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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, foodservice and food industry associations, federal, state and local regulatory agencies. Since our last report there have been several committee member changes.

We recommend the following individuals be added to the CFP Food Allergen Committee in their new positions as listed below once confirmation of CFP membership has been received:

- Tom Foegle, Windsor Foods
- Larry Kohl, Food Lion
- Maria Acebal, Food Allergy and Anaphylaxis Network (FAAN)

After submission of our midterm report in March, we were encouraged to address the charges(s) as directed by the Conference. The current charge(s) being addressed by the Allergen Committee are:

Charge #1

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

Charge #2

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

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.

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.

Charge #5

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

We recommend Council III confirm the appropriate charge(s) to the allergen committee. Upon receipt, we are confident we will be able to address the charge(s) in a timely manner and report back to the Conference in 2012.

Until such time, we submit the following as updates to the current list of charge(s):

Charge #1

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

No immediate documents or materials are ready for review at this time. Gale Prince will continue the dialogue with FDA and will report back to the committee at our next conference call.

Charge 2:

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

The DRAFT allergen management guide continues to be under internal review at FDA. Once a DRAFT is ready for external review, the allergen committee will have the opportunity to review the document and provide appropriate input in coordination with FDA's representative to the CFP committee.

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.

Since there has been a shift in leadership at FAAN, we recommend Council III approved the addition of Maria Acebal to the CFP Committee. At that point, we will introduce Maria to the Committee as well as CFP, and provide an opportunity to re-engage interested members to address this charge.

The next conference call is scheduled to take place in September.

Attached is the 2010 – 2012 CFP Food Allergen Committee roster with recommended additions highlighted in yellow.

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