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**CALGARY NEW
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**AFPA ACCOUNTING MOVING TO
CALGARY**

We would like to welcome Lynn Harrow as our new bookkeeper. Lynn comes to us with a great wealth of experience in her field & will be working out of the Calgary office. Lynn's can be reached at x30 or lynn@afpa.com.

We wish to thank Joanne Dixon for all her years of dedication & hard work. Joanne wraps up her controller duties in the Edm. Office on April 30. Please direct all future invoices & accounting enquires to the Calgary office.

**AFPA Annual General Meeting &
Industry Builders Award**
(Dietrich Kuhlmann of Kuhlmann's Market
Gardens & Greenhouses this year's IBA
recipient)
June 5 Calgary
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**AFPA Golf Classic
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FOODSAFETY & QUALITY

Are you a non-federal food processing company in Alberta? You may know that funding is available through AB Agriculture & Alberta HACCP Advantage (AHA) to support any of your costs associated with activities to support safe food practices. AFPA can help you to apply for this funding & take you for the next steps such as the development & implementation of your HACCP System. This includes the prerequisites program, GMPs, & HACCP Plans. AFPA offers HACCP customized training courses in your own facility if required, using the same funding program.

For more info & to access the application form, check out the website:

[www1.agric.gov.ab.ca/\\$department/deptdocs.nsf/all/afs9851](http://www1.agric.gov.ab.ca/$department/deptdocs.nsf/all/afs9851) or contact Jacci@afpa.com or Sita@afpa.com.

Foodsafety upcoming courses:

- HACCP IV May 1-2 in Calgary
- HACCP V May 3-4 Calgary
- HACCP IV May 10-11 Edmonton
- HACCP V May 16-17 Edmonton
- ASQ in Calgary June 12-14
- HACCP I in Calgary June 25-26
- HACCP II in Calgary June 27-29

<http://www.afpa.com/snq/train.shtml> or
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- Internal Auditor Training April 19-20 in Edmonton & Calgary
- Internal Auditor Refresher May 18 in Calgary & May 8 in Edmonton
- WHIMS Train the Trainer June 11 Calgary & June 13 in Edmonton

**ALBERTA FOOD REPROT MEMBERS
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- ✚ Innovative Food Concepts Inc. 403-583-7167 – Start up company; Infuse & dehydrated fruit & possibly vegetables.
- ✚ Chomistek Consulting – 403-362-3893 – www.chomistekconsulting.com Business Management Coach, Cobra Business Planning.
- ✚ Columbia Seed Co. Ltd. – 403-655-2420 www.columbiaseed.ca Production of quality seed peas for export. Seed for breeding companies & seed houses as well as human consumption of peas, beans, chickpeas, mustard etc.
- ✚ Air Liquide Canada – www.airliquide.ca 403-723-5410 Food processing gases, applications & equipment.
- ✚ Natures Garden Dressing For Salad – 780-723-3511

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FOREIGN WORKERS!

Currently, the Gov't of Canada establishes target ranges for immigration levels on a year to year basis. They have proposed a shift to a forward-looking plan spanning 5 yrs, beginning in 2008. The first of what will become an annual consultation process with partners will be held Feb to April, 2007 to inform the 2008 Multi-year Levels Plan.

AFPA has been invited to a joint consultation session to have input into how best to plan for the influx of foreign workers to AB. Not only do foreign workers highlight the need for settlement infrastructure, for our industry, which takes a large number of new Canadians, there are many training issues. AFPA is working to create awareness of these issues & develop supports for our member companies around programs & funding grants.

SKILL DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVE (SDI) CAN SUPPORT TRAINING WITH NEW FOREIGN WORKERS

Similar to many other industrialized countries, Canada is facing significant demographic changes: an aging population, slowing labour force growth, urbanization & an increasing proportion of visible minorities in urban centers. Over the next 10 yrs, immigration will account for about 17% of new entrants into the labour force. In the food industry this percentage is higher. The SDI can help offset training costs associated with training foreign workers. Contact Janet 201 3657 x22 for more info.