MANAGING MICROBIOLOGICAL TESTING AS A PREVENTIVE CONTROL VERIFICATION

October 24, 2019
Program

7:30 a.m.  Registration and networking breakfast

8:00 a.m.  Welcome and Introduction to Verification vs. Validation overview –
Robert Brackett, Director - IFSH

8:15 a.m.  Criteria and Principles in Developing a Verification Testing Program –
Jenny Scott, Senior Advisor - CFSAN

8:45 a.m.  Considerations in Setting Specifications and Action Limits –
Katie Swanson - Retired Food Safety Professional

9:15 a.m.  Overview of Statistical Sampling: Limitations and use to determine process
control and lot disposition - Robert Buchanan, Director - University of Maryland

9:45 a.m.  Food Ingredient and Product Testing and Validation: Surrogates vs. Pathogen Testing
Pam Wilger, Global Senior Food Safety Specialist & Applied Microbiologist – Cargill

10:15 a.m.  Networking Break

10:45 a.m.  Environmental monitoring and sampling (targets for microbes, locations, frequency)
Deann Akins-Lewenthal, Sr. Director of Food Safety & Enterprise Laboratory Services
Conagra Brands

11:15 a.m.  Methodology Overview: Validation of Existing and New Technologies, and How Fitness for
Purpose Affects Methods Validation – Tom Hammack

11:45 p.m.  Networking Lunch

12:30 p.m.  Food Safety Microbiology management in the up-stream value chain –
Fabien Robert, PhD in organic chemistry, Nestle

1:00 p.m.  Considerations for Selecting Tools to Create Sampling Plans –
Nancy Thiex, Consultant – Thiex Laboratory Solutions, LLC

1:30 p.m.  Legal Considerations: Negligence for not Testing vs. Liability with False Positives –
Maile Hermida, Attorney – Hogan Lovells

2:00 p.m.  Networking Break

Tentative program. Topics and times may be subject to change.
2:30 – 4:30 p.m.

Break Out Sessions – to include introduction to problems, working group solutions, concluding with solutions.

- Refrigerated RTE foods (multi-component deli salads)
- Low Moisture Foods (dry dairy powders)
- Fresh Produce (cut melon)
- Frozen RTE Foods (frozen desserts)

4:30 p.m.  Panel Discussion – all speakers

5:00 pm  Concluding remarks; adjourn – Chuck Czuprynski, Director UW - Madison