



For Immediate Release International Production & Processing Expo

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AFIA's Pet Food Conference Invests in Next Generation, Honors Industry Professionals at 2020 IPPE



ATLANTA, Ga., Jan. 29, 2020 – The American Feed Industry Association covered hot topics such as domestic and international trends, oxidation of pet food ingredients, research in emerging issues and dilated cardiomyopathy in pets at its 13th annual [Pet Food Conference](#) yesterday, in conjunction with the International Production & Processing Expo (IPPE), happening this week in Atlanta, Ga.

The conference debuted several new features this year, including a graduate student paper session, undergraduate poster session and the awarding of the inaugural Friend of Pet Food Award.

“The AFIA Pet Food Conference brought together pet food manufacturers, ingredient suppliers and young pet food leaders to gain cutting-edge information and network on all aspects of the industry,” said Louise Calderwood, AFIA director of regulatory affairs.

The AFIA Pet Food Conference, one of three AFIA-sponsored events at IPPE, is an all-encompassing conference designed to inform pet food representatives about the latest industry initiatives and technical and regulatory issues impacting this unique animal food manufacturing sector.

One of the highlights of the conference included an update on the Food Safety Modernization Act and animal food ingredient approvals, presented by David Edwards, Ph.D., the director of the Division of Animal Food at the Food and Drug



David Edwards, Ph.D., of the Food and Drug Administration's Center for Veterinary Medicine, discussing the Food Safety Modernization Act and animal food ingredient approvals.

Administration's Center for Veterinary Medicine. Edwards said DAF will be hiring 12 new staff members to assist with speeding up the food additive petition review process.

In addition to the educational portion of the program, AFIA announced Gail Kuhlman, Ph.D., of Mars Petcare and Anna Kate Shoveller, Ph.D., of the University of Guelph as the [recipients of the inaugural Friend of Pet Food Award](#). This award recognizes individuals who have made significant contributions to support the growth of the pet food industry.

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ABOUT IPPE

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ABOUT AFIA

Founded in 1909, the American Feed Industry Association (AFIA), based in Arlington, Va., is the world's largest organization devoted exclusively to representing the business, legislative and regulatory interests of the U.S. animal food industry and its suppliers. The organization's membership is comprised of more than 680 domestic and international companies that represent the total feed industry—manufacturers of commercial and integrated feed and pet food, ingredient suppliers, pharmaceutical companies, industry support and equipment manufacturers. AFIA members manufacture more than 75 percent of the feed and 70 percent of the non-grain ingredients used in the country. AFIA is also recognized as the leader on international industry developments and holds membership in the International Feed Industry Federation (IFIF).

ABOUT NAMI

The North American Meat Institute (NAMI) is the leading voice for the meat and poultry industry. Formed from the 2015 merger of the American Meat Institute (AMI) and North American Meat Association (NAMA), the Institute has a rich, century-long history and provides essential member services including legislative, regulatory, scientific, international and public affairs representation. NAMI's mission is to shape a public policy environment in which the meat and poultry industry can produce wholesome products safely, efficiently and profitably. Together, the Institute's members produce the vast majority of U.S. beef, pork, lamb and poultry and the equipment, ingredients and services needed for the highest quality products.

ABOUT USPOULTRY

U.S. Poultry & Egg Association (USPOULTRY) is the all-feather organization representing the complete spectrum of today's poultry industry, whose mission is to progressively serve member companies through research, education, communication and technical assistance. Founded in 1947, USPOULTRY is based in Tucker, Ga.