



NATIONAL COALITION FOR FOOD AND AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH

Media Advisory

Food Nanoscience????

“How Tiny Particles Have a Big Impact”

Washington, DC – September 3 – Research on potential applications of nanotechnology in the food industry is the subject of the sixth 2008 National C-FAR “Lunch~N~Learn” Hill Seminar on Monday, September 8, from 12:00–12:55 p.m. in 1302 Longworth House Office Building. The featured speaker is Dr. Bernadene Magnuson, a food toxicologist with Cantox Health Sciences and the University of Toronto.

“Nanotechnology has emerged as one of the most exciting areas of research with great potential to influence food and agriculture,” said Magnuson.

“We are pleased to feature how food nanoscience research could help achieve advances in food quality, safety and biosecurity; food processing; nutrient/ingredient technologies, and food packaging,” said M. Stephanie Patrick, President of the National Coalition for Food & Agricultural Research (National C-FAR). “These presentations are excellent examples of how food and agriculture researchers can produce the scientific outcomes needed to meet 21st century challenges and opportunities.”

Dr. Magnuson is Senior Scientific and Regulatory Consultant, Cantox Health Sciences, and Associate adjunct professor, Nutritional Sciences, University of Toronto. She is a food toxicologist, with expertise in safety assessments of food and dietary supplement ingredients and contaminants and is a pioneer in the developing field of safety of food nanoscience. Dr. Magnuson is leading efforts to address issues facing the food industry in the adoption of this promising new technology.

The seminar is open to the public and the media.

NATIONAL C-FAR IS a nonprofit, nonpartisan, consensus-based, and *customer-led* coalition that brings food, agriculture, nutrition, conservation, and natural resource stakeholders together with the food and agriculture research and extension community, serving as a forum and a unified voice in support of sustaining and increasing public investment at the national level in food and agricultural research, extension, and education. National C-FAR’s Hill Seminar Series regularly presents leading-edge researchers working to provide answers to pressing issues confronting the public and Congress. The Hill Seminar Series and Success Profiles help demonstrate the value of public investment in food and agricultural research—investment that returns 45 percent per year on average. Interviews with National C-FAR President M. Stephanie Patrick are available by request. For additional information, go to www.ncfar.org; or contact Tom Van Arsdall, Executive Director, at tom@vanarsdall.com.