

ISSC 2007 Biennial Meeting
August 11-17, 2007 – Albuquerque, New Mexico
Committee Report

Committee Name : *Vibrio* Education Subcommittee

Chairperson: Tom Herrington

Date of Meeting: Sunday, August 12, 2007

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Charge 1: Continue its efforts to improve and enhance Vv education.

Findings:

Status of recommendations made during March meeting:

- 1) Reconcile FDA statements about consumption of raw molluscan shellfish in recent press releases with the agency's position statement. Status: Incomplete
- 2) Discuss ways FDA can include PHP in its position statement on raw molluscan shellfish. Status: Not Done
- 3) Ask FDA about the source of recommendations for cooking times to destroy Vv Status: Not Done
- 4) Print online courses on CD for distribution to Committee members. If possible, include all three courses on one CD. Status: Cannot be done
- 5) Make the harvester video and brochure downloadable from the ISSC Website. Status: Done
- 6) Have Committee members take the course at the August Meeting: Status: Not Done
- 7) Review the Dietician Course at the August Meeting. Status: Not Done
- 8) Promote nurse and dietician courses in the same way as the MD Course – via journals, website, postcards, etc. Status: Done
- 9) Identify funding to adapt MD Course for Physician Assistants. Status: Unfunded
- 10) Fix the link between ISSC Website and Flying Fish. Status: Done
- 11) Update and expand links to other websites for Vv information, especially FDA and CDC. Committee members will submit ideas for other links to Dot by the end of April. Status: Done
- 12) ISSC to work with groups representing those at-risk (American Liver Foundation, ADA, etc.) to urge and assist them to link specific pages on

their websites to the ISSC Website. Status: Not Done

The following presentations were made during the current subcommittee meeting and are attached to the final report:

Canadian Experience – Liliana Rodriguez-Maynez

Review of Vibrio cases for 2006/2007 – Marc Glatzer

Review of 2005 / 2006 Core States Case Totals & Goals – Al Rainosek

CDC Report – Martha Iwamoto

Nurses / Dieticians Online Courses – Nancy Daniel & Ken Moore

Gulf & South Atlantic Fisheries Foundation, Inc. – Michael Jepson

Individual State Highlights / Updates:

Florida: Roberta Hammond: (See FL info)

Georgia: Tori Stivers: (see GA info)

Alabama: Chris Collins (info available online)

Mississippi: Ruth Posadas (See MS info)

Louisiana: Sally Soileau (see LA info)

Texas: Gary Heideman (for Kirk) (info available online)

Conclusions:

Not enough time is allotted for this subcommittee to completely discuss and delve into the charges made to it or actions contemplated.

Actions taken by FDA and the conference toward Vv in oysters continue to warrant new position statements by the ISSC and FDA.

There is inadequate funding for the ISSC executive office.

The ISSC executive Office and the state coordinators have distributed and continue to distribute Vv educational materials to a variety of requestors in 26 states. (report available)

Education efforts toward retailers and distributors should be improved. A group was assigned to develop possible Vv and Vp education initiatives directed toward retailers and distributors.

Recommendations:

It is recommended that FDA and ISSC update their position statements toward the consumption of raw molluscan shellfish

Seek adequate funding for the ISSC executive office in Vv education efforts.

Charge 2:

Consider effective ways to communicate information to harvesters and dealers regarding risks associated with post harvest growth of *Vibrio parahaemolyticus*.

Findings:

Follow up to previous Committee recommendations (primary charges):

13) Designate a voluntary Vp education coordinator in states with two or more Vp illnesses in the last 5 years. States may include Alaska, Washington, Oregon, California, Georgia, New York, New Jersey, and the Gulf States.
Status: Not Done

14) Translate Vp harvester and consumer material into Spanish & Vietnamese.
Status: Not Done

15) Include additional educational materials about Vp online. Status: Done

Conclusions:	<p>The effectiveness of the Vv state coordinators in the performance of their duties in developing networks and promoting Vv educational materials as well as being the central contact have proven extremely beneficial in the efforts to meet the Vv charge to this subcommittee.</p> <p>Vp educational efforts directed toward retailers and distributors are not required but may be the most important link in the proper handling of raw molluscan shellfish to reduce growth of Vp after harvest.</p> <p>A group was assigned to develop possible Vv and Vp education initiative directed toward retailers and distributors</p>
Recommendations:	<p>It continues to be the recommendation that states having mandatory Vp control programs designate a state coordinator to interact with this subcommittee for the development and distribution of Vp material.</p> <p>Current harvester and consumer information should be translated into Spanish and Vietnamese.</p>
Additional Information:	<p>It was the unanimous opinion that, if at all possible, this subcommittee be given 8 hours to convene routinely during ISSC sponsored meeting.</p>
Recorder:	Debbie Rouse
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