

# BC Food Processors Association

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**MEMBER NEWSLETTER**  
**August 11, 2006**

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

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## ***New Members***

- Barr Plastics Inc.
- Carmi Flavors and Fragrance Company Inc.
- CPE Systems Inc.
- Reliance Insurance

For a full list of current members, see: <http://www.bcfpa.ca/members.html>.

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## ***Guelph Food Technology Centre Food Safety Courses***

A new schedule of Guelph Food Technology Centre food safety courses is available for fall 2006. Confirmed courses include a series of lower cost "Basics" on product development, bringing a product to market and processing food safely. For course descriptions and registration information, see: [http://www.bcfpa.ca/GFTC\\_training.html](http://www.bcfpa.ca/GFTC_training.html).

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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 call in details and reports on the website.

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## ***SGS Upcoming Food Safety Course***

SGS is offering a 5 day course on GMP, HACCP and Internal Auditing September 11-15. The cost is \$795 and includes a course manual, certificate and meals. Watch for the registration form on the BCFPA website at: <http://www.bcfpa.ca/industryEvents.html>. For more information, contact Gerry Gerbasi at 604-986-8024 or [ggerbasi@sprint.ca](mailto:ggerbasi@sprint.ca).

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### ***BCFPA Feature Article***

A feature article on the BC Food Processors Association was recently released in the July/August issue of Western Grocer magazine. Pick up a copy today to learn more about activities and accomplishments of your Association.

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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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### ***Opportunity: Ingredient Trade Mission***

Food Beverage Canada and the Canadian Food Exporters Association have organized a trade mission to Southeast Asia September 9-23 to provide technical workshops to food processing companies in Thailand, Indonesia & the Philippines, raise brand awareness of Canadian ingredient companies' capacity in SE Asia and provide product developers and technicians with knowledge to enhance the palatability of their products. Participating companies will be reimbursed for part of their travel expenses. For more information, contact: Wendy Hindle at 1-800-493-9767 or [whindle@foodbeveragecanada.com](mailto:whindle@foodbeveragecanada.com).

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### ***Job Posting: Investment Agriculture Foundation***

IAFBC is seeking a Manager of Project Development and Implementation. August 23, 2006 is the deadline for applications. For more information and a job description, see <http://www.iafbc.ca/latest.news.htm>.

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### ***UPCOMING***

- **August 13-16, International Association for Food Protection Annual Conference.** Website: <http://www.foodprotection.org/main/default.asp>.
- **August 24-26, Food, Health & Biotechnology: Consumer and Social Issues in Canada's New Food and Health Product Industries,** Advanced Food and Materials Network. Website: [http://www.csr.s.uvic.ca/research/gels\\_conference.php](http://www.csr.s.uvic.ca/research/gels_conference.php).

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

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### ***NEWS***

- The Canadian Wheat Board opened wet and dry processing labs in June as part of the University of Alberta's Agri-Food Discovery Place. See: <http://www.cwb.ca/public/en/news/releases/2006/062306.jsp>.
- Business in Vancouver magazine released a list of the top 100 private companies in BC, including BCFPA members Nature's Path Foods and Golden Valley Foods.
- The Canadian RFID Centre has started a pilot project with the grocery industry to demonstrate the use of RFID tags at the case and pallet level. See: [http://www.canadianrfidcentre.ca/press/July6\\_2006.asp](http://www.canadianrfidcentre.ca/press/July6_2006.asp).
- A new website is available for Branding Canada, an initiative to leverage Canada's strong international image to increase the sales and profile of Canadian food and agriculture products. See: [http://www.ats.agr.gc.ca/brandingcanada/intro/home\\_e.htm](http://www.ats.agr.gc.ca/brandingcanada/intro/home_e.htm)
- The summer issue of sound bits, the e-newsletter of the Small Scale Food Processor Association, is available at: [http://www.ssfpa.net/pages/sound\\_bits.htm](http://www.ssfpa.net/pages/sound_bits.htm).