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Jack Guzewich Honored With Sanitarian Award

CALGARY, Alberta, August 17, 2006: The International Association for Food Protection (IAFP) presented the 2006 Sanitarian Award to Jack Guzewich, RS, MPH, at their Annual Meeting on Wednesday, August 16. The Sanitarian Award recognizes an individual for exceptional service to the public, the IAFP and to the profession of Sanitarian.

The award includes a $1,000 honorarium sponsored by Ecolab Inc. In addition to sponsoring the Sanitarian Award, Ecolab is a Gold Sustaining Member of the IAFP, supporting speakers and educational sessions at the IAFP Annual Meeting.

Guzewich is the Director of Emergency Coordination and Response in the Center for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition of the Food and Drug Administration, where he has worked for the past nine years. He leads the Center's investigations of and response to emergencies, including terrorism events involving products regulated by the FDA. He is responsible for coordinating with other agencies and developing recommendations on outbreaks and emergency prevention. Previously, Guzewich spent 27 years with the New York State Department of Health where he led foodborne illness surveillance, regulation of foodservice establishments and served as training officer for environmental health staff. He holds a Master of Public Health degree from the University of Minnesota.

"We are pleased to present the Sanitarian Award to Jack," remarked Katherine M.J. Swanson, Ecolab's vice president of food safety. "His accomplishments and years of dedication to our profession make him a very esteemed recipient."

The IAFP is a non-profit association comprised of 3,000 members from 50 nations with the mission of providing food safety professionals a worldwide forum to exchange information on protecting the food supply. Sanitarian Award winners are selected using a variety of criteria including: length of service and positions held in the profession of Sanitarian, food protection activities demonstrating a dedication to the profession, leadership roles, and significant achievements and educational activities in food protection.

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