

McLellan chairs advisory committee

Mark McLellan has been named chair of the Food and Drug Administration's Food Advisory Committee. He will serve in this



position through June 2008 and will lead a group of 17 scientists, consumer advocates, and industry representatives consulted by FDA for

advice on complex or controversial issues. The committee said that it may address topics ranging from basic food safety and product labeling to genetically modified foods, allergens, and emerging pathogens.

McLellan, a Past President and Professional Member of IFT, is Dean for Research and Director of the Florida Agricultural Experiment Station at the University of Florida's Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences.

Riaz and Anjum receive extrusion grant

Mian N. Riaz and Faqir M. Anjum have received a grant to establish an extrusion technology center at the University of Agriculture-Faisalabad in Pakistan.

The Centre for Excellence in Extrusion Technology will facilitate teaching, research, and product development for students; strengthen cooperation between the United States and Pakistan in the field of research and development through close collaboration between the two nations; and provide educational support to private and government entities.

Riaz, a Professional Member of IFT, is the head of the Extrusion

Technology Program and Graduate Faculty of Food Science and Technology Program at Texas A&M University's Food Protein Research and Development Center. Anjum, a Member of IFT, is Director of the Institute of Food Science and Technology at the University of Agriculture-Faisalabad.

The grant was awarded by the Pakistan-U.S. Science and Technology Cooperative Program, which includes the National Academy of Sciences, U.S. Agency for International Development, and Higher Education Commission of Pakistan.

Lewandowski elected to IAFP board

The International Association for Food Protection has elected Vickie Lewandowski to serve as secretary of its executive board. She will fulfill a five-year commitment to IAFP and will serve as President in 2009-10.

Currently, she is an associate principal microbiologist at Kraft Foods, where she is responsible for providing microbiological and food safety expertise to the company's global cream cheese, cultured dairy products, and specialty cheese business. She is a Member of IFT.

Helferich named Endresen Lecturer

John Helferich was recently named the 17th Endresen Lecturer by the Dept. of Food Science at the University of Massachusetts.

He is Vice President of University Research for Masterfoods USA, where he is responsible for creating and managing links between leading

management thinkers and strategic problems at Masterfoods. He also has appointments as a visiting professor at the McIntire School of Commerce at the University of Virginia, a visiting scholar at the Sloan School of Management at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, and an executive-in-residence at the College of Business Administration at Northeastern University. He is a Member of IFT.

Butts receives food safety award

John N. Butts has won the *Food Safety Magazine* Distinguished Service Award for promoting and advancing science-based solutions for food safety issues.

He is Vice President of Research at Land O'Frost Inc. The award recognizes his work in the development of the company's "Seek & Destroy" program of sanitation, equipment, and maintenance; his leadership in the implementation of one of the first food processing plant HACCP programs in the United States; and his leadership in his company's application of the AMI Principles of Sanitary Equipment and Facilities Design guidelines in the construction and design of Land O'Frost's new Greenfield processing facility.

Butts is a Professional Member of IFT. **FT**

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