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The International Food Protection Training Institute (IFPTI) Announces 2010 Course Schedule

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BATTLE CREEK, Mich., January 6, 2010/ PRNewswire/ – The International Food Protection Training Institute (IFPTI) today released its initial training course schedule for 2010. Registration information including dates and locations can be found at www.ifpti.org. The schedule represents the Institute’s initial course offerings and IFPTI will be adding new courses throughout the year. Additions to the 2010 schedule will be posted on the Institute’s website. All costs associated with training and travel will be reimbursed by IFPTI to help state and local food protection professionals overcome the limited funding and travel budgets that often have prevented them from attending training.

Since July 2009, approximately 300 state, local, tribal and territorial food regulators have enrolled in courses delivered through IFPTI. Joanne Sax, Environmental Protection Specialist with the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment, took “Applications of Basics of Inspection and Investigation” to add wholesale food manufacturing know-how to her existing set of skills related to retail food inspection.

“I appreciated learning more about food laws and safety procedures as well as having the opportunity to network with students from other states,” Sax said. “I performed many hands-on exercises to reinforce the concepts taught during the course, and the lessons on report writing I applied in my job immediately.”

“Based on the attendance and response we have received thus far, it is clear there is a need for improved training that meets U.S. food safety standards,” said Gerald Wojtala, Acting Executive Director of IFPTI and Past-President of the Association of Food and Drug Officials (AFDO). “Our 2010 curriculum schedule meets needs across all experience levels in food safety and addresses the critical issues that all food protection professionals face routinely,” he added. Wojtala also noted that the U.S. Food and Drug Administration has been instrumental in partnering with IFPTI by providing course instruction to assist state and local regulatory officials.

2010 International Food Protection Training Institute Course Schedule

Month	Course	Location
January	Applications of Basics of Inspection and Investigation (AFDO)	Battle Creek, Michigan
	An Integrated Food Protection System (AFDO/FDA)	Webinar
February	Food Processing Technology (FDA)	Battle Creek, Michigan
	Food Emergencies: Practice and Execution (NCBRT)	Battle Creek, Michigan
March	Applications of Basics of Inspection and Investigation (AFDO)	Vancouver, Washington
	Agriculture and Food Vulnerability Assessment (U. of Tennessee)	Battle Creek, Michigan
April	Basic Low Acid Canned Foods (FDA)	Battle Creek, Michigan
	Food Equipment Standards (NSF International)	Battle Creek/Ann Arbor
	Retail Plan Review (NSF International)	Battle Creek, Michigan
May	Seafood HACCP- Domestic, Train the Trainer (Seafood HACCP Alliance)	Battle Creek, Michigan
	Food GMPs 110 (FDA)	Battle Creek, Michigan
	Biology and Control of Insects and Rodents (NEHA)	Battle Creek, Michigan
June	Seafood HACCP- International (Asia), Train the Trainer (Seafood HACCP Alliance)	San Francisco, California
	Seafood HACCP- International (Central & South America) Train the Trainer (Seafood HACCP Alliance)	Miami, Florida
	Produce Traceability (AFDO)	Norfolk, Virginia
	Food Inspection Techniques/ Evidence Development (FDA)	Battle Creek, Michigan
	Managing Retail Food Safety (FDA)	Battle Creek, Michigan
	Milk Pasteurization Controls and Tests (FDA)	Battle Creek, Michigan
July	Acidified Foods (FDA)	Battle Creek, Michigan
	Food-borne Illness Investigations (FDA)	Battle Creek, Michigan
	Food Emergencies: Practice and Execution (NCBRT)	Battle Creek, Michigan
September	Laboratory Investigation of Food-borne Illness (pending APHL approval)	Battle Creek, Michigan
	Managing Food Recalls Effectively (AFDO)	Battle Creek, Michigan
	GFSI: 3 rd Party Standards Awareness for Regulatory Officials (NSF International)	Battle Creek, Michigan
	Instructor Development Workshop (NCBRT)	Battle Creek, Michigan

About IFPTI

The International Food Protection Training Institute (IFPTI) is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization established to deliver career-spanning food protection training for state and local food protection professionals to assure competency and equivalency in meeting established U.S. federal food safety standards. Working in partnership with the Association of Food and Drug Officials (AFDO), the Institute seeks to protect the public's health by working with federal, state, local, tribal, and territorial food protection officials in the creation of an integrated national food protection system that ensures the safety of the U.S. food supply. Initial funding for IFPTI provided by the W.K. Kellogg Foundation.

About AFDO

The Association of Food and Drug Officials (AFDO) is an international, non-profit organization that is in the forefront of streamlining and simplifying regulations by either drafting regulatory rules or by commenting on government proposals. By developing a broad base of support for new approaches, AFDO has become a recognized voice in determining the rules and shape of the regulatory playing field of the future. The consensus that AFDO develops is key to advancing uniform laws, regulations, and guidelines that result in more efficient regulation and less confusion among industry in the marketplace. AFDO develops support for its positions by interfacing with high-level regulatory officials, industry representatives, trade associations, and consumer organizations. This continues to have a significant impact on regulations at the federal, state and local level. More information about AFDO can be found on its website at www.afdo.org. Inquiries about AFDO can be directed to AFDO's Executive Director Joseph Corby.

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