

Professional Development Training for Organic Certification Agencies

**January 26 – 28, 2010
Savannah, GA**

**Including
National Organic Program Certifier Training**

hosted by



Accredited Certifiers Association, Inc.

and



ACA / NASOP Professional Development Training

Schedule

January 26, 2010	9 am to 5 pm	National Organic Program Certifier Training Miles McEvoy, Deputy Administrator Mark Bradley, Chief – Accreditation, Auditing, & Training Other NOP Staff
January 27, 2010	8 am to 5:15 pm	ACA / NASOP Professional Development Training
January 28, 2010	8:15 am to 5 pm	ACA / NASOP Professional Development Training Also: ACA Annual Meeting NASOP Annual Meeting

Location

The Inn at Ellis Square

201 West Bay Street
Savannah, GA 31401
Telephone: (877) 542.7666
www.innatellissquare.com

- Located in Savannah's Historic District within easy walking distance of many restaurants and other attractions.
- A block of rooms have been reserved for training attendees (until 12.25.2009) with the following rates:

Doubles:	\$109.00 plus tax*
Suites:	\$129.00 plus tax*

*includes complimentary continental breakfast
- Call **The Inn at Ellis Square** directly to book your room; tell them you are with the Accredited Certifiers Association meeting.

ACA / NASOP Professional Development Training Topics

The ACA / NASOP Professional Development Training will include panel discussions as well as individual presentations. Examples of sessions to be presented include:

- **International Issues**

Updates on Korea, Taiwan and EU issues

- **Anticipating Change: Affects of NIST Oversight of NOP on Certifiers**

What is NIST recognition; what are the benefits of NIST recognition of organic accreditation bodies; how can certifiers' weather – and even benefit from – a NIST witness audit.

- **Evaluation of Inspectors**

Private and state program representatives will speak about their inspector evaluation procedures from the perspective of those with staff inspectors and those contracting for inspection services.

- **Materials Review Issues**

Learn about the processes various certifiers use for review of materials including:

- staff qualifications
- information required from the product manufacturer - is there an organic system plan required
- determination whether to inspect facility or not
- how the review is documented
- is an annual update required
- impact of contractual agreements

Hands on review of product labels – what information is included in review; how much due diligence (how far do we go?); resources used; what about those inerts.

Update on liquid fertilizers and compost contamination and will there be a move towards the standardization of review of high risk fertilizers.

- **Current status of Food Safety legislation**

What is the status of the Leafy Greens Marketing Agreement; what alternatives have been proposed; is there going to be a Food Safety Bill; will certifiers be permitted to verify producer records?

- **NOP policies as disseminated through accreditation audits – what is your experience?**

A discussion among certification agency staff only, regarding various audit findings and their implications for affecting policy.

- **ACA Annual Meeting**

Review of ACA activities of the past year
Planning for activities of the coming year

- **NASOP Annual Meeting**

Additional detailed information coming soon.

ACA / NASOP Professional Development Training Registration

Registration must be received by: January 15, 2010

Registrant Information

Name:

Company:

Address:

City:

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Zip

Phone:

E-mail:

No. of
Registrants

Fee

Total

ACA / NASOP Member

\$240.00

Non Member ACA / NASOP

\$290.00

List Names of Additional Registrants:

Note: There is no fee to attend the National Organic Program Certifier Training, but you must register with the National Organic Program.

Registration fee includes break refreshments; lunch and dinner on your own.

Please make check payable to:
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