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**IFPTI EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO SPEAK AT WESTERN ASSOCIATION OF FOOD
AND DRUG OFFICIALS CONFERENCE**

Presentation to Focus on the Integrated Food Safety System Toolkit

BATTLE CREEK, Mich. – Gerald Wojtala, executive director of the International Food Protection Training Institute (IFPTI), will speak at the Western Association of Food and Drug Officials (WAFDO) 2013 Annual Educational Conference in Portland, Oregon titled “Navigating the Waters of Change”.

The three-day conference is scheduled for August 4-6 at the Red Lion Convention Center.

Wojtala will speak Monday, August 4 at 9:15 a.m. on the Integrated Food Safety System Toolkit. The session will cover how regulatory agencies and organizations can use the newly developed toolkit.

“The overall goal is to have a fully integrated food safety system,” said Wojtala. “The toolkit will help organizations identify where they are in this process and then map out a strategy to move forward.”

About the Training Institute

The Training Institute is an initiative of the [Global Food Protection Institute \(GFPI\)](#), a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization in Battle Creek, Mich., that is driving the adoption of food protection policies and practices for a safer global food supply. GFPI’s mission is to improve public health and reduce mortality, morbidity and economic costs associated with foodborne illnesses.

The Training Institute is building and administering the training infrastructure for the nation’s Integrated Food Safety System. The Training Institute is dedicated to improving food safety by building training systems, providing evidence-based curriculum, and delivering training for U.S. and international public and private sector food safety professionals that span their entire careers.

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