

FDA NORTHEAST REGION ANNUAL FOOD PROTECTION SEMINAR

To: All FDA Certified Inspection/Training Officers
Retail Food Protection Program Managers
FDA Investigators Standardized in Retail Food Sanitation
Interested Parties

From: New York Department of Health; Bureau of Community Environmental Health and Food Protection
New York Department of Agriculture & Markets; Division of Food Safety & Inspection
Food & Drug Administration
Central Atlantic States Association of Food & Drug Officials NENY Conference

Date: June 12, 2008

Subject: FDA Northeast Region Annual Food Protection Seminar

This year New York will host the FDA Northeast Region Annual Food Protection Seminar on:
August 20 - 22, 2008 at the Albany Crowne Plaza
30 Lodge Street, Albany, NY
Telephone: 518-462-6611

Co-sponsored by the New York Department of Health, the New York Department of Agriculture & Markets, and the North East New York Conference of *CASA*.

This year's agenda includes the following topics:

- *New Listeria Guidance*
- *Recalls*
- *Case Studies of Hepatitis A Episodes*
- *Raw Milk Issues*
- *Food Safety for Direct Marketing*
- *Mercury in Fish*
- *Lead Prevention and Protection*
- *EHS/Net Update*
- *CFP Update*
- *Food Safety Issues for Locally Grown Products*
- *Employee Health Control Measures*
- *Good Agricultural Practices*

There will also be a special forum on Thursday afternoon for the purpose of engaging our partners in a discussion about the strengths, challenges and needs of retail food programs in this country. Federal state collaborations and the FDA's Food Protection and Import Action Plans will be discussed at this time. This forum will provide program managers a unique opportunity to offer their own ideas and help shape the national agenda.

See you at the seminar!

Crowne Plaza Hotel

**State & Lodge Streets
Albany, New York 12207**

Hotel Front Desk: 518-462-6611 | Hotel Fax: 518-462-2901

Mention FDA Regional Meeting to receive the special government rate of \$105/night.

These rates are available for August 19- 21.

You must make your reservation by July 30, 2008 to receive the government rate.

DIRECTIONS

From the South:

Take the NYS Thruway (I-87) North to Exit 23. After the toll, follow to I-787 North. Take Exit 4 and follow the signs to Broadway by turning left at the 1st traffic light. Continue on Broadway and turn left on State Street. Continue up State Street to the 2nd traffic light and turn right on Lodge Street. The Crowne Plaza is on the corner of State and Lodge Streets.

From the North:

Take the 'Northway' (I-87) South to I-90 East. Follow I-90 East to I-787 South. Use Exit 4B (Clinton Avenue). At the light, turn left onto Broadway. At the 4th traffic light, turn right on State Street. Continue up State Street to the 2nd traffic light and turn right on Lodge Street. The Crowne Plaza is on the corner of State and Lodge Streets.

From the West:

Take the NYS Thruway (I-90) East to Exit 24. After the toll, continue to follow signs for I-90 East to I-787 South. Use Exit 4B (Clinton Avenue). At the light, turn left onto Broadway. At the 4th traffic light, turn right on State Street. Continue up State Street to the 2nd traffic light and turn right on Lodge Street. The Crowne Plaza is on the corner of State and Lodge Streets.

From the East:

Take I-90 West to I-787 South. Use Exit 4B (Clinton Avenue). At the light, turn left onto Broadway. At the 4th traffic light, turn right on State Street. Continue up State Street to the 2nd traffic light and turn right on Lodge Street. The Crowne Plaza is on the corner of State and Lodge Streets.

From the Albany International Airport:

Go straight out of the airport. Follow the Albany signs to I-87 South. Take I-87 South to I-90 East. Follow I-90 East to I-787 South. Use Exit 4B (Clinton Avenue). At the light, turn left onto Broadway. At the 4th traffic light, turn right on State Street. Continue up State Street to the 2nd traffic light and turn right on Lodge Street. The Crowne Plaza is on the corner of State and Lodge Streets.

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REGISTRATION

Complete this form with a check payable to "NENY CASA" and mail to:

Bureau of Community Environmental Health & Food Protection
547 River Street
Room 515
Troy, New York 12180

Registration must be received by July 30, 2008.

_____ Full Conference \$175.00 *

*** Full conference registration fee includes cost of attendance at meetings for all three days, breaks, and the Thursday evening dinner.**

_____ Daily Conference \$90.00

Circle one: Wednesday, Thursday or Friday

Daily conference registration fee includes cost of attendance at meetings and breaks.

_____ Daily Conference and Thursday Banquet \$130.00

NAME: _____

AGENCY: _____

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August 20 –22, 2008

Wednesday, Aug. 20 Morning Session

7:30 – 8:30

Continental Breakfast

8:00 - 8:30

Registration

8:30 - 9:00

Welcome/Introductory Remarks:

NYSDOH

Patrick Hooker - NYSA&M Commissioner

Elizabeth O'Malley - FDA Director of Cooperative Programs

Bruce Skolnick – FDA Deputy Regional Director

9:00 – 10:00

Listeria Update – FDA's New Compliance Policy & Guidance for Listeria Control

Peter Trunk - FDA

Dave Gombas - United Fresh Produce Association

10:00 – 10:15

Break

10:15 – 11:00

Case Study of a Hepatitis A Episode

Gerry Johnson & Josh Schaffzin - NYS Bureau of Communicable Diseases

11:00 – 11:30

Social Marketing of Food Safety

Ben Chapman

11:30 – 12:00

CFP Update

Shirley Bohm - FDA/CFSAN

12:00 – 1:15

LUNCH (on your own)

Afternoon Session

1:15 –2:15

CFSAN Update

Shirley Bohm - FDA/CFSAN

2:15 – 3:15

Raw Milk Issues

Will Francis - NYSA&M

Steve Pierson - FDA Regional Milk Specialist

3:15 – 3:30

Break

3:30 – 4:00

Lead Protection and Prevention

Deborah Nagin - NY City Dept. of Health & Mental Hygiene

4:00 – 4:30

Mercury in Fish

Wendy McKelvey - NY City Dept. of Health & Mental Hygiene

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8:30 -10:00

Recalls (Panel Discussion)

Rich Olson - NYSA&M

Maria Caride -FDA/NYC District

Jack Guzewich - FDA

Larry Kohl - Food Marketing Institute

10:00 – 10:15

Break

10:15 – 11:00

“Operation Happy New Year” – A Collaborative Federal
State Inspection Activity

Tony Campo – USDA/SITC

Angela Montalbano - NYSA&M

11:00 –12:00

EHS/Net Update

Barbara Gerzonich - NYSDOH

Tracy Weeks - CT Dept. of Public Health CTDOH

Tom Neary – RI Dept. of Health

12:00 – 1:00

LUNCH (on your own)

Afternoon Session

1:00 – 2:15

State Reports (Panel Discussion)

ME-HIth, ME-Ag, NH-HIth, VT-HIth, VT-Ag, NY-HIth,

NY-Ag, MA-FPP, CT-HIth, CT-DCP, RI-HIth

2:15 – 3:00

Consumers' Perspective

Jean Halloran – Consumers Union

3:00 – 3:15

Break

3:15 – 4:15

Looking Forward: The Next 10 Years and Report from
50 State Meeting

Jack Guzewich - FDA

4:15 – 6:00

Program Manager Briefing – Discussion of Specific
Federal State Collaboration Efforts & Ideas for
Enhancement

FDA Food Protection Plan

FDA Action Plan for Imports

FDA/ORA Revitalization

6:00 – 8:00

Networking Session and Dinner

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7:30 – 8:30

Moderator:

Continental Breakfast

8:30 –9:15

Good Agricultural Practices – Self Assessment
Program for Growers & Packers
Betsy Bihn - Cornell University

9:15 – 10:15

Food Safety Issues for Direct Marketing Activities
(Farmers Market & Internet Sales)
William Kalabanka – NYSA&M
Tracey Weeks - CT Dept. of Public Health
Hal Prince - ME Division of Quality Assurance and
Regulations

10:15 – 10:30

Break

10:30 - 11:15

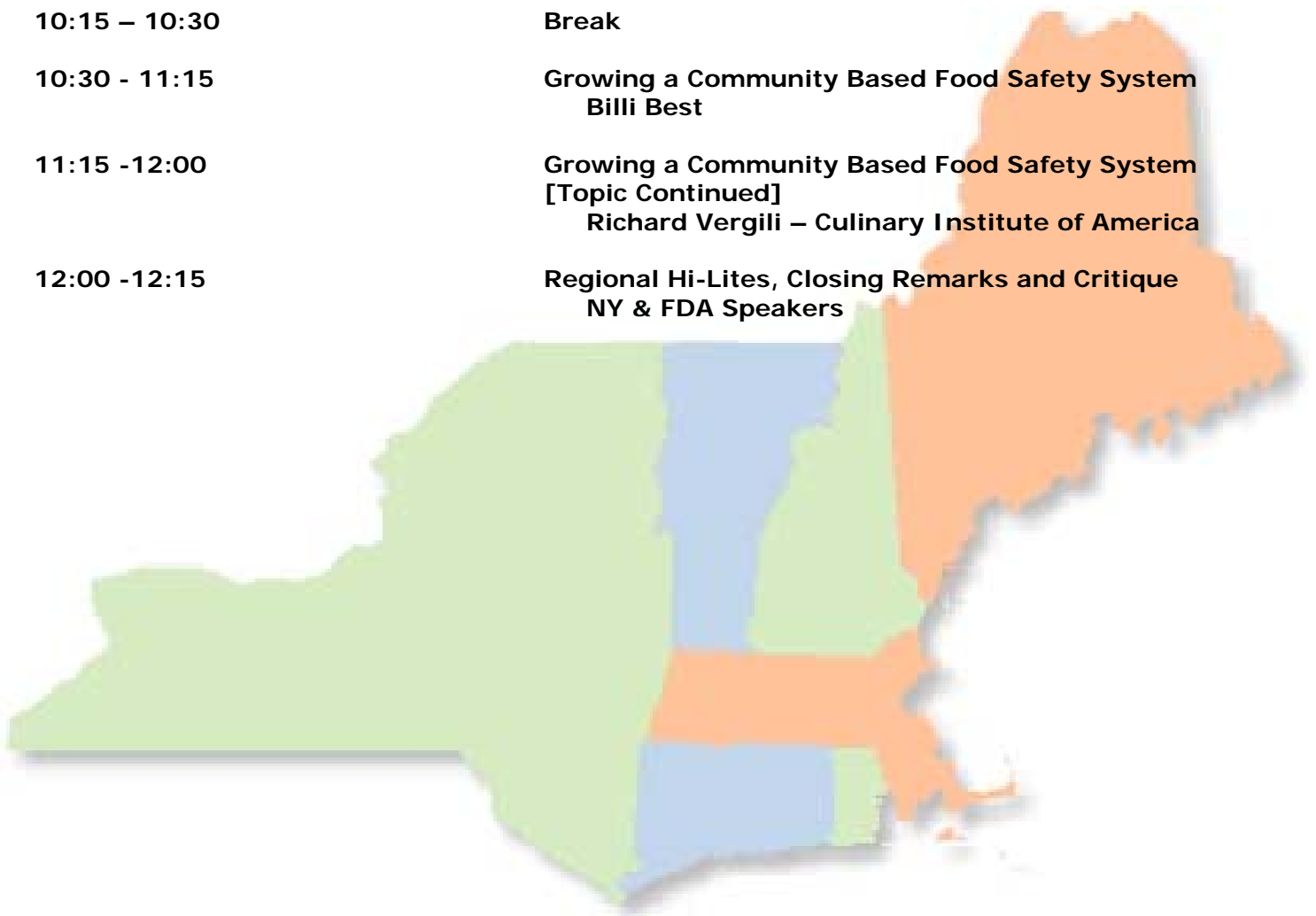
Growing a Community Based Food Safety System
Billi Best

11:15 -12:00

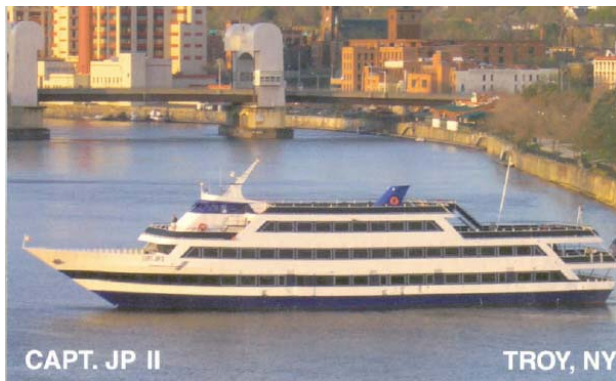
Growing a Community Based Food Safety System
[Topic Continued]
Richard Vergili – Culinary Institute of America

12:00 -12:15

Regional Hi-Lites, Closing Remarks and Critique
NY & FDA Speakers



Fun things to do while in the Capital District Area!



Wednesday evening in Troy, 7pm
**Captain JP Cruise Line Dinner
and Comedy Cruise**
www.captainjp.homestead.com
Purchase tickets online in advance

Tuesday evening in Saratoga Springs, 7pm

The Allman Brothers Band

Wednesday, Thursday or Friday, 8pm

The Philadelphia Orchestra

Saratoga Performing Arts Center
www.spac.org



Friday afternoon or Saturday in Lake George

The Great Escape

In case you bring the kids or are young at heart!

www.sixflags.com/greatescape



Saturday in Saratoga Springs

The Traver's Race

www.saratogaracetrack.com/Travers

