***Food Additives: A Global Perspective on Safety***

***Evaluation and Use***

*Hilton Hanoi Opera  
Hanoi, Vietnam*

*September 13, 2016*

**AGENDA**

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| 8:30am-9:00am | Registration |
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| 9:00am | Welcome and Introductory Remarks  *Mr. Nicholas Gardner, International Food Additives Council (IFAC)*  *Mr. Mark Dries, Agricultural Counselor, U.S. Embassy, Hanoi, Vietnam*  Opening Remarks  *Ms. Tran Viet Nga, Deputy Director General*  *Vietnam Food Administration (VFA)* |
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| 9:15am | Global Harmonization and the General Standards for Food Additives (GSFA)  *Mitch Cheeseman on behalf of the American Beverage Association (ABA)*  *Contact email: mcheeseman@steptoe.com* |
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| 9:45am | Safety of Food Additives: The Regulatory Roadmap  *Dr. Manojit Basu, International Council of Grocery Manufacturers Associations (ICGMA)*  *Contact email: MBasu@gmaonline.org* |
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| 10:15 am | Coffee Break |
| 10:45am | Understanding the Risk Assessment Process  *Dr. Mitchell Cheeseman, Former FDA Dir. Office of Food Additive Safety/Calorie Control Council (CCC)*  *Contact email: mcheeseman@steptoe.com* |
| 11:15 am  11:45 am | GRAS Overview and Industry Perspectives  *Ms. Aliah Wahab, International Food Additives Council (IFAC)*  *Contact email: ngardner@kellencompany.com*  The FEMA GRASTM Program and Global Flavor Safety Evaluation  *Mr. John Hallagan, Flavors Extracts Manufacturers Association of the United States (FEMA)* |
| 12:15 pm  12:30 pm | *Contact email:* *hondobear@aol.com*  Morning Question and Answer Session  *Lunch* |
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| 1:30 pm | Safety and Benefits of Alternative Sweeteners  *Dr. Mitchell Cheeseman, Former FDA Dir. Office of Food Additive Safety/Calorie Control Council (CCC)*  *Contact email: mcheeseman@steptoe.com* |
| 2:00 pm | Safety and Benefits of Food Colors  *Ms. Christi Simon, International Association of Color Manufacturers (IACM)*  *Contact email:* |
| 2:30 pm | The Winemaking Process: From Vine to Wine  *Mr. Tom LaFaille, Wine Institute of California / Wine America*  *Contact email: tlafaille@wineinstitute.org* |
| 3:15 pm | |  | | --- | | Coffee Break | |
| 3:45 pm  4:15 pm | History of safety evaluation and regulatory status of monosodium glutamate (MSG)  *Dr. Miro Smriga, International Glutamate Technical Committee (IGTC)*  *Contact email: miro\_smriga@ajinomoto.com*  Suitability of Food Additives: Natural vs Artificial  *Ms. Aliah Wahab, International Food Additives Council (IFAC)*  *Contact email: ngardner@kellencompany.com* |
| 4:45 pm | Research, Policy, and Compliance: The three pillars supporting the Consumer Packaged Goods (CPG) Industry  *Dr. Manojit Basu, International Council of Grocery Manufacturers Associations (ICGMA)*  *Contact email: MBasu@gmaonline.org* |
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| 5:15  5:30pm | Afternoon Questions and Answer Session  Closing Remarks and Thank you  *Mr. Nicholas Gardner, International Food Additives Council (IFAC)* |