**Conference for Food Protection**

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| **Delegate Action:** | Accepted |  | Rejected |  |  |  |

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**Title:**

Re-create - Interdisciplinary Foodborne Illness Training Committee (IFITC)

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

That the Conference consider strategies to promote/market foodborne disease outbreak training programs so that all target agencies that could benefit from this (Universities, Health Agencies, Industry, etc.) and be advised that these could be used as guiding principleswhen developing training programs.

**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 public health professionals, health agencies, universities and industry in outbreak response can mitigate the negative impact of an outbreak. However, these entities may not be aware of the foodborne disease outbreak trainings that are currently in existence. An active promotion or marketing of these programs is needed.

The Interdisciplinary Foodborne Illness Training Committee believes that these opportunities provide the chance for the Conference for Food Protection to influence the food and beverage community, health agencies, universities, in the minimum, to have an in depth discussion about Foodborne Illness Training. At the maximum, the Conference could be the driver of change in getting everyone to choose a recommended template that would provide the most complete training possible.

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

Re-create the Interdisciplinary Foodborne Illness Training Committee (IFITC) with the charges of:

1. Continuing to **catalogue and track** foodborne disease outbreak training programs; and

2. Identifying strategies to promote/market the current foodborne disease outbreak training programs.

3. Developing strategies to:

a. Disseminate **the tracked information** on behalf of the Conference to encourage consistency when investigating foodborne illnesses

b. Develop a process that would allow easy access to the information

c. Develop **a structured and formatted easy to read document** based on the information collected so that agencies could review the training programs available

d. Include stakeholders who could provide support for program development.

4. Reporting back committee activities and outcomes to the 2016 biennial meeting of the Conference for Food Protection.

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