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**Conference for Food Protection (CFP)
Food Allergen Committee
Mid Term Report**

Standing Committee:
CFP Food Allergen Committee

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The Conference for Food Protection's Food Allergen Committee and members represent a diversity of disciplines including consumer groups, retail food stores, sanitation services, medical services, food service and food industry associations, federal, state and local regulatory agencies.

The Committee met to discuss and to address charges(s) and action steps are listed below:

Charge #1

Identify appropriate strategies to develop an FDA "endorsed" Allergen Management Course, including the review of course curriculum.

- Allergen training course now being developed
 - On hold until FDA guidance document to be finalized – as outline for training course
 - There are currently no training courses
 - The FDA representative will investigate
 - We will work to request a sneak preview of allergen curriculum
 - The Committee will contact Alan Gelphius, Susan Kendrick, Ron Grimes
 - We will propose a webinar from FDA to drive input and review of content as appropriate
- Gale Prince volunteered to contact the proper FDA staff

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Charge #2

Review the pending publication of FDA materials and guidance document(s) related to allergen management.

- our FDA representative provided a brief update on the guidance document
 - Several versions under current review
 - FDA will provide comments along with updated references
 - We are awaiting final clearance through CFSAN – may or not have to go through clearance of Office of Foods
 - Tentative – 2nd quarter 2011
 - Once cleared we will work to develop a strategic approach for committee to review

Charge #3

Utilize the strengths of groups like FAAN and IFIC Foundation (in cooperation with the CFP Food Allergen Committee) to define and lead a health professional outreach activity such as a "food allergy resource page" of educational materials suitable for state/local regulatory officials, food managers, and food employees.

- Use CFP to communicate to professionals (allergists, medical professionals, etc.) – CFP not the authoritative body with health professionals.
 - Spawned CDC representative to be part of the Committee
 - FAAN to provide insights on how to communicate to this group
 - Professional education
 - Pediatric Awareness Program (25,000 pediatricians)
 - Emergency Room attendant outreach initiative
 - New NIH Guidelines – diagnosis and treatment guidelines
 - We will work to weave CFP work into guidelines
 - Committee to develop a resource document for target audience
 - CFP audience, food prep, inspection communities, etc.
 - Restaurant community

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- Submit call out for volunteers to serve on task force
 - Gale to serve on subcommittee, FAAN, CDC, FDA, Charles Otto

Charge #4

Add a CDC representative to serve on the CFP Food Allergen Committee to help enhance our current public health perspectives and assist in the development and dissemination of a health professional outreach activity

- A CDC representative was added to the Committee
 - Frederick J. Angoula
 - CDC will be added to assist in Charge #3

Charge #4

Report back to the 2012 Biennial Meeting with the outcome of these charges.

- We will prepare a final report and report progress at the 2012 Biennial Meeting

Thus far we have no additional requests for the Board of recommendations for future changes.

Our next meeting / conference call is scheduled for Friday, March 25 at 3:30pm.

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