



# Conference Food Protection *Program Committee Report* For August 2005 Board Meeting

**Committee Charge:** Shall assist the Executive Director and Conference Chair in planning and arranging all Conference meetings and shall assist the Executive Director in the preparation of programs for each Conference meeting.

**Committee Members:** Rich Linton, Academia; John Marcy, Academia and Larry Eils, Industry, Chair.

**Committee Report:** The primary function of this group has been to develop a tentative CFP workshop to be held on April 8, 2006 prior to the biennial meeting. At the last Board meeting we mentioned that a grant was being pursued to put on this workshop but since then we have learned the grant was awarded to another project.

With that in mind the group held a conference call on August 4<sup>th</sup> and developed a tentative program called “Interventions for *Listeria monocytogenes* in Retail Food Establishments,” see attached. Speakers are now being contacted and it is our hope to have all of them confirmed by the August Board meeting. Even though one grant request was rejected, Dr. Linton does have \$5,000 he can use to help fund this workshop.

The group will secure CEUs for the workshop.

As for a workshop fee; the group is proposing a fee of \$100 and \$150 for late registration or at the door. We realize this is lower than the 2004 workshop (\$150/\$200) but it is our feeling this subject is too important to have people not attend because of the fee.

**Requested Action:** Based on the above report, the Program Committee requests confirmation of the workshop tentative agenda, as presented. In addition we request confirmation of the proposed fee for the 2006 biennial meeting workshop.

I would be happy to entertain any questions you may have about this proposal.