



What is the ADPI Center of Excellence - February 2015

As Chairman of the Center of Excellence (COE) Task Force, for this update and commentary, I would like to take the liberty of promoting the COE and the resource professionals that provide services to ADPI member companies. In 2012 the ADPI Board of Directors, as the result of a Strategic Initiatives effort, approved the formation of a Center of Excellence that would provide ADPI Members access to professional dairy industry experts. COE Task Force Members Richard Bradfield (International Ingredients), Ray Dyke (Agrimark), Rick Kaepernick (Hilmar), Barney Krueger (Glanbia), Jeremy Riggs (Franklin Farms East) Dan Meyer and Dave Thomas (ADPI) selected competencies that resource professionals should possess to provide ADPI Members access to expertise and additionally recommended potential industry and academic participants.

Some of the areas that are supported are processing, product applications, quality, food safety, regulatory, nutrition, risk management and business strategy. A listing of the areas currently supported and the resource professional's services that are available to members can be found by "clicking" on the COE icon at the top of the ADPI website home page.

Members may contact the dairy resource expert directly via e-mail or a call. There is no cost to the ADPI Member for initial consultations. ADPI respects the privacy of communications between its members and the resource consultant. For the purpose of monitoring the viability of the COE Program, the consultant provides the COE Task Force Chairman with the names of member companies for which they provided resources and time involved in the consultation.

Since the inception of the COE program in June 2013 many members have taken advantage of this ADPI membership benefit. The current resource professionals available to Members are KJ Burrington (dairy ingredients), Bjorn Sorensen (dairy Processing), Jim Sullivan (feed ingredients), Phil Tong (dairy technology) Allen Saylor (food safety), Craig Schroeder (regulatory), Joe O'Donnell (nutrition), Mike McCulley (risk management) Mary Keough Ledman (dairy market research) and Dan Meyer (dairy product standards). Each of these resource professionals have multiple competencies which you will find described on the ADPI website along with their employment history, formal training and contact information. Inquiries are welcomed and these individuals are available to assist ADPI Members.

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