



A New York Minute

CASA Newsletter

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The Central Atlantic States Association of Food and Drug Officials

Mark Your Calendars!

May 1-4, 2017

Please join us at our 101st
Annual Educational and
Training Seminar!

The Holiday Inn Saratoga Springs
232 Broadway
Saratoga, NY



H. Price Thompson Scholarship



The deadline for CASA members or their relatives to take advantage of the H. Thompson Price Scholarship is March 1, 2017.

Don't miss this opportunity. Visit the CASA website at www.casafdo.org more information.

Have something to say?



Share news from your organization with our membership during the open forum at the quarterly meetings!

Reserve a time slot by contacting any of the board members.

Upcoming Trainings



March 14, 2017 at FDA
June 6, 2017 at Kingsborough Community College
September 26, 2017 at FDA

Member News

Congratulations to members Mohammad Sadat and Lydia Wong who were recently recognized by the NYCDOHMH for their outstanding work!

Making It Happen Awardee



Mohammad Sadat, Public Health Sanitarian
IINYCDOHMH, Bureau of Food Safety &
Community Sanitation

Mohammad Sadat started his Health Department career with the Bureau of Food Safety and Community Sanitation (BFSCS) in 2008. During his first year, he perfected his communication skills and became one of the best inspectors in BFSCS. His positive attitude and customer-focused approach make him successful in the field and among his peers. Mr. Sadat has worked in different units under the Office of Food Safety and with the New Business Acceleration Team to inspect food service establishments for compliance with the NYC Health Code. Mr. Sadat never says "no" to an assignment and is the first to respond when we ask for a volunteer, no matter when we need him. During fiscal year 2016, Mr. Sadat worked endless hours to complete more than 1,000 inspections. His work helped the Department reach its goal of completing at least one inspection for every establishment. Mr. Sadat is a highly respected employee with a vast knowledge of the Departmental regulations and protocols. He is reliable and conducts inspections with the highest level of professionalism. His positive attitude, integrity and superior work ethic make him an example to follow.

Professional Excellence Awardee



Lydia Wong, Director Of Staff Development &
Training, NYCDOHMH, Bureau of Food Safety &
Community Sanitation

Lydia has taken on extra work and more responsibilities without hesitation because she understands that her work is critical to the success of the Bureau of Food Safety and Community Sanitation (BFSCS). She has worked tirelessly to revamp the new inspector training program to ensure that all new staff have the skills needed to be successful in the field. She has meticulously updated the inspector training manual, an invaluable resource during inspections. Beyond training material, she makes herself available to staff to help answer questions, and she takes on additional responsibilities to train staff from other bureaus on field safety, workplace violation prevention, and food safety regulation changes. Lydia applies the highest level of professionalism to all of her work to ensure that BFSCS staff provide top-notch customer service. Her commitment to teaching and training have improved both the expertise and knowledge of inspection staff and the quality of education provided to establishments.

Save the Date



The New York Conference of CASA will be hosting the 102nd Annual CASA Educational and Training Seminar on April 23-26, 2018 at Stony Brook University's Charles B. Wang Center. Overnight accommodations will be available at the Hilton Garden Inn located on the University campus.

The Executive Board is currently seeking help in all aspects of the planning process. Please contact Nick Guarino at nicholas.guarino@suffolkcountyny.gov

if you are interested in being part of our local arrangements committee. We are looking forward to working with you!

Visit our website:

www.casafdo.org



You can also now find us on Facebook and Instagram!

New York Conference of CASA Quarterly Training Session

AGENDA

Please join us beginning at 9am for registration and continental breakfast

March 14th, 2017

9am-4pm

FDA Building

158-15 Liberty Ave
Jamaica, NY 11433

Fee:

Members- \$20

Non-Members- \$30

RSVP by March 10th to
nadine.roe@suffolkcountyny.gov

9:30-10:30	<u>"Improving Foodborne Complaint and Outbreak Detection Using Social Media"</u> Katelynn Devinney Foodborne Disease Epidemiologist NYCDOHMH
10:30-10:45	<u>Break</u>
10:45-11:45	<u>"From Amulets to Zaprana: Non-Point Sources of Lead Exposure and Other Toxics"</u> Paromita Hore Deputy Director, Environmental Risk Assessment Unit Bureau of Environmental Disease and Injury Prevention NYCDOHMH
11:45-12:00	<u>CASA Business Meeting</u>
12:00-1:00	<u>Lunch</u> Sandwiches/Salads Provided
1:00-2:00	<u>"Global Emerging Food Safety Issues"</u> Vanessa C. Broadnax Director, NYMD Quality and Food Safety Stop & Shop Supermarkets
2:00-3:00	<u>"A Look at Seafood Safety and Security from Fish to Dish"</u> Michael Ciaramella Seafood Specialist NY Sea Grant, Cornell Cooperative Extension
3:00-4:00	<u>Q&A Session</u>

Quarterly Training Session

Our first quarterly meeting of the 2017 calendar year will be held on March 14th, at the FDA facility at 158-15 Liberty Ave. in Jamaica. Proper ID is required to enter the building. Please be sure to pre-register so that we may give your name to the security guard at the front gate

Registration Form 2017 March Meeting

Name _____

License Plate # _____

Agency/Firm _____

E-mail Address _____

Meeting Registration: \$20 (member)

\$30 (non-member)

CASA Membership:

Regulatory Agency- \$15

Academic & Retired Regulatory Member- \$10

Associate Member- \$35

Please make checks payable to NY Conference CASA
Fax Registration form to Nadine Roe (631) 852-5871

Or, RSVP via e-mail to:
nadine.roe@suffolkcountyny.gov

Directions to FDA facility :

The FDA building is easily accessible from the Van Wyck Expressway (678) from either north or south. Exit at Liberty Ave. and proceed east for approximately 1 mile. The building will be located on the north side of Liberty Ave. just beyond the Long Island Railroad trestle. Enter through the main gate, identify yourself and announce that you are attending the NY CASA meeting. You will be directed where to park. Enter through the main entrance and proceed to the main floor conference room.