

**Report the President and Provost
2003-2004: Institute for Food Safety and Security**

Overview of Scientific Activities

The affiliated faculty of the Institute for Food Safety and Security (IFSS) currently have extramural awards and ongoing research **exceeding \$46.7 million**. (This does include the extramural awards of IFSS affiliated faculty who are also in affiliated centers: NASA Food Technology Commercial Space Center, Center for Food Security and Public Health, Biosafety Institute for Genetically Modified Agricultural Products, Center for Designing Foods to Improve Nutrition, Food Safety Consortium, and the Food Safety Research Consortium.)

Last year, two of the grant proposals facilitated by the Institute were funded by USDA (approximately \$800,000). The Institute facilitated the preparation of two additional grants this year. Unfortunately, one was not selected for funding, while the other is still pending.

**Use of FY04 Funding: \$43,883 (Academic Initiatives Fund)
 \$100,000 (Vice Provost for Research – IDC allocation)**

Academic Initiatives Fund \$43,883

Administrative Specialist

Vice Provost for Research – IDC Allocation

Graduate Student Support: \$30,000

Proposals were accepted from each of the seven units for the distribution of \$5,000 awards for the purpose of graduate students working on food safety or food security. Six awards were made (two units did not submit proposals and one unit submitted two proposals).

IFSS Web Site: \$8,450

IFSS contracted GlobalReach to assist with the design and launching of the IFSS web site (<http://www.ifss.iastate.edu>). The site was activated in January of 2004. The site was modeled after the Food Safety Consortium (FSC) web site, using many of the features and links already in place. Dan Henroid, who maintains the FSC web site, devoted many hours of assistance and his expertise was greatly appreciated. While we are pleased with the result and believe the site is extremely informative, relating information on affiliated faculty members and their research and scholarly activities and accomplishments, more features will be added.

Establishment of Office: \$14,000

We are grateful to the College of Agriculture for allocating office space in 326/326A of Curtiss Hall. Renovations and office set up will be complete by June 30, 2004.

Operating Expense: \$20,000

Communications, computer support, office supplies, travel

State of Faculty Hiring

Search for Director: To be filled July 1, 2004

- Job announcement issued January 29, 2004, with a March 31 deadline for application
- Eleven applications received

- Four candidates forwarded for approval to bring to campus for interviews in May
- Target start date for permanent director: 1 September 2004

Justification for Proposed Use of Funds Awarded for FY05

For FY05:

- Director salary and benefits
- Administrative Specialist salary and benefits
- One additional faculty hire plus benefits

Goals for FY05

- Establish Board of Directors
- Corporate Sponsorships
- Sponsor a Seminar Series