FAPC to hold 2009 Research Symposium

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The Robert M. Kerr Food & Agricultural Products Center on the campus of Oklahoma State University in Stillwater and the Institute of Food Technologists–Oklahoma Section are holding a research symposium to highlight food and agricultural products research conducted by the FAPC and OSU.

The symposium will be held Feb. 17 in room 201 of the FAPC from 8:30 a.m. to 3:45 p.m. and will feature a combination of oral and poster presentations, keynote speaker and tours/demonstrations.

The program will include discussions of current industry advances and presentations of current research on food technology, said Peter Muriana, FAPC food microbiologist and chair of the symposium.

“The event will provide an opportunity for graduate students to make presentations of their work and for scientists and researchers to network with others in the food and agricultural field and possibly foster future collaborations among colleagues,” Muriana said.

A special feature of the symposium is a presentation by keynote speaker Michael Davidson, food science and technology department head at the University of Tennessee in Knoxville. Davidson also is a food microbiologist with a specialty in microbiological food safety and food antimicrobials.

“We are very excited that Dr. Davidson will be our keynote speaker,” said Chuck Willoughby, FAPC manager of client relations. “Food scientists play an important part in developing or improving food products. We look forward to his lecture in regard to food safety and future trends and needs in food science. Both large and smaller food companies can benefit from this topic.”

Immediately following the symposium, student awards will be presented in both the oral presentation and the poster presentation categories. Each student winner will be awarded $250.

The symposium is open to anyone who wants to attend. There is no charge for the day’s events; however, registration is required to receive a complimentary lunch ticket and handbag.

The registration deadline for the symposium is Feb. 2. You may register online at www.fapc.biz/researchsymposium.html or call Karen Smith, FAPC workshop coordinator, at (405) 744-6277.

This year’s research symposium is being held in conjunction with OSU Research Week, which runs Feb. 16-20. Sponsors of the FAPC/IFT-OK Research Symposium include 3M Microbiology, PetSci, Unitherm and FoodProtech.”

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