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Industry HACCP Training at Full Speed

As small processors prepared for the January 25, 1999 implementation deadline, attendance at HACCP courses across the country reached near capacity levels from early summer to mid-December. The HACCP Alliance continues to receive requests via the Alliance's web site and the telephone for its list of scheduled HACCP courses. Alliance members are encouraged to send their future course dates and locations to the Alliance office for further dissemination of HACCP course information. Currently, 6,988 people are listed in the Alliance Registry of accredited HACCP course participants.

Train-the-Trainer HACCP Course Scheduled

The next Train-the-Trainer HACCP Course is slated for March 23-25, 1999 at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Washington, DC. The registration fee for the course is \$450.00. Hotel reservations must be made by March 8, 1999 to receive the block room rate. The Train-the-Trainer HACCP course is sponsored by the International HACCP Alliance and the Food Processors Institute. For more registration information about the course, contact Robin See in the HACCP Alliance office at 409-862-3643.

Accredited Course Provider List Continues to Grow

The number of HACCP course providers substantially increased since the program was implemented in 1995. There are now 45 accredited course providers. In addition, 184 people have been approved as lead instructors for accredited HACCP courses.

HACCP Alliance Membership Update

Since its beginning in March 1994, the International HACCP Alliance membership roster has steadily climbed to include 181 members and represents nine countries. The following is the HACCP Alliance membership breakdown:

Industry Associations	29
Educational Foundations	2
Professional Associations	13
Universities	45
Government Cooperators	34
Third Party and Private Companies	58
Total	181

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December Board Meeting Highlights

During the board meeting in December, an update was presented by Kerri Harris, Alliance Executive Director, on the name change and incorporation status of the organization. The Board of Directors and membership, via a written vote, has approved the merger between the International Meat and Poultry HACCP Alliance and the International HACCP Alliance (IHA).

Board members H. Russell Cross of IDEXX Laboratories and Phil Ventresca of ESI International presented an update on the audit/auditor committee activities which included a review and discussion of the most recent draft of the standardized audit procedures and auditor options. Based on comments provided by Alliance members, the document will be revised again in February 1999.

Jeanne Axtell, FSIS, USDA, presented an update on FSIS activities and expressed that Barbara Masters, FSIS, USDA, will be the new HACCP Alliance liaison for the agency.

Training Committee Chairman Rita Fullem of Food Processors Institute (FPI) gave a summary of the train-the-trainer courses and announced that two train-the-trainer courses are scheduled for the spring with one course in English and one in Japanese. Additional international training programs will be pursued by the Alliance and FPI on a cost-recovery basis.

The minutes of the December 15, 1998 board meeting are available in the board room section of the International HACCP Alliance Internet site at <http://ifse.tamu.edu/haccpall.html>.