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The Robert M. Kerr Food & Agricultural Products Center at Oklahoma State University, together with the Institute of Food Technology-Oklahoma section, are sponsoring the 10th annual FAPC/IFT-OK Research Symposium to highlight food and agricultural products research conducted by FAPC and other OSU researchers.

The symposium will be held Feb. 16 in room 201 of the FAPC from 8:30 a.m. to 2:45 p.m. and will feature oral and poster presentations, keynote speaker, demonstration, lunch with the keynote and a student lunch forum with graduates who are currently working in industry.

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

The keynote speaker, Dr. Anthony Mata, will give a presentation on “Research Meets Reality: Challenges of New Product Development.”

“We are very excited that we could put Dr. Mata and the Cozzini SuspenTec® demonstration together in a very important industry related topic,” said Chuck Willoughby, FAPC manager of client relations. “Food scientists play an important role in developing products, and that is something we do very well here at the FAPC.”

Immediately following the symposium, student awards will be presented in both the oral and 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 business-style carry bag. 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. 15-19. The sponsors of the FAPC/IFT-OK Research Symposium are Cozzini Group and National Cattlemen’s Beef Association.