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2<sup>nd</sup> mailing is on its way to you!  
Tom at x28 in Calgary to ensure your VOTE counts  
tom@afpa.com

**AFPA's Meat Conference & Trade Show**

Feb 16-18, 2007  
Mayfield Inn Edm  
PLAN TO ATTEND!  
<http://www.afpa.com/opp/meatTS05.shtml> or  
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**AFPA AGM & Industry Builders Award  
June 5 Calgary**

**AFPA Golf Classic  
June 6 Kananaskis**  
Registration info to be available shortly

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**INDUSTRY BUILDERS AWARD  
CALL FOR NOMINATIONS**

This annual award has been established to formally recognize & honor the efforts of those individuals who have made significant contributions to the growth of the food processing industry in Alberta.

Mark your calendar & plan to attend both the AGM on June 5 & this special evening honoring an industry legend. Nominations are now OPEN, February 15, 2007 is the deadline for nominations. Download the official nomination form at: <http://www.afpa.com/cgi/anote.cgi?fname=00369&sec=abo> or contact Melody for more info.

**MEMBERSHIP DUES 2007**

All members should have received their invoices for 2007 memberships. If you have questions call Melody in Calgary or [melody@afpa.com](mailto:melody@afpa.com). We would greatly appreciate payment of these dues as soon as possible.

**AFPA CALGARY IS ON THE MOVE!!**



Effective Feb 1 our new address will be: Suite 100W, 4760-72 Ave. SE, Calgary T2C 3Z2 our ph & fax remain the same.

AFPA Calgary will not have access to email or phones Jan 26-29, if you need assistance contact the Edm. Office or Melody on cell at 403-616-6921.



**OPEN HOUSE CALGARY**

February 22, 2007  
3-6:00 pm  
Please Stop by!



**FOODSAFETY & QUALITY**

<http://www.afpa.com/sng/train.shtml> or  
[admin@afpa.com](mailto:admin@afpa.com)

Join me in welcoming Sita Pietrzyk as Assistant VP, Sita joins the Calgary office on Jan 16.

The '07 course schedule is available online. AFPA offers customized in-house training, contact us today!

- Managing Allergen Issues Feb 8-9 Calgary

- HACCP I Feb. 15-16 Edm
- HACCP II Feb 28-Mar 2 Edm
- HACCP III March 15-16 Calgary
- HACCP for Online Supervisors March 14 Calgary

**Workplace Health & Safety  
AFPA Your Certifying Partner**  
<http://www.afpa.com/env/>



Courses for the 1<sup>st</sup> ½ of '07 are set. For more info, call Tom 403-201-3657 x28 or [tom@afpa.com](mailto:tom@afpa.com) Or go to: [www.afpa.com](http://www.afpa.com) click on Industry Info, then click on Workplace Health & Safety & training course outline.

- Program Building Feb 28 Calgary & Feb 16 Edm
- Roles & Responsibilities for Manager March 1 Calgary & March 5 Edm.
- Incident & Accident Investigation March 2 Calgary & March 7 Edm.

**BAKERIES WORKPLACE HEALTH & SAFETY COMMITTEE**

AFPA is conducting meetings with the Bakeries in Calgary, with the following objectives:

- a better grip on OH&S challenges
- due diligence responsibilities
- lowering WCB Premiums
- Partnerships & PIR Rebates
- COR (Certificate of recognition)
- Common Issues

Depending on participation & results, we could initiate this program to the Edm area. Stay tuned for more info. Or call Tom@403-201-3657x28 [tom@afpa.com](mailto:tom@afpa.com)

**FOOD BEVERAGE CANADA**

MTP program (cost sharing for attendance at trade shows, conferences & other industry events) has been extended to March 31 '07. It was originally scheduled to end on Dec 31 '06 but since we still have funds available it will be extended to March 31 or until all funds have been spent whichever comes 1<sup>st</sup>.

[www.foodbeveragecanada.com](http://www.foodbeveragecanada.com) (800) 493 9767

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## Alberta Environmentally Sustainable Agriculture Program

The processing based component of this program provides cost sharing grants to agri-food processors to support projects involving:

- Water and energy conservation
- Waste treatment and reduction
- Environment management

### For more information contact:

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### NEW AFPA MEMBERS

**Consider these companies when making your purchasing decisions!**



- ✚ Amity Baking Company 403-263-2662 for all your foodservice needs.
- ✚ Spragg's Meat Shop Ltd. 403-378-3800 Processes & sells free range, naturally raised pork.  
[www.spraggsmeatshop.com](http://www.spraggsmeatshop.com)
- ✚ Mallot Creek Group 780-448-7445 Strategic business & engineering consulting services. [www.mallotcreek.com](http://www.mallotcreek.com)

**For more info [www.afpa.com/mem/directory.cj](http://www.afpa.com/mem/directory.cj)**

### WORKING IN PARTNERSHIP TO FILL JOB VACANCIES

For many recruiting & retaining employees will continue to be a priority. Alberta Human Resources & Employment has started the New Year with a name change. AHRE is now Alberta Employment, Immigration & Industry. I have fielded many questions as to what the name change means. While those questions continue to be clarified, I can tell you that we continue to deliver services to all Albertans. The AFPA/AEII partnership has been renewed for another year.

AEII staff at AFPA will continue to work to assist members develop strategies for attraction & retention of employees. Have you checked out the ALIS website? This website is full of services that may benefit your organization or employees. Visit our website at [WWW.gov.ab.ca](http://WWW.gov.ab.ca) or [WWW.ALIS.gov.ab.ca](http://WWW.ALIS.gov.ab.ca).

Are you trying to find alternate routes to get employees to & from work? The city of Edm has a Pilot project that offers transportation discounts?

Contact us if you have questions or would like to meet. Mike Lakusta x222 in Edm. Or Ruth Hanus x224 in Edm.



IN PARTNERSHIP WITH....



### JOIN THE MEAT FORCE

AB Agriculture & the Canadian Professional Meat Cutters Assoc. have developed a campaign to recruit young Canadians into a career in the meat industry at all levels. Four focus groups met, revealing a lack of public awareness about the many & diverse career opportunities in the meat industry. .

With the assistance of a strategic marketing firm & funding from the National Beef Industry Development Fund, they have developed a recruitment campaign aimed at 17–24 yr olds. The campaign includes branding, advertising, event marketing, an industry website & media relations. [www.meatspecialists.ca](http://www.meatspecialists.ca) or [www.meatforce.ca](http://www.meatforce.ca)  
We need letters of support & funding to drive the recruitment effort. Call Cody Cunningham 403.340.7089.

**An ~~apple~~ carrot a day will keep the doctor away.**

It's been 5 years since AFPA launched its Skill Development Initiative campaign.

Isn't it time for your business to have an HR checkup?

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food processors association

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**50-50 FUNDING SUPPORT UP TO \$50,000 PER YEAR**

You can find all the documentation necessary to submit your proposal at: <http://www.afpa.com/hr/skills.shtml>. If you have questions [sandi@afpa.com](mailto:sandi@afpa.com) 403-201-3657 x25 or [Janet@afpa.com](mailto:Janet@afpa.com) x22

**The International Food Symposium  
2007 Let Food Be Your Medicine**

**Roundup Centre,  
Calgary Stampede Grounds  
Calgary, Alberta, Canada  
Thursday, March 22 and  
Friday, March 23, 2007**



The 4th annual Symposium will be another exciting event giving you a 'snapshot' of global consumer trends & attitudes. A separate ½ day workshop on Food Processing Automation will be held on March 21 (location tba). The event will present a fresh perspective of the global food market, ideas & issues at the leading edge of emerging market trends with a clear emphasis on the business of food. Our speakers will offer insights into how global trends will impact all the key players in the food chain.

Mark your calendar, visit [www.theinnovators.net](http://www.theinnovators.net) for more info & program updates.

**NEW REALITIES, NEW OPPORTUNITIES:**

**GEARING UP FOR THE NEXT GENERATION OF AGRICULTURE & AGRI-FOOD POLICY**

The Canadian agriculture & agri-food industry is an integral part of the Canadian economy. The sector faces a variety of opportunities & pressures in a rapidly evolving world. The sector will be seeking new directions for future success. The time to build the next generation of agriculture & agri-food policy is now. All Canadians will have the opportunity to participate in national consultation sessions Jan & Feb 2007. The purpose is to spark public debate on the future of the agriculture & agri-food sector in Canada.

1) Via Online: [www.agr.gc.ca/nextgen](http://www.agr.gc.ca/nextgen). 2) By mailing responses to AAFC. 3) By attending an event.  
For info on how to participate 1 800 O-CANADA (1 800 622-6232) or visit [www.agr.gc.ca/nextgen](http://www.agr.gc.ca/nextgen)

**AFPA's MEAT Committee presents ....**

**Meat Industry Convention & Trade Show**

Feb 17-18, 2007 - Mayfield Inn Edm.

[melody@afpa.com](mailto:melody@afpa.com) or ph; 403-201-3657 x21

Information packages available at <http://www.afpa.com/opp/meatTS05del.shtml>

**WIN a TRIP for TWO to VEGAS plan to ATTEND the Sunday Night Banquet!!**