

Conference for Food Protection 2006-2008
Executive Board Meeting Committee Update

Council II – Interdisciplinary Foodborne Illness Training Committee
Report
(a sub-committee of the Programs Standards Committee)

Date of Committee Report: **March 13, 2007**

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Committee Charge(s):

Cataloging existing foodborne illness investigation training programs, optimizing the training and materials used, and developing recommendations to improve sustainability and rapidly broaden dissemination of the programs.

Committee Members: (please see attached)

For each committee member, please include:

*Name
Agency or Company
Address
City, State, Zip
Phone
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E-mail*

State Regulatory

Local Regulatory

Federal

Academia

Industry

Consumer

Progress Report/Committee Activities:

A priority of this committee was to bring new members onboard to replace those who have left or were reassigned. A number of committee members have been involved in surveillance and investigation of several highly publicized national outbreaks over the past quarter. Communication during this time continued via

email. In addition, this committee created a Google user group to facilitate communication, which is currently being implemented.

Current situations continue to underscore the need for Foodborne Disease training. Other entities such as CIFOR and CSTE, CDC, and industry associations are in the process of researching and have similar charges as this committee. This committee will be looking toward exploring ways to collaborate with these groups to eliminate duplication of efforts.

New and existing Committee members are included in a separate attachment.

The next conference call for this group is tentatively scheduled for March 27, 2007.

Requested Actions: There are no requested actions at this time.