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**Title:**

Report- Interdisciplinary Foodborne Illness Training Committee

**Issue you would like the Conference to consider:**

The Conference for Food Protection (CFP) Interdisciplinary Foodborne Illness Training Committee (IFITC) seeks Council II's

1. Acknowledgement of its final committee report.

2. Thanking committee members for their work.

**Public Health Significance:**

Delays in reporting or investigating a possible foodborne disease outbreak can prolong an outbreak event, potentially resulting in further illness or economic disruption. Effective training of professionals in outbreak response can mitigate the effects of an outbreak.

Many states indicate utilizing some form of foodborne epi education programs, but there is great variability in training offerings. Training programs in outbreak investigation should have some consistency and a minimal level of proficiency to ensure rapid response and communication, amongst investigating parties.

The mere existence of programs does not guarantee efficacy of the training. Accreditation or voluntary standards can provide a level of quality assurance and/or consistency amongst foodborne illness training programs to ensure that professionals are comfortably prepared to investigate outbreaks, institute proper control measures, and correspond appropriately amongst the many other parties and jurisdictions involved.

**Recommended Solution: The Conference recommends...:**

to acknowledge the report and to thank the committee for its work.

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**Attachments:**

* "Interdisciplinary Foodborne Illness Training Committee Report"
* "Attachment A IFITC IFPTI Courses"
* "Attachment B IFITC CIFOR Courses"
* "Attachment C Committee Roster"

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