at this year's Consumer Food Safety Education Conference.

[Take Survey](#)

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.

We will be able to fund a **limited** number of representatives to the conference. Applications due by **March 1, 2019**. [Learn more and apply...](#)



Xavier Health

I am pleased to announce, on behalf of my FDA and industry team members, the release of the highly-anticipated *Good Supply Practices for the 21st Century*, a global tool for industry and regulators. [Read more...](#)

WEBINAR – The Flint water crisis: Lessons learned

The Flint water crisis, involving lead contamination of the city's drinking water and an outbreak of Legionnaires' disease, has been on the national radar for years—but there are still unanswered questions. What happened, and how? What are the health, political, and economic implications for the city and its people? How widespread is the lead problem in America's water supplies? How are water utilities and governments responding? What are the possible solutions to address this public health problem?

Join us on Tuesday, February 5, 1:00-2:30 pm EST for a webinar on these topics. We'll begin with presentations by Anna Clark (Author, *Poisoned City: Flint's Water and the American Urban Tragedy*) on Flint and Douglas Farquhar (Program Director, Environmental Health, National Conference of State Legislatures) on what's happening in other communities.

The presentations will be followed by a discussion with webinar participants.

The annual Municipal Finance Conference is sponsored by the Hutchins Center on Fiscal and Monetary Policy at Brookings, the Rosenberg Institute of Global Finance at Brandeis International Business School, the University of Chicago Harris School of Public Policy and Olin Business School at Washington University in St. Louis. The [2019 conference](#) will be held at Brookings on July 15-16, 2019.

Perdue Selects Three Senior Leaders at USDA

U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Sonny Perdue today selected three highly-qualified individuals for senior leadership positions at the U.S. Department of

Rights, and Dr. Scott Hutchins as Deputy Under Secretary for Research, Education, and Economics. These positions do not require Senate confirmation.

The three previously had been nominated by President Donald Trump for Senate-confirmed positions at USDA. While the Senate Agriculture Committee favorably reported all three nominees, their nominations expired without receiving confirmation votes by the end of the 115th Congress in early January. The President has resubmitted their nominations to the Senate in the 116th Congress. [Read more....](#)

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

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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 Food Safety Education-hosted webinars and Knowledge Exchanges

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

[View Educational Resources](#)

MCAFD0 Save-the-Date

What: 2019 MCAFD0 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 [MCAFD0 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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FDA Stakeholder Update - Vaping and e-Cigarettes in Kids: An Unprecedented Epidemic: An Interview With US Surgeon General Jerome Adams and FDA Commissioner Scott Gottlieb

On December 18, 2018, the [US Surgeon General](#) officially declared e-cigarette use among youth an "epidemic." While national data show that smoking rates are down, the rate of vaping in teens has skyrocketed. According to the 2018 [Monitoring the Future survey](#), which included over 40,000 teens nationwide, 21% of 12th graders reported vaping nicotine during the past 30 days That is double the rate reporting use in 2017. Similar increases were seen in kids as young as sixth grade.

Laurie Scudder, editorial director at Medscape, is joined by both the US Surgeon General, Vice Admiral Jerome Adams; and the FDA Commissioner, Dr Scott Gottlieb, to discuss this public health emergency. [Watch or read the entire Medscape interview.](#)

Other Training Opportunities



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Preventive Controls for Human Foods Course (PCQH)

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Foreign Supplier Verification Programs Course (FSVP)

[Course Information](#)[Course Schedule](#)

EAS Consulting Group Training

[Developing Vitamin, Mineral and Supplement Products for Commercial and Compliance Success](#)

February 7, 2019 at 1:00 PM Eastern

[EAS One-Day Dietary Supplement GMP Refresher Training Series](#)

February 5, 2019

Riverside, CA

[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

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