

## **AFDO 2005 Conference - Bringing People Together for Food Protection and Defense**

The AFDO 109<sup>th</sup> Annual Educational Conference, with a headline of food protection and defense, was a tremendous success and received rave reviews. The Conference was well attended, with 78% of states represented. A mainstream attraction at this year's conference was a table-top exercise conducted by the Uriah Group. Other features were a presentation on bioterrorism, Agroterrorism and food safety by Jerry Jaax, Associate Vice Provost for Research Compliance and University Veterinarian at Kansas State University as well as drugs and devices breakouts on numerous issues surrounding illegal methamphetamine production and usage. Presentations are available for viewing on the AFDO web site.

Numerous awards were also presented at the Conference. Award winners include:

- *Wiley Award* - Steve B. Steinhoff, Administrator, Division of Food Safety, Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade & Consumer Protection
- *Associate Member Award* - Dan J. Badia, President, X-GEN Pharmaceuticals Inc.
- *Achievement Award* - Michael Neff, Food Sanitarian, Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture
- *George M. Burditt and the Betsy B. Woodward Scholarship Awards* - Mary Katherine Sonnen, who is attending the University of Idaho in Moscow, Idaho and Emily Renae Bennett who is attending the University of Arkansas in Fayetteville, Arkansas

More information about these award winners as well as a complete listing of all AFDO Award Winners is available on the AFDO Web Site's [Awards pages](#).