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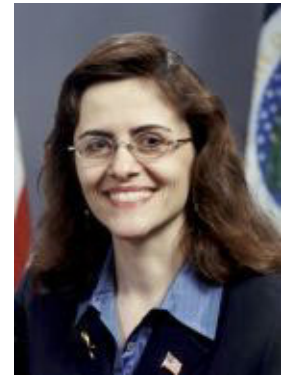
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Alliance News Lines

Information

Murano slated to speak at HACCP Alliance Board Meeting on April 29

Dr. Elsa Murano, USDA under secretary for food safety, has been invited and is scheduled to speak to Alliance board members during the International HACCP Alliance Board of Directors' Meeting on Tuesday, April 29. Dr. Garry McKee, USDA/FSIS administrator, has also been invited to attend the meeting. The board meeting will be held from 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the Loews L'Enfant Plaza Hotel in Washington, DC. All Alliance members are invited to attend the meeting.



The board will conduct business from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. and from 1:00 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. the meeting will include a discussion with USDA/FSIS personnel. FSIS representatives have been asked to discuss the future plans for training the workforce, including opportunities for joint training, and the options for standardizing the work to minimize inconsistencies.

For hotel reservations, contact the Loews L'Enfant Plaza Hotel at telephone: 202-484-1000 and ask for the International HACCP Alliance block of rooms to receive the group room rate of \$179.00 for single/double occupancy, plus tax. If you have any agenda items to add to the meeting, please contact the HACCP Alliance office at 979-862-3643.

Alliance Strategic Planning Meeting Held in College Station

On March 13, a strategic planning meeting was held for the International HACCP Alliance on the campus of Texas A&M University. In attendance were Dalton of U.S. Poultry and Egg Association, Rosemary Mucklow of National Meat Association, Joe Harris of Southwest Meat Association, Rena Pierami of Silliker, Inc., and Kerri Harris of the International HACCP Alliance. During the one-day meeting, discussions centered on the role of the International HACCP Alliance in the future, educational opportunities, and how to provide greater service to the food industry and Alliance members. The Alliance will continue to meet the following goals:

- To provide standardized curricula and accreditation for HACCP/food safety activities.
- To facilitate the standardization of support for systems for HACCP/food safety.
- To foster worldwide understanding and cooperation among industry, academia, consumers and government regarding HACCP and food safety.

HACCP Train-the-Trainer Course Planned for Fall 2003

The Food Processors Institute and the International HACCP Alliance are planning to hold the next HACCP Train-the-Trainer course in September. The date and location have not been finalized, yet, so check next month's Alliance News Lines for more details. For registration information, contact Tiffany Mooney in the HACCP Alliance office at 979-862-3643.