

2024 FSPCA ANNUAL CONFERENCE

A Global Community Navigating a Changing Landscape

Chicago Marriott Southwest at Burr Ridge

1200 Burr Ridge Parkway, Burr Ridge, IL 60527

Tuesday, November 19 – Wednesday, November 20, 2024

Day 1: 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM U.S. Central; Networking Reception 5:00 – 6:30 PM U.S. Central

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ABOUT FSPCA

The Food Safety Preventive Controls Alliance (FSPCA) is a broad-based public-private alliance of key industry, academia and government stakeholders. It was established in late 2011 by a grant from the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) to Illinois Tech's Institute for Food Safety and Health (IIT IFSH).

Vision: Be the internationally recognized trusted source for training programs and outreach for the prevention-oriented standards of the US Food Safety Modernization Act (FSMA).

Mission: Assist the human and animal food industry and related entities in building food safety capacity through education, training and outreach with an emphasis on small-, and medium-sized businesses.

WHY PARTICIPATE?

This is a must-attend event. Food safety impacts all of us every day, and this must-attend event will help you navigate the evolving landscape of food safety and its impact on FSMA prevention-oriented standards. Come interact with your peers from industry, academia, and government.

This conference will provide an in-depth understanding of the latest information on FSMA implementation and the current activities of the FSPCA and its stakeholders.

RECEIVE AN OFFICIAL FSPCA CERTIFICATE OF ATTENDANCE

After the Conference, look for an email from FSPCA with a link to the attendee survey. Complete the survey to receive your personalized Certificate of Attendance. The printable certificate will include the conference year and title, your name exactly how it was submitted when you registered, and the FSPCA and IFSH logos. This official certificate of attendance will be signed by the Executive Director of IFSH and Director of FSPCA.

REGISTRATION: <https://2024.FSPCA.Annual.Conference.eventbrite.com>

TICKET TYPE	FEE	REGISTRATION CLOSES
Early Bird	\$599.00 USD, plus fees	October 1, 2024 at 9:00 AM U.S. Central
General Admission	\$699.00 USD, plus fees	November 11, 2024 at 9:00 AM U.S. Central
Government/Academia¹	\$399.00 USD, plus fees	November 11, 2024 at 9:00 AM U.S. Central
Full Time Student²	\$249.00 USD, plus fees	November 11, 2024 at 9:00 AM U.S. Central

¹ **Government Rate:** We recognize a government email address as: "...@gov" and an academia email as "...@edu"

² **Full Time Student Rate:** Students attending university full-time are eligible

Cancellation Policy: No refunds will be given after registration payment has been completed. However, if FSPCA cancels the event, all attendees will receive a full refund. Transferring registration to another person is allowable. However, if applicable, ticket fee differences will apply.

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MEALS AND BEVERAGES

Day 1:

- Registration opens at 8:00 AM, one hour prior to the Conference start time. Use this time to network with your peers and visit our sponsor tables.
- A light breakfast will be served between 8:00 – 9:00 AM CT.
- A buffet lunch will be served beginning at 11:30 AM CT
- Beverage service and snacks will be available throughout the Conference
- During the 5:00 – 6:30 PM Networking Reception appetizers and beverages will be served. One alcoholic drink ticket provided per registered Conference attendee.

Day 2:

- Registration opens at 7:00 AM, one hour prior to the Conference start time. Use this time to network with your peers or visit our sponsor tables.
- A light breakfast will be available between 7:00 – 8:00 AM CT
- Beverage service and snacks will be available throughout the Conference
- A buffet lunch will be served beginning at 11:30 AM CT

NOTE! The menu should accommodate most dietary restrictions. However, please indicate any dietary restrictions when prompted during registration. If you have a SEVERE food allergy, we recommend you make other meal arrangements.

LODGING

You may choose any hotel you prefer. Each individual guest must make their own reservation. The FSPCA has secured a room block at the Chicago Marriott Southwest at Burr Ridge for a rate of \$194.00 USD + applicable taxes/per night. A limited number of rooms are available in the block. Once the block is filled no additional rooms will be available at the discounted group rate. Each individual guest must make their own reservation **no later than 10/28/2024**.

- Call: (630) 986-4100. Guests calling to make reservations must identify themselves as attending the FSPCA Annual Conference to receive the reduced rate.
- Book online: <https://www.marriott.com/events/start.mi?id=1706814004074&key=GRP>

PARKING

Hotel parking is complimentary

AIRPORT INFORMATION

Chicago Midway International Airport (MDW)

5700 S Cicero Ave, Chicago, IL 60638
13.1 miles from the Conference venue

Chicago O'Hare International Airport (ORD)

10000 W O'Hare Ave, Chicago, IL 60666
21.0 miles from the Conference venue

ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS? Contact the FSPCA at fspca@iit.edu

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DAY 1 CONFERENCE AGENDA*

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 2024			
MAIN CONFERENCE REGISTRATION OPENS 8:00 AM			
LIGHT BREAKFAST/NETWORKING 8:00 – 9:00 AM			
START	END	SESSION	PRESENTERS/MODERATORS
9:00 AM	9:05 AM	Welcome	Presenter: Jason Wan
9:05 AM	9:15 AM	Opening Remarks	Presenter: Brian Schaneberg
9:15 AM	10:00 AM	Keynote Speaker	Presenter: Erik P. Mettler
10:00 AM	10:15 AM	FSPCA Operational Highlights	Presenters: Jason Wan, Kathy Gombas
10:15 AM	11:45 AM	Food Traceability Rule	Presenters: Melinda Hayman, Lisa Weddig, Hilary Thesmar, Michael Roberson, Dr. Michelle Danyluk Moderator: Juan Silva
LUNCH 11:45 AM – 12:45 PM			
BREAKOUT SESSIONS			
START	END	SESSION	EXPERTS/MODERATORS/SCRIBES
12:45 PM	1:45 PM	Ask an Expert: FDA Perspectives on Human Food	Expert: Glenn Bass Moderator/Scribe: Lillian Hsu
12:45 PM	1:45 PM	Ask an Expert: FDA Perspectives on Animal Food	Experts: Jennifer Abrahamzon, David Fairfield Moderator/Scribe: Chris Lincecum
BREAK 1:45 – 2:15 PM			
MAIN CONFERENCE			
START	END	SESSION	PRESENTERS/MODERATORS
2:15 PM	3:15 PM	PCHF Version 2.0 - A New Approach to Hazard Analysis	Presenters: Kathy Gombas, Lillian Hsu Moderator: Claudia Coles
3:15 PM	4:00 PM	Evolving Food Safety Plans: An Adaptive, Responsive Plant Culture	Presenters: Scott A. Rankin Moderator: Matt Botos
4:00 PM	4:55 PM	Awards and Recognition Presentations	Presenters: Jason Wan, Brian Schaneberg, Kathy Gombas
4:55 PM	5:00 PM	Closing Remarks	Presenter: Jason Wan
NETWORKING RECEPTION 5:00 – 6:30 PM			
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Opening Remarks

Brian Schaneberg, Executive Director, Institute for Food Safety and Health (IFSH)

Keynote Speaker

Erik P. Mettler, Assistant Commissioner for Integration, Office of Integrated Food Safety System Partnerships (OIFSSP), Human Foods Program (HFP), U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA)

FSPCA Operational Highlights

Jason Wan, Associate Director, Institute for Food Safety and Health (IFSH), Director, FSPCA

Kathy Gombas, Food Safety Consultant, FSMA Solutions

Discover the FSPCA's mission, key achievements, and ongoing efforts advance FSMA implementation. Gain insights into the people behind the organization, their impactful work, and the ambitious goals set for the future.

Food Traceability Rule

Melinda Hayman, Consumer Safety Officer, Compliance Policy Staff, Office of Compliance, Human Foods Program (HFP), U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA)

Lisa Weddig, Chief Food Safety Officer, National Fisheries Institute (NFI)

Hilary Thesmar, Chief Science Officer and Senior Vice President, The Food Industry Association (FMI)

Michael Roberson, Director of Corporate Quality Assurance, Publix Supermarkets Inc.

Dr. Michelle Danyluk, Professor and Extension Specialist of Food Safety and Microbiology, University of Florida

As the latest advancement in FSMA regulations, the FDA's Food Traceability Rule represents a pivotal shift in food safety, establishing itself as the "eighth pillar" of FSMA. Published in November 2022, this rule mandates detailed traceability recordkeeping for high-risk foods listed on the Food Traceability List (FTL). With the compliance deadline approaching, our expert panel will provide a clear overview of what this rule means for the industry and how it aims to enhance food safety by enabling faster, more efficient responses to potential outbreaks. Don't miss this opportunity to understand the full scope of the Food Traceability Rule and its impact on the industry.

Breakout Session: Ask an Expert - FDA Perspectives on Human Food

Glenn Bass, Deputy Director, Human and Animal Food Operations-West, Office of Regulatory Affairs (ORA), U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA)

Session description to come.

Breakout Session: Ask an Expert - FDA Perspectives on Animal Food

Jennifer Abrahamzon, Regulatory Counsel, Center for Veterinary Medicine (CVM), U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA)

David Fairfield, Senior Vice President, Feed Services, National Grain and Feed Association (NGFA)

Join us for a brief presentation on current hot topics and a compliance overview for the PCAF regulation. Then it's your turn to ask questions to our experts.

PCHF Version 2.0 - A New Approach to Hazard Analysis

Kathy Gombas, Food Safety Consultant, FSMA Solutions

Lillian Hsu, Policy Analyst, Office of Food Policy and Response (OFPR), Human Foods Program (HFP), U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA)

You won't want to miss this session where FSPCA and FDA will discuss a more robust approach in identifying potential food safety hazards in human food. The new approach places a magnifying glass on identifying common process- and facility-related hazards that may be introduced at the ingredient supplier level or at the manufacturer's own facility. FSPCA and FDA will discuss how this approach has been integrated into the updated FSPCA V2.0 Human Food curriculum and FDA's regulator training.

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Evolving Food Safety Plans: An Adaptive, Responsive Plant Culture

Scott A. Rankin, Professor and Chair, Department of Food Science, University of Wisconsin-Madison

Food safety plans are a function of many pressures and influences. In fact, the number and type of these influences continues to evolve and shift to the degree that manufacturers need to continue to revise their food safety plans accordingly. Using case studies and audience participation, this talk endeavors to illustrate the need to be literate of and responsive to the changing food safety landscape.

Awards and Recognition Presentations

Jason Wan, Associate Director, Institute for Food Safety and Health (IFSH), Director, FSPCA

Brian Schaneberg, Executive Director, Institute for Food Safety and Health (IFSH)

Kathy Gombas, Food Safety Consultant, FSMA Solutions

Celebrate the achievements of those who have made a remarkable impact on food safety during the 2024 FSPCA Awards and Recognition Ceremony. This is a unique opportunity to be inspired by those who have gone above and beyond to enhance food safety practices and make a difference in the industry.

Closing Remarks

Jason Wan, Associate Director, Institute for Food Safety and Health (IFSH), Director, FSPCA

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MAIN CONFERENCE REGISTRATION OPENS AT 7:00 AM			
LIGHT BREAKFAST/NETWORKING 7:00 – 8:00 AM			
START	END	SESSION	PRESENTERS/MODERATORS
8:00 AM	8:05 AM	Welcome Back	Presenter: Jason Wan
8:05 AM	8:30 AM	Update on the Implementation of the IA Rule	Presenter: Jon Woody Moderator: Hilary Thesmar
8:30 AM	9:30 AM	Winning Strategies: Industry Experiences in Enhancing Food Safety	Presenters: David Clifford, Joe Meyer, John Budin, Lori Ledenbach Moderator: Matt Botos
BREAK 9:30 – 10:00 AM			
10:00 AM	10:45 AM	Regional FSMA Centers	Presenters: Annie Fitzgerald, Jodi Williams Dr. Joy Waite-Cusic, Dr. Michelle Danyluk Moderator: Jerry Wojtala
10:45 AM	11:30 AM	Navigating FDA & FSPCA Technical Assistance Networks	Presenters: Kathy Gombas, Lillian Hsu, Dawn Johnson, Martin Bucknavage Moderator: Kathy Gombas
LUNCH 11:30 – 12:30 PM			
BREAKOUT SESSIONS			
START	END	BREAKOUT SESSION	EXPERTS/MODERATORS/SCRIBES
12:30 PM	1:30 PM	Case Study: Animal Food Mitigating Hazards Under a Flexible Regulation	Experts: Jennifer Abrahamzon, David Fairfield Moderator/Scribe: Chris Lincecum
12:30 PM	1:30 PM	Evaluating Recent Recalls to Identify Relevant Food Safety Issues	Experts: Martin Bucknavage Moderator/Scribe: Amy Philpott
BREAK 1:30 – 1:45 PM			
MAIN CONFERENCE			
START	END	SESSION	PRESENTERS/MODERATORS
1:45 PM	2:45 PM	Supply Chain Disruptions: Solutions for the Food Industry	Presenter: John Spink Moderator: Jerry Wojtala
2:45 PM	3:25 PM	Breakout Sessions Report Out	Presenter: Claudia Coles Moderator: Ron Tanner
3:25 PM	3:30 PM	Closing Remarks	Presenter: Jason Wan
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Update on the Implementation of the IA Rule

Jon Woody, Director, Division of Preparedness & Emergency Programs (DPEP), Office of Coordinated Outbreak Response, Evaluation & Emergency Preparedness (CORE+EP), Human Foods Program (HFP), U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA)

An update on the implementation of the FSMA final rule, “Mitigation Strategies to Protect Food Against Intentional Adulteration” (IA rule), with a focus on the current state of industry and regulatory training, as well as a discussion about the inspectional approach.

Winning Strategies: Industry Experiences in Enhancing Food Safety

David Clifford, Director of Food Safety, Nestlé USA

Joe Meyer, Global Microbiology Lead, Kerry

John Budin, Quality Director, Specialty Flavors, McCormick

Lori Ledenbach, Principal, Ledenbach Food Safety, LLC

As regulations tighten and consumer expectations rise, what winning strategies are top companies using to stay ahead of tomorrow's food safety challenges? Join us for an insightful discussion with food industry leaders on the strategies and tactics they use to enhance food safety and keep consumers safe. Don't miss this opportunity to learn from your peers and stand apart in the food industry.

Regional FSMA Centers

Annie Fitzgerald, Research Specialist, Northeast Center to Advance Food Safety (NECAFS)

Jodi Williams, National Program Leader in Food Safety, U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), National Institute of Food and Agriculture

Dr. Joy Waite-Cusic, Associate Professor of Food Safety Systems, Oregon State University

Dr. Michelle Danyluk, Professor and Extension Specialist of Food Safety and Microbiology, University of Florida

This session will explore the pivotal role Regional FSMA Training Centers play in supporting small food processors through targeted training and outreach. Regional representatives and USDA's program director will share insights into the unique challenges faced by small and mid-sized processors in complying with FSMA regulations. They will also highlight strategies, resources, and best practices for delivering effective food safety training, including how tailored programs address specific industry needs, language barriers, and financial constraints. This session will also offer opportunities to discuss how partnerships and community engagement are key to ensuring food safety across the supply chain, especially for smaller operators.

Navigating FDA & FSPCA Technical Assistance Networks

Kathy Gombas, Food Safety Consultant, FSMA Solutions

Lillian Hsu, Policy Analyst, Office of Food Policy and Response (OFPR), Human Foods Program (HFP), U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA)

Martin Bucknavage, Senior Food Safety Extension Associate, Penn State Department of Food Science

Dawn Johnson, Program Manager, Food Safety Preventive Controls Alliance (FSPCA)

Do you need assistance understanding the requirements of the FDA FSMA regulations and how they apply to you? Or have scientific technical questions as you navigate the implementation of your food safety plan? This session will introduce the latest improvements to the FSPCA TAN to better assist the food industry with their scientific questions as well as support Lead Instructors who may have Preventive Controls for Human Food V2.0 curriculum questions.

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Breakout Session: Case Study: Animal Food - Mitigating Hazards Under a Flexible Regulation

Jennifer Abrahamzon, Regulatory Counsel, Center for Veterinary Medicine (CVM), U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA)

David Fairfield, Senior Vice President, Feed Services, National Grain and Feed Association (NGFA)

Have you ever wondered how different firms approach building an animal food safety system? Join us as we walk through some case studies to illustrate different approaches to mitigating hazards under a flexible regulation.

Breakout Session: Evaluating Recent Recalls to Identify Relevant Food Safety Issues

Martin Bucknavage, Senior Food Safety Extension Associate, Penn State Department of Food Science

While published studies on recalls and outbreak are useful for providing information on related causes, these are often based on data several years old. In this presentation, recalls and outbreaks from the past six months will be discussed with a focus on determining common underlying causes. Using such analysis provides instructors with more relevant evidence for informing participants on the importance of properly developing and implementing preventive controls.

Supply Chain Disruptions: Solutions for the Food Industry

John Spink, Director of Food Fraud Prevention Academy and Assistant Professor, Michigan State University

The nature of the world marketplace is a shift to constant supply chain disruptions and emerging risks which leads to a need to build systems to not only 'fix' current problems but to become resilient to 'everything' and 'anything.'

Breakout Sessions Report Out

Claudia Coles, President, Seafood Products Association (SPA)

How did the breakout sessions for the conference go? Find out what you missed if you were not able to attend all the sessions in this brief recap of the questions and conversations held during these discussions.

Closing Remarks

Jason Wan, Associate Director, Institute for Food Safety and Health (IFSH), Director, FSPCA