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Information

Harris Participates in National Meat Association's Convention

On February 12 - 14, 2004, Kerri Harris, executive director of the International HACCP Alliance, participated in special sessions, roundtable programs, and committee meetings during the National Meat Association's (NMA) annual convention held at the Westin Riverwalk in San Antonio, Texas. On Thursday, February 12, Harris participated in the NMA education committee meeting and provided information on potential educational programs for the future. Then, on Friday, February 13, Harris presented information on specified risk materials (SRMs) during the NMA food safety committee meeting. Also that day, she discussed good manufacturing practices (GMPs) for removal of SRMs as part of a specialty meeting panel with Dell Allen of Excel and Gary Smith of Colorado State University. On Saturday, February 14, Harris contributed to the Regulatory/Inspection Seminar about the USDA/FSIS Enforcement Investigation and Analysis Officer (EIAO) educational program and discussed the purpose of an EIAO visit to a processing facility.



Pictured, left to right: Dell Allen, Kerri Harris, and Gary Smith at a specialty meeting on GMPs for Removal of SRMs during the National Meat Association's annual convention.

Tenth EIAO Course Begins in February

The tenth Enforcement Investigation and Analysis Officer (EIAO) educational program is being conducted February 23 - March 19, 2004, in College Station, Texas. Forty USDA/FSIS employees from across the country are being taught the EIAO work methodology as part of a multi-year grant that was awarded to the International HACCP Alliance and the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station.



Alliance Board Set to Meet with USDA/FSIS Representatives

The Alliance Board of Directors is in the process of scheduling a meeting with USDA/FSIS representatives to discuss validation data and other small plant issues. The meeting is slated to be held in mid-March in Washington, DC. Results of the meeting will be published in an upcoming edition of Alliance News Lines.