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**IFSH/NCFST AND CSIRO SIGN FIVE-YEAR MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING**

(BEDFORD PARK, IL) April 11, 2011 – The Institute for Food Safety and Health (IFSH), Illinois Institute of Technology (IIT), today announced that its principal operating center, the National Center for Food Safety and Technology (NCFST), has entered into a five-year memorandum of understanding (MOU) with Australia’s Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organization (CSIRO).

CSIRO is Australia’s national science agency, with diverse research interests that include robust programs in food processing technology, food safety and nutrition.

Under the agreement, IFSH/NCFST and CSIRO will establish a collaborative framework in which the organizations will provide scientific and technological support to each other in research projects involving food safety, innovative processing technologies, nutrition and health substantiation.

"Both IFSH/NCFST and CSIRO bring a strong tradition of high-impact research capabilities to this collaborative partnership, especially in the area of advancing novel food processing technologies to improve the food safety and quality attributes of finished products," said Robert E. Brackett, PhD, vice president and director, IFSH. "This agreement provides the foundation for a cooperative exchange of knowledge and expertise in research that ultimately will benefit consumers in the form of safer, healthier foods and beverages."

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The Institute for Food Safety and Health (IFSH) is a one-of-a-kind applied food research institute that provides stakeholders in government, industry and academia the opportunity to develop and exchange knowledge and expertise to address key issues in food safety, food defense and nutrition. Powered by a singular combination of in-depth food science expertise and state-of-the-art research
capabilities, IFSH's collaborative research model helps stakeholders define and design innovative and practical approaches to solving real-world challenges in food industry operations. Located at the Illinois Institute of Technology's (IIT) Moffett Campus in Bedford Park, IL, IFSH is also home to the FDA CFSAN Division of Food Processing Science and Technology. For more, visit www.iit.edu/ifsh