



From the British Columbia FOODSAFE Secretariat

### INSTRUCTOR SEARCH FUNCTION ON FOODSAFE.CA

Organizations or individuals looking for certified FOODSAFE or MarketSafe instructors may now use the “Find a FOODSAFE instructor” or “Find a MarketSafe instructor” search functions on the FOODSAFE website. If you are a certified FOODSAFE and/or MarketSafe instructor and want to make sure your name appears on the list, be sure to keep your instructor (INS) account up-to-date. These accounts expire after twelve months of inactivity. To keep your account active, simply log into it once a year. If your account has expired and you are still an active, certified FOODSAFE instructor, send an email to [foodsafety@foodsafety.ca](mailto:foodsafety@foodsafety.ca) and we will re-activate it for you.

### BACK TO THE DRAWING BOARD FOR 2010 FOODSAFE LEVEL 2

A big “thank you” to the many FOODSAFE Level 2 instructors and Environmental Health Officers who participated in the pilot sessions of the new Level 2 course and to the terrific EHOs who facilitated them: Cina Opel, Jasmina Egeler, and Kevin Touchet. The pilots gave the participants, facilitators, and project coordinators an excellent opportunity to see how the course would look and feel in a real delivery.

We have gathered a considerable amount of valuable and constructive suggestions and critique of the program from these pilot sessions, and are now working on making substantial changes and revisions to the new course. Because the changes are more significant than we originally planned, (including some editing of videos and the addition of new material), our release date for the new Level 2 course has been pushed back by several weeks.

In order to ensure we have sufficient time to develop a top quality course aimed at owners, managers and supervisors, the release date of the new FOODSAFE Level 2 course will be delayed. **The new expected release date is Fall 2010.**

This delay will give Level 2 instructors additional time to use up their existing stock of the old Level 2 books and prepare for the brand new course. If you are out of stock, Queen’s Printer will print small quantities of the old workbooks on demand. If you have old Level 2 books that you would like to unload before the fall please send an email to [foodsafety@foodsafety.ca](mailto:foodsafety@foodsafety.ca) to let us know. We will put your contact information and the number of books you’d like to sell in the “Teacher’s Lounge” on [foodsafety.ca](http://foodsafety.ca). Looking for surplus workbooks? Check the “Teacher’s Lounge”!

The online version of FOODSAFE Level 2 is now running and available through [Open School BC](http://OpenSchoolBC.ca). The online course is offered once per month, and is facilitated by FOODSAFE instructor, Wayne Smith in Kamloops. The first Level 2 online course in May had 10 students registered; 17 students participated in the June offering, and eight are already registered for the July offering.

When the final revisions to the face-to-face course are completed in the fall, the online course will be adjusted to align with the print version.



### VERSION FRANÇAISE DE FOODSAFE

A French version of FOODSAFE Level 1, complete with a French Instructor Guide, videos and PowerPoint slides, will be available for purchase through [Crown Publications: Queen’s Printer](http://CrownPublications.com) on June 28, 2010. Our thanks to Health Canada for the financial assistance that made this project possible. Thanks as well to Corry at Majestic Sound and Manon Columbe for outstanding work on the French audio track.

For more information about the BC FOODSAFE program, contact Toni Burton, BC FOODSAFE Secretariat Coordinator.

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The first MarketSafe course, a new food safety training program for people who make, bake or grow products to sell at farmers' markets or other temporary markets, was delivered at the BC Association of Farmers' Markets Conference in Penticton, BC in March. 29 participants successfully completed the course and received MarketSafe certificates issued by the Interior Health Authority.



*Steve Thomson, Minister of Agriculture and Lands, MP Stockwell Day, and Si Shyng of BCCDC award the first MarketSafe Certificate to Mary Forstbauer of the BC Association of Farmers' Markets, and the rest of the successful graduates!*

The MarketSafe Implementation Manual has now been distributed to the Regional Health Authorities. With the market season getting into full swing around BC, it is hoped that each Health Region will have certified MarketSafe instructors ready to deliver the course as soon as possible. Courses and instructors may be entered into the searchable database on the [foodsafety.ca](http://foodsafety.ca) website in the same way as FOODSAFE courses are entered. The MarketSafe Student Workbook and Instructor Guide are now completed and available for purchase through [Crown Publications: Queen's Printer](#).

**Interested in becoming a MarketSafe instructor in BC?** Look for instructor qualifications and a MarketSafe Instructor Application Form at: <http://foodsafety.ca/main/faq#instructors>.



## FOOD SAFETY MUSIC

Looking for something fun to spice up your FOODSAFE classes? Check out Dr. Carl Winter's food safety on YouTube. The video discs are available for purchase on the UC Davis website: <http://foodsafety.ucdavis.edu/#>.

