

“Interventions for *Listeria monocytogenes* in Retail Food Establishments”

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With approximately 230 participants, the program co-chairs were pleased with the program attendance and program content for “Interventions for *Listeria monocytogenes* in Retail Food Establishments” (full agenda is shown following this report).

The focus of the morning session was to introduce the new and emerging science related to *Listeria monocytogenes*. Speakers represented the Food and Drug Administration, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, academia, Ecolab, and the New York Department of Agriculture and Markets. Much of the focus of the presentations, as well as the round table discussion, was on the factors that affected growth, survival, and control of *Listeria monocytogenes*. New studies also provided information relative to the incidence of consumption of *Listeria monocytogenes* in retail food operations as compared to food manufacturing establishments.

The focus of the afternoon session was to focus on the control of *Listeria monocytogenes* at food manufacturing and within a retail food establishment environment. To address the food manufacturing side, we had speakers from the Food Products Association and Sara Lee Foods. To address retail food establishments, speakers represented Kroger Foods and the Food Marketing Institute. Guidance documents for control of *Listeria monocytogenes* have also been developed and they were also presented as part of this workshop. Cas Tryba from Big Y Foods presented an overview of the Conference for Food Protection’s committee on *Listeria* Intervention at Retail and Jill Hollingsworth presented information related to a document available through the Food Marketing Institute.

Respectfully Submitted, Richard Linton and Larry Eils

**Conference for Food Protection - 2006 Biennial Meeting,
April 8, 2006 – Columbus, Ohio**

“Interventions for *Listeria monocytogenes* in Retail Food Establishments”

Registration: 7:30 – 8:00 am

Program Welcome: 8:00 am – Larry Eils and Richard Linton, Program co-chairs

Morning Session: The Science of *Listeria monocytogenes*

Presentation Title	Presenter	Time
Emerging challenges for <i>Listeria monocytogenes</i> in the food industry	Dr. Michael Lynch, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention	8:15 – 8:40 am
The FDA <i>Listeria monocytogenes</i> Risk Assessment as it relates to retail foods	Dr. Sherri Dennis, Food and Drug Administration	8:40 – 9:05 am
A retail study for <i>Listeria monocytogenes</i> in ready-to-eat meat and poultry products	Dr. Ann Draughon, University of Tennessee	9:05 – 9:25 am
BREAK		9:25 – 9:45 am
<i>Listeria monocytogenes</i> and deli slicers: A Risk Assessment	Dr. Elliot Ryser, Michigan State University	9:45 – 10:05 am
Control of <i>Listeria monocytogenes</i> using chemical sanitizers	Dr. Katherine Swanson, Ecolab	10:05 – 10:25 am
Microbial testing program for <i>Listeria monocytogenes</i> in retail foods	Mr. Joe Corby, New York Dept. Ag & Markets	10:25 – 10:45 am
ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION AND QUESTIONS	All Presenters	10:45 – 11:15 am

Lunch: 11:15 – 12:30 pm (on your own)

Afternoon Session: The Implementation of *Listeria monocytogenes* Control

Presentation Title	Presenter	Time
<i>Listeria monocytogenes</i> interventions used by the food processing industry	Ms. Jenny Scott, FPA	12:30 – 12:50 pm
Interventions for controlling <i>Listeria monocytogenes</i> in ready-to-eat meats	Mr. Robert Reinhard, Sara Lee Foods	12:50 – 1:10 pm
Transitioning from <i>Listeria monocytogenes</i> control in ready-to-eat foods to food manufacturing to retail supermarkets	Dr. Payton Pruett, Kroger Foods	1:10 – 1:30 pm

BREAK		1:30 – 1:50 pm
Conference for Food Protection: <i>Listeria monocytogenes</i> intervention committee	Mr. Cas Tryba, Big Y Foods	1:50 – 2:15 am
<i>Listeria monocytogenes</i> guidance document for retail foods	Dr. Jill Hollingsworth, Food Marketing Institute	2:15 – 2:40 pm
ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION AND QUESTIONS	All Presenters	2:40 – 3:15 pm
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