

# Dairy Industry Coalition Forms Scientific Advisory Panel

WASHINGTON, D.C. — A scientific advisory panel consisting of top authorities from the fields of health, nutrition, toxicology, animal health, pediatrics and food technology has been formed by the Dairy Industry Coalition to advise it on milk safety issues.

Panel members are to review major materials produced and provided by the coalition to assure their scientific soundness, and will participate in educational activities, such as media symposia.

"The Scientific Advisory Panel is an integral part of our milk safety program. Panelists will serve as advisors, reviewing the information that we provide relating to milk safety, enabling the Coalition to build a scientifically-based program," said James C. Barr, CEO of the National Milk Producers Federation and spokesperson for the coalition.

"The Panel is composed of top-notch authorities who are knowledgeable on milk safety issues and are concerned about protecting milk integrity," Barr said.

The panel includes: David M. Barbano, Ph.D., Cornell University; George F. Cahill, Jr., M.D., Dartmouth College; Brian A. Crooker, Ph.D., University of Minnesota; Catherine W. Donnelly, Ph.D., University of Vermont; Johanna T. Dwyer, D. Sc., R.D., New England Medical Center Hospital; Michael W. Pariza, Ph.D., University of Wisconsin; Nevin S. Scrimshaw, M.D., United Nations University; Steve L. Taylor, Ph.D., University of Nebraska-Lincoln; Ekhard E. Ziegler, M.D., University of Iowa College of Medicine.

David M. Barbano, Ph.D., is associate professor of food science at Cornell and the director of the Northeast Dairy Foods Research Center.

His research interests include the manufacturing of milk quality factors influencing cheese yield, the improvement of analytical testing methods for dairy products and the influence of bovine somatotropin on the manufacturing properties of milk.

George F. Cahill, Jr., M.D., an endocrinologist by training, is professor emeritus at Harvard Medical School and a professor of biology at Dartmouth College. Dr. Cahill's achievements include receiving the 1971 Banting Medal for research in diabetes. Previously, Dr. Cahill was chairman of the National Institutes of Health Metabolism Study Section and was a senior scientist at the Howard Hughes Medical Institution.

Brian A. Crooker, Ph.D., is an assistant professor in the Department of Animal Science at the University of Minnesota. Dr. Crooker is a nutritional physiologist and is interested in improving animal performance by regulating nutrient utilization. His research with dairy and beef cattle investigates effects of nutrient availability, hormone administration, and their interactions on milk production.

Catherine W. Donnelly, Ph.D., is the associate dean for research and associate director of the Vermont Agricultural Experiment Station in the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences at the University of Vermont. Dr. Donnelly's major research emphasis is in the area of food microbiology and food safety. She and her colleagues have conducted extensive research on the foodborne bacterial pathogen "Listeria monocytogenes."

Johanna T. Dwyer, D.Sc., R.D., a nutritionist, is the director of the Frances Stern Nutrition Center at the New England Medical Center

Hospital and is a professor of nutrition at both Tufts University School of Medicine and the School of Nutrition. In 1985 she was the recipient of the J. Harvey Wiley Award given by the Society for Nutrition Education. Dr. Dwyer's research interests include the study of the dietary habits of adults and adolescents and weight control topics, including obesity in children and infants.

Michael Pariza, Ph.D., is the director of the Food Research Institute and professor and chairman of the Department of Food Microbiology and Toxicology. He holds affiliate appointments in the Wisconsin Clinical Cancer Center, the Environmental Toxicology Center, the Department of Nutritional Sciences, and the Department of Food Science at the University of Wisconsin at Madison. Dr. Pariza's research interest is chemical carcinogenesis in relation to diet, nutrition and food safety.

Nevin S. Scrimshaw, M.D., is the director of the United Nations University Food, Nutrition and Development Programme and is also professor emeritus at Massachusetts Institute of Technology. Dr. Scrimshaw is a member of the American Institute of Nutrition and the American Society for Clinical Nutrition. He is chairman of the section of Applied Biological Sciences of the National Academy of Sciences and is a senior member of the Institute of Medicine. In 1988 he was awarded the Bristol Myers Prize in Nutrition.

Steve L. Taylor, Ph.D., serves

as the head of the Department of Food Science and Technology and also as the director of the Food Processing Center at the University of Nebraska. Presently he is a member of the American Academy of Allergy and Immunology and serves on the Adverse Reactions of Foods Committee. Previously, Dr. Taylor served as an associate professor for the Food Research Institute at the University of Wisconsin and as chief of the Food Toxicology lab at the Letterman Army Institute of Research.

Ekhard E. Ziegler, M.D., is a

pediatrics specialist from the University of Iowa. Presently he is the director of the Program in Human Nutrition and serves as a professor of pediatrics. In 1988 Dr. Ziegler received the American Academy of Pediatrics Nutrition Award. He is involved with the National Cholesterol Education Program and the Nutrition Study Section of the National Institutes of Health.

"The coalition is pleased that this distinguished group of medical professionals and researchers is donating valuable time speaking out on milk safety. It is a honor to work with each of them," Barr said.

## USDA Adds Saudi Arabia To African Horse Sickness List

WASHINGTON — The U.S. Department of Agriculture has announced it will add Saudi Arabia to its list of countries affected by African horse sickness so that precautions can be taken against spreading the disease to the United States.

USDA's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) will now require horses imported from or transiting through Saudi Arabia to enter the United States through the port of New York only, and be quarantined at the APHIS New York Animal Import Center for at least 60 days.

The list of countries infected with African horse sickness

includes all nations of Africa plus Spain, Portugal, the Yemen Arab Republic, and, now, Saudi Arabia.

African horse sickness initially causes restlessness and colic and terminates in fatal pneumonia. Infected horses may exhibit lameness and a soft swelling of the head above the eyes and the underside of the chest and abdomen. All equine species are similarly affected; the disease does not strike other animals or humans.



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