

# BC Food Processors Association

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## MEMBER NEWSLETTER

July 7, 2006

*Welcome to the new newsletter for BC Food Processors Association members. Please send your feedback and story ideas to the BCFPA office.*

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### **Annual General Meeting**

The BCFPA's 2006 AGM is scheduled for September 7 from 10 am – 11 am. The meeting will be held by teleconference, and all members are invited to attend. Watch for details on the website.

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### **Meat Transition Assistance Program – Update**

An application package for Individual Plant Assistance is now available. September 30, 2006 is the deadline for submitting an application. The MTAP provides funding to operators of meat slaughter facilities to assist with costs of equipment and construction associated with upgrading to the new Meat Inspection Regulation. For more information, see <http://www.bcfpa.ca/mies.html>.

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### **Factory Clean-Up Postponed**

This course on efficient and effective factory clean-up practices for the food industry has been postponed until Fall 2006. Watch for updates on the website.

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### **Institute of Food Technologists Follow Up Report Available**

In 2005, the BCFPA, with the BC Functional Food and Nutraceutical Network, received 50% funding for BC incorporated companies to attend this event. A follow up report with results from the trade mission trade is now available on the website: <http://www.bcfpa.ca/events.html#2005>.

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### **Newsletter Archive Available on Website**

Back issues of the BCFPA Member Newsletter are now available on the Communications & Marketing Committee web page. See: [http://www.bcfpa.ca/do\\_communications.html](http://www.bcfpa.ca/do_communications.html).

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### **IBA Outgoing Educational Mission – Munich, Germany**

In October, Food Beverage Canada and Alberta Agriculture, Food and Rural Development are organizing an Educational Mission to this leading exhibition for bakery and confectionery companies. The program includes a pass to IBA, plant tours and networking opportunities in Germany. Upon completion of the program, participants will be partially reimbursed for travel costs. For more information, contact Wendy Hindle at 1-800-493-9767 or [whindle@foodbeveragecanada.com](mailto:whindle@foodbeveragecanada.com)

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### **Grocery Showcase West 2007**

The BCFPA has reserved 2 booths for 2007 to showcase the BCFPA and products from food processing companies under the umbrella of the Association. If you would like to participate, contact the BCFPA office today at 250-356-1660 or [Julie.labelle@bcfpa.ca](mailto:Julie.labelle@bcfpa.ca).

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### ***Request for Input: BC Agriculture Plan***

The BCFPA has been invited to submit comments for developing a comprehensive and sustainable Provincial Agriculture Plan, and we are seeking your input. If you have any suggestions for how to enhance the diversity and competitiveness of BC's agriculture and agri-food industry, please send them to the BCFPA office today! For more information on the Plan, see: <http://www.harvesttohome.bc.ca/>.

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### ***UPCOMING***

- **July 17-18, BC Wine Institute Research & Development Conference**  
Website: <http://www.parsecmkg.com/bcwi2006/>.
- **July 19, Agricultural Byproducts to Energy: Biogas Production through Anaerobic Digestion**  
Website: <http://www.sporq.com/servlet/com.sporq.servlet.LinkToEventServlet?EventId=47902>.

For more industry events, see: <http://www.bcfpa.ca/industryEvents.html>

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### ***NEWS***

- Bulk pasta opportunity – Packaging machine either for sale or available to co-pack long bulk pasta. If you have a source of long bulk pasta or are interested in purchasing the machine, contact Phil Hemmings at 778-688-7677 or [sweetpops@shaw.ca](mailto:sweetpops@shaw.ca).
- 2006 export publications by Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada are now available at: [http://www.ats.agr.gc.ca/region/british\\_columbia\\_e.htm](http://www.ats.agr.gc.ca/region/british_columbia_e.htm).
- Health Canada released a new "It's Your Health" article on Trans Fat. See: [http://www.hc-sc.gc.ca/iyh-vsv/food-aliment/trans\\_e.html](http://www.hc-sc.gc.ca/iyh-vsv/food-aliment/trans_e.html).
- Risk Categorization Model for Food Retail – Second Edition is now available at: [http://www.hc-sc.gc.ca/ahc-asc/pubs/hpfb-dgpsa/fd-da/risk\\_categorization-categorisation\\_risques01\\_e.html](http://www.hc-sc.gc.ca/ahc-asc/pubs/hpfb-dgpsa/fd-da/risk_categorization-categorisation_risques01_e.html).
- The Horse Council of BC is seeking an Executive Director. For more information, or to submit your resume, contact Sandy Gordon at 604-857-0318 or [sandyg@uniserve.com](mailto:sandyg@uniserve.com).