



Global Food Safety Symposium

Food Safety in the Global Arena: Past, Present, and Future

Organized by College of Agriculture and Natural Resources,
Michigan State University

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Venue: Kellogg Center, Michigan State University, East Lansing, Michigan, USA

The Global Food Safety Symposium is organized to mark the 25th anniversary of the International Food Safety Training Course offered by Michigan State University in collaboration with national and international partners. The symposium will assemble a diverse group of stakeholders to share their expertise and experiences towards building a safer food supply for the global community.



Symposium Topics and Sessions

- Policy and Regulations
- Research and Innovations
- Diagnostic Tools and Solutions
- Education and Training
- Communication and Outreach
- Products Safety and Quality
- International Trade

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Context: Michigan State University (MSU) has been conducting the International Food Safety Short Course annually since 1999 for the past 25 years. Through this international short course, over 700 professionals from over 60 countries from various regions of the world have been trained. Participants represented government agencies, academia, and the private sector that support food safety programs and activities in their respective countries.

To celebrate the achievements of this international short course, the College of Agriculture and Natural Resources at MSU will host a Global Food Safety Symposium as a commemorative event that will run concurrently with this year's international food safety short course. The symposium will assemble a diverse group of stakeholders to share their expertise and experiences on how to impactfully contribute to food safety programs for safer food supply chain, in the context of emerging and evolving food safety issues globally.

Objectives:

1. Deliberate on the current and emerging issues in food safety in the global arena.
2. Assess gaps in food safety policies/regulations in relation to current and emerging issues.
3. Examine the gaps in food safety research, education, and outreach programs.
4. Explore the potential role of new food safety tools and technologies to make food safety programs more effective.
5. Brainstorm and discuss new approaches and models of food safety education and training to address current and emerging needs in food safety capacity strengthening.
6. Evaluate impacts of the MSU international food safety short course over the past 25 years.

Symposium Format:

- The symposium will involve keynote addresses from eminent professionals and actively engage participants through interactive panel discussions and breakout sessions.
- Participants will represent academia, government, industry, media, non-governmental organizations, and development agencies.
- Deliberations will focus on the following food safety topics: Policy and regulations; Research and innovations; Diagnostic tools and testing solutions; Education and training; Communication and outreach; Product safety and quality; and International trade.

Expected Outcomes:

1. Key recommendations for capacity strengthening in food safety policy, research, education, training, communication and outreach.
2. Publication summarizing the outputs of the symposium, which will be widely distributed.
3. A resource network for future collaborations and information sharing on food safety for the global community.