

**Scoring Food Establishment Inspections and the Reduction of Risk Factors
2010 Conference for Food Protection Council II
Report 2-27-09**

COMMITTEE NAME:

Inspections Form Scoring Committee has been formed as outlined in the Conference for Food Protection (CFP) approved issue 2008 II-041.

COUNCIL II

DATE OF REPORT 2-27-09

SUBMITTED BY:

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COMMITTEE CHARGE(S):

The CFP recommends the creation of a Scoring Ad-Hoc Committee charged with the following:

- Develop a research proposal to determine the most effective scoring system.
- Identify possible funding sources and researchers to conduct the research.
- Report the committee's findings back to the conference at the 2010 Biennial meeting.

PROGRESS REPORT / COMMITTEE ACTIVITIES WITH ACTIVITY DATES:

The committee has met on the following dates:

- September 3, 2008
- October 8, 2008
- November 12, 2008
- January 14, 2009

Co-chair Liz Pozzebon met by phone with Caroline Smith DeWaal of the **Center for Science in the Public Interest** (CSPI). A CSPI representative will be joining our committee. The CSPI has previously recommended in a report titled "Dirty Dining, Have Reservations?" that the:

"FDA and the Conference for Food Protection should revise the Food Code to include the use of publicly posted inspection grade cards as part of a comprehensive inspection process."

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CSPI has created an inspection form with scoring. They used a survey of 1200 consumers. The findings indicated that an A, B, C type of rating system was preferred. In addition, a three tiered weighting system was identified based on risk factors, encompassing everything from critical violations to GRP violations.

National Institute of Health and the USDA Agriculture Research and Extension Service may have funds available for this type of research. Committee member Eric Pippert is researching this and other funding possibilities.

Loma Linda University has agreed to assist us by providing resources from their Health Research Group. Floyd Peterson, Assistant Professor Epidemiology & Biostatistics, is in the process of creating a research proposal for the committee to evaluate. The proposal will contain the complete research scheme with the estimated cost of the study. The committee approved proposal will be marketed to various groups to obtain funding.