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International Society of Regulatory Toxicology and Pharmacology (ISRTP)

Presents

A Workshop on GRAS Determinations

ASEA Conference Center
1575 I Street, NW
Washington, DC 20005
(McPherson Square Metro)

A “Generally Recognized as Safe” (GRAS ) Determination is a science-based process that employs the most comprehensive toxicological and exposure data, as analyzed critically and independently by experts qualified in their respective sub-disciplines to evaluate the safety of foods and food ingredients, often as specially-convened panels. Achievement of consensus about safety of the intended food use is central to assurance of the integrity of the process. The integrity of GRAS determinations and the Food and Drug Administration’s reliance on the GRAS review process has come under fire.

The ISRTP Workshop on GRAS Determinations will provide a forum for leading scientific experts to contribute to the ongoing debate prompted by the recent barrage of criticisms of GRAS determinations. Speakers will examine the merits and possible limitations of the GRAS review process, and lead discussion of various means for enhancing the value of GRAS determinations in assuring the safety of our food supply. Your experience and expertise is essential to bringing meaningful insight to the discussion.

Speakers include:
Antonia Mattia, Ph.D., Director, Division of Biotechnology and GRAS Notice Review, CFSAN Office of Food Additive Safety (OFAS), FDA; and
William T. Allaben, Ph.D., ATS, University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences, 2014 recipient of FDA’s Lifetime Scientific Achievement Award

Day 1
❖ Basic Principles for Evaluating the Safety of Food Ingredients
❖ Chemistry Assessments to Support GRAS Determinations
❖ Safety Data to Support GRAS Determinations

Day 2
❖ The Relevance of International Assessments to GRAS Determinations
❖ Luncheon Keynote
❖ Why EPA’s Review of Pesticides Is, or Is Not, a Model for FDA’s Reviews of Safety of GRAS Ingredients
❖ A Hard Look at FDA’s Review of GRAS Notices
❖ Role of an Expert Panel in Making GRAS Determinations: What is the potential for conflict of interest?
❖ Moving Forward: Advancing Ingredient Safety in GRAS Determinations
(Expert Panel discussion)

Additional information to be announced soon