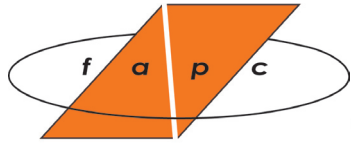


# Food and Agricultural Products Center



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## Research Symposium to be held April 19

STILLWATER, Okla. – The Oklahoma Food and Agricultural Products Research and Technology Center will be hosting its 3<sup>rd</sup> Research Symposium on April 19, 2004. The symposium will highlight food and agricultural products research conducted by Center researchers as well as other Oklahoma State University researchers.

Peter Muriana, food microbiologist at the Center and chair of the symposium, said the event will include approximately eight oral presentations and 25 poster presentations.

“The event is to be a semi-formal gathering of those involved with foods and agricultural products research,” Muriana said. “The event will provide an opportunity for graduate students and staff to make presentations of their work, to familiarize others in this field with what is being done in other labs and possibly foster future collaborations among colleagues.”

A special feature of the Research Symposium is a presentation by a keynote speaker. This year’s keynote speaker is Juergen Richt, a veterinary medical officer with the National Animal Disease Center in Ames, IA. NADC is an arm of the Agricultural

Research Service and is the major USDA center for research on livestock and poultry diseases.

Richt’s research areas include virus and prion diseases of livestock. His lab received the sole animal that was diagnosed with Bovine Spongiform Encephalopathy from the state of Washington.

Richt will discuss events surrounding the recent occurrence of BSE in the USA during December 2003, the workup that went into the diagnostic testing and details surrounding the acquisition of the animal(s) from Canadian sources.

Since that time, 704 animals were depopulated from the state of Washington and surrounding areas and of 255 samples taken, none were positive for BSE. APHIS has focused on 25 of the 81 animals born into

### FAPC Research Symposium April 19, 2004

8 a.m.....	Registration (201 FAPC Lobby)
8:20 a.m.....	Welcome (Dr. Roy Escoubas)
8:25 a.m.....	Introduction (Dr. Peter Muriana)
8:30 - 9:45 a.m.....	Oral presentations I
9:45 - 10 a.m.....	Break
10 - 11 a.m.....	Keynote Speaker (Dr. Juergen Richt, NADC)
11 a.m. - 12 p.m.....	Oral presentations II
12 - 1 p.m.....	Lunch (on your own)
1 - 3:30 p.m.....	Poster Presentations (1 <sup>st</sup> Floor Atrium/Lobby)

the birth herd of the indexed animal and has so far located 14 of these.

“The occurrence of BSE in the USA would have far reaching consequences in regard to cattle, the meat industry and cattle-derived byproducts, including bovine serum albumin, which is widely used in non-food products,” Muriana said. “We are glad to have Dr. Richt provide an update on this event and his current research in this area that is of vital importance to a main economic commodity of Oklahoma.”

The Research Symposium is open to anyone who has interest in listening to the keynote speaker, and participants are encouraged to attend the accompany-

ing research presentations. Registration is free but is required to obtain a head count for seating capacity.

To register, call Cecilia Brewer at (405) 744-6071 or register online at [www.fapc.okstate.edu](http://www.fapc.okstate.edu). For additional information on the symposium visit <http://fp.okstate.edu/muriana/fapcrs> or contact Peter Muriana at (405) 744-5563 or [muriana@okstate.edu](mailto:muriana@okstate.edu).

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