The Ozark Food Processors Association (OFPA), founded in 1906, represents the food industries of the Ozark region of the United States. OFPA, a nonprofit, regional organization with national representation, works to:

- Provide a platform where regional food processors, suppliers and associated industries can discuss, plan and implement programs relevant to their needs;
- Provide an effective voice to allow members to participate in legislative and governmental decision making;
- Design technical and educational programs to serve the needs of members; and
- Offer the opportunity for food industry personnel to network, solve problems, share valuable experiences and plan for the future.

110TH ANNUAL CONVENTION & EXPOSITION
APRIL 5-6, 2016

REBUILDING OFPA FOR THE FUTURE

CONVENTION LOCATION
Holiday Inn Convention Center
1500 South 48th Street, Springdale, AR 72762
Reserve rooms at convention rates ($103/night) until March 6, 2016
Phone: (479) 751-8300
Website: http://springdaleholidayinn.com

INDUSTRY IMPACT

REGISTRATION
Register and pay for convention activities online at http://ofpa.uark.edu. Preregistration for the convention is $125/person and includes the breakfast, lunch, reception, exhibits, educational sessions and workshops. Onsite registration is $175/ person.

WIN GIFT CARDS
Gift cards sponsored by OFPA member companies will be given away during the convention events.
TUESDAY, APRIL 5

GOLF TOURNAMENT

SHADOW VALLEY COUNTRY CLUB, ROGERS, AR

The entry fee is $110/person ($440/team), and prizes are awarded in two flights determined by score. Entry fee includes range balls, ½ cart, greens fees and lunch. Other features of the tournament will include a Long Drive Contest, Closest to Pin and a Putting Contest. Hole sponsorships are available for $100/hole. Proceeds from the tournament support OFPA scholarships.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 6

CONVENTION CENTER, HAMMONS HALL I-II

New This Year! The breakfast, lunch, exposition, educational sessions, workshops and reception will be in Hammons Hall I-II! Convention registrants can visit the exhibits during breaks, meals and the reception. Exhibitors will give one minute flash talks during the educational sessions to introduce their company products, services or equipment to convention registrants.

EXPOSITION

Explore 25 exhibits showcasing innovations in products, services and equipment for food processors.

BUSINESS BREAKFAST

Join us for a hearty buffet-style breakfast. The annual business meeting includes brief reports from OFPA, and the OFPA scholarship recipients and poster competition winners will be announced.

EDUCATIONAL SESSIONS

Presentations by invited speakers open to all registered attendees. Exhibitors will give one minute flash talks to introduce their company products, services or equipment.

WELCOME AND REMARKS

Jean-Francois Meullenet, Head Department of Food Science, University of Arkansas

DETECTING FOODBORNE OUTBREAKS: SHOE-LEATHER EPIDEMIOLOGY TO WHOLE GENOME SEQUENCING

Mansour Samadpour, President, IEH Laboratories and Consulting Group

EXHIBITOR FLASH TALKS

BREAK TO VISIT EXHIBITS

EXHIBITOR FLASH TALKS

UPDATE ON FOOD SAFETY MODERNIZATION ACT AND IMPACTS TO THE INDUSTRY

Patrick Pimentel, Manager, Technical Services, NSF International

EXHIBITOR FLASH TALKS
ALL INDUSTRY LUNCH
HAMMONS HALL I-II
12:00-1:30 PM
The lunch will feature products from OFPA member companies. Lunch is sponsored by Riceland, Inc., Sager Creek Vegetable Company, ConAgra Foods, Sargento Foods, Inc. and Tyson Foods.

WORKSHOPS
HOLIDAY INN & CONVENTION CENTER
1:00-5:00 PM
Workshops are offered on current topics in the food industry. Workshops are included in registration.

RAW PRODUCTS AND CROP PROTECTION
HOLIDAY INN SALONS B & C
1:00-5:00 PM
Moderated by Boyce Wofford, Sager Creek Vegetable Company
Discussion on Integrated Pest Management and sustainable agriculture

CONTINUING EDUCATION CREDIT WORKSHOPS
CONVENTION CENTER, HAMMONS HALL I-II
1:30-2:30 PM
Moderated by Andrea Dunigan, Conagra Foods
*Documentation for continuing education credits will be provided

THE WRITE WAY
Kristen Kastrup, Consultant
1:30-2:30 PM
The Write Way is a workshop focusing on the basics of good business writing. As the Food Safety Modernization Act goes into effect, there is more emphasis on food safety documentation that impacts all areas of business, including food safety, product development, sanitation and operations. Whether you write a little or a lot, your writing skills are more important than ever. In this interactive workshop, we will hone skills on writing clearly and concisely, understanding your audience, writing descriptively, email etiquette, and punctuation basics. The workshop incorporates several exercises to practice your writing skills and share examples.

BREAK TO VISIT EXHIBITS
2:30-3:00 PM

PRODUCT DEVELOPMENT FROM THE RETAIL PERSPECTIVE
3:00-4:00 PM
Michael Bunn, Senior Manager Private Brands Product Development, Sam's Club
Susan Brunjes, Technical Sales Representative, Nikken Foods USA
The workshop will focus on achieving a clean label and sodium reduction during product development. The workshop will include a demonstration of ingredients for soups and sauces from Nikken Foods that can be used to replace possible non-clean-label ingredients or achieve sodium reduction.

ALL INDUSTRY RECEPTION
HAMMONS HALL I-II
4:00-6:00 PM
Join us for a Reception during the Exposition. Appetizers will be served and a limited open bar will be available.

POSTER COMPETITION VIEWING
HAMMONS HALL I-II
4:30-5:30 PM
View posters related to the food industry submitted by University of Arkansas students for the Poster Competition. Presenters will be available to respond to questions.

GIFT CARD SPONSORS 2016
Del Monte Foods; F & H Food Equipment Company; Pepper Source; H M Clause; Perten Instruments, Inc.; Pure Line Seeds; Sargento Foods, Inc.; Silliker; Tyson Foods, Inc.
OFPA SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM
Through individual as well as collective contributions of its members, the Ozark Food Processors Association (OFPA) is a strong supporter of research and education programs at the University of Arkansas Division of Agriculture. The OFPA annually awards scholarships to students majoring in Food Science at the University of Arkansas. The OFPA has a special fund for these scholarships and encourages its member companies to designate contributions to this valuable investment in the future of the food industry.

TO DATE, THE ASSOCIATION HAS AWARDED 508 SCHOLARSHIPS IN FOOD SCIENCE.

SCHOLARSHIPS
JIM “J.B.” BROOKS
JERRY DICKSON*
F&H FOOD EQUIPMENT COMPANY*
OFPA - AHMED A. & ANNA KATTAN
JUSTIN R. MORRIS*
ROY & CAROLYN SHARP
CAROLYN S.Q. SHARP*
JOE & GRETCHEL STEELE
CLAUDRE & PATTY TODD*

*administered by OFPA

2015-2016 SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

SOPHOMORE
Lauren Ince, Nashville, AR (F & H and Kattan)
Nicholas Liacouras, Collegeville, PA (Todd)
Chuqiao Mai, Fayetteville, AR (Carolyn Sharp)

JUNIOR
Riley Raulston, Jonesboro, AR (Kattan)

SENIOR
Sean Breast, Frisco, TX (Steele)
Matthew Chapko, Rogers, AR (Morris)
Aubrie Hanson, Rogers, AR (Dickson )
Allyson Nall, Talala, OK (Kattan)
Daniel Norton, Mckinney, TX (Sharp)

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