



## Come Join Us in New Orleans!

Global Harmonization Initiative (GHI)

Working Group Meeting

Where: [International Hospitality Lounge](#)

Date: Sunday, June 29, 2008

Time: 10.00 a.m. – 12.00 p.m.

Held in conjunction with the Institute of Food Technologists (IFT)  
Annual Meeting & Food Expo, June 28-July 1, 2008, New Orleans, LA.

The Global Harmonization Initiative, an international scientific organization dedicated to achieving consensus on the science of food regulations and legislation to ensure the global availability of safe and wholesome food products for all consumers, welcomes all existing members and interested parties to its next U.S. meeting in New Orleans, LA.

GHI's strategy to promote international harmonization of food regulations and legislation is three-fold:

- Providing the foundation for sound, sensible, science-based regulations.
- Creating a forum for scientists and technologists to interact with regulatory authorities, globally.
- Providing industry, regulators and consumers an independent, authoritative information resource.

GHI will not directly change regulations, but intends to provide tools for promoting harmonization, and will collect and evaluate available scientific data to produce draft statements related to controversy in science and regulations of food. Please join us at our 2008 Summer Meeting to stay informed and make a difference!

### June 29 GHI Working Group Agenda

1. Welcome & Introduction to GHI
  - a. Definition
  - b. Structure & Founding of the GHI Association
2. Update on the workshops in Lisbon (Portugal) and Cavtat (Croatia)
3. Membership
  - a. Enrollment of scientific organizations
  - b. Enrollment of individual members/experts
4. GHI and IFT
  - a. IFT representation in the GHI Board – report actions
  - b. IFT endorsement and sponsorship of GHI activities
  - c. Organization of the GHI Meeting during IFT 2009 – Creation of a “Special Interest Group” within IFT
5. Specialized working groups to address conflict in food regulations and legislation among nations
  - a. Definition of a working group
  - b. Mechanism to join a working group
6. GHI Book: “Ensuring Global Food Safety: Exploring Global Harmonization” - Elsevier

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