

EDITOR'S CORNER

Inaugural Outstanding Educator in Food Safety Award

Daniel Y.C. Fung, Professor of Food Science and Animal Sciences and Industry at Kansas State University (KSU), was presented with this prestigious award sponsored by the Food Safety Magazine and ConAgra Foods at a special meeting at the Annual Meeting of International Association of Food Protection in Lake Buena Vista, FL in July 9, 2007. It consists of a handsomely engraved glass statue with a motif of the "Flame of Knowledge."

The award honors Fung's contribution to educating more than 18,000 undergraduate and graduate students, distance learning students, nontraditional students and professionals in classroom teaching, symposia, seminars, workshops and meetings on microbial food safety in about 60 countries around the world. He just completed the XXVII International Workshop on Rapid Methods and Automation in Microbiology at KSU, June 15–22, 2007. This popular workshop attracted about 4,000 participants from 60 countries to come to Manhattan, KS to be trained in the latest technologies in detecting microbes and controlling them for food safety and security since 1980.

During the May 2007 KSU graduation ceremony, Fung celebrated the graduation of his 100th graduate student (33 PhD and 67 MS) as the major professor, a milestone significant for a biologically oriented research area such as food microbiology. Fung has published more than 800 research papers, books, proceedings articles and abstracts in his long career since 1969, first at Pennsylvania State University and since 1978 at KSU. He was given the title of Distinguished Professor at the Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona, Spain in November 2006 for his contribution in helping to establish a successful annual Rapid Methods in Food Microbiology Workshop since 2002 in this ca. 50,000 student body University in Catalonia, Spain.

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