International Food Safety Training Laboratory Business Solutions:

Customized, affordable, expert-led instruction that yields immediate results for your organization

Challenges in Food Safety Organizations Today
Reliable analytical resources in the business of food safety testing require a skilled workforce trained by experts who know the tricks of the trade, not just the recipe for laboratory methods;

Internal training requires closing a laboratory and mobilizing the bulk of the lab workforce at once, thereby jeopardizing the business workflow and is often limited in the breadth and depth of specialized instruction;

Laboratory analysts need to understand the regulations they are testing against to be able to make informed decisions about the results they obtain. Attracting, motivating, and retaining food safety professionals can often be a difficult task; empowering your workforce can help.

The Solution: the JIFSAN-IFSTL
The International Food Safety Training Laboratory (IFSTL) at the renowned Joint Institute for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition (JIFSAN), in collaboration with the U.S. FDA, offers food safety professionals exceptional opportunities to participate in hands-on laboratory methods.

We realize that not all training obstacles can be overcome by applying an “off-the-shelf solution.” While many training providers will offer you some variation of their standard training, JIFSAN-IFSTL’s subject matter experts will work with you and your team to determine your exact areas of need for immediate and measurable performance results. While instruction is not platform-specific, our wide selection of instrumentation from Waters, Vicam, Dupont Qualicon, Life Technologies, 3M, Bio-Rad and BioMerieux may enable training on the platforms you use.

Areas of expertise at the JIFSAN-IFSTL:
1. Public workshops:
   • A wide range of hands-on laboratory training sessions are offered (www.ifstl.org)
   • Instructors from FDA, USDA, EPA and others hand-picked for each course topic
   • Networking opportunity with instructors and fellow participants who are practicing analysts in food safety laboratories to enhance future activities and resources
   • Cost-effective and efficient course delivery
   • Allows business to keep moving while selected workers are in training
   • Access provided to state-of-the-art equipment for traditional and rapid techniques
   • Train-the-trainer format allows trainees to redeliver the training for maximum cost impact
2. Private workshops:
   • A more intimate and customized hands-on experience designed to meet your specific objectives
   • Incorporates elements of your own quality system, employing actual projects or scenarios. Focus is on the methods you have or will deploy in your food laboratories, for a single department or organization-wide
   • Non-government subject-matter experts in FDA, USDA, and EPA methods are invited to provide tailored training, possibly even using your SOPs
   • Maximizes knowledge transfer to not only retain, but enhance the scientific talent within your organization. Up to 20 participants per class are given the opportunity to learn, practice, network and build cross-plant strategies
   • JIFSAN specializes in US regulatory systems, but our IFSTL partner lab at Fera (UK) can be included in the training plan

Meaningful Performance Measures
   • Realize training ROI by readily implementing new methods or products to comply with U.S. market requirements (BAM or MLB)
   • Better align your resources and prepare staff to take on new responsibilities (GLP, ISO 17025)
   • Empower analysts to better use resources with intimate understanding of regulatory expectations to increase sample capacity, improve project management and in-house knowledge, and reduce the need for re-testing
   • Build networks of expertise in government, private and academic sectors

What the JIFSAN-IFSTL Customers Are Saying:

“The ability to bring in trainers from Dupont Qualicon and BioMerieux was invaluable.”

“It is the first time I can honestly say that I have learned everything I was taught in a training”

“Wow, it was great to practice in the lab with the expert whose method I have been trying to implement standing right next to me and telling me what to do!”

Contact us today to start planning your next training!