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Frozen Food Foundation Names Dr. Mark Harrison of the University of Georgia 2017 Freezing Research Award Recipient

McLean, VA – The [Frozen Food Foundation](#), in conjunction with the [International Association for Food Protection](#) (IAFP), presented Dr. Mark Harrison, a Josiah Meigs Distinguished Teaching Professor, Graduate Coordinator, and Researcher in the Department of Food Science and Technology at the [University of Georgia](#) (UGA), with the eighth annual Frozen Food Foundation Freezing Research Award.

The award, which recognizes individuals or organizations whose research contributes to the continued enhancement of food quality and safety through freezing, was presented to Dr. Harrison during the IAFP 2017 Annual Meeting in Tampa, Fla. Dr. Harrison was selected for his research in inactivation of bacterial pathogens in food and the shelf-life extension of food.

Dr. Harrison has worked extensively on the evaluation of pathogen detection and control technologies. He continues to support and collaborate with the frozen food industry to enhance food safety programs by identifying key interventions in the supply chain.

“The Frozen Food Foundation is pleased to recognize the achievements of Dr. Harrison through the presentation of the Freezing Research Award,” said Foundation President Alison Bodor, who also serves as president and CEO of the [American Frozen Food Institute](#). “Dr. Harrison’s contributions to the field of food safety have aided the scientific community and consumers alike by developing science-based solutions that have increased product quality, safety and shelf life.”

Dr. Harrison holds an M.S. in Microbiology from the University of Tennessee, Knoxville and Ph.D. in Food Technology and Science from the University of Tennessee, Knoxville.

“Dr. Harrison has developed a highly successful research program that has addressed issues of critical importance to the frozen food industry,” said UGA Professor Emeritus of Food Science Dr. Joseph Frank. “Dr. Harrison has an outstanding record of teaching, research and service that directly impacted the frozen food industry.”

IAFP has long presented awards to members of the food industry for their work to enhance food safety. The Frozen Food Foundation Freezing Research Award is the only award presented at the IAFP Annual Meeting specifically for frozen food-related research.

As the recipient of the 2017 Frozen Food Foundation Freezing Research Award, Dr. Harrison receives a \$2,000 honorarium and commemorative plaque.

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The Frozen Food Foundation exists to foster scientific research, public awareness and industry education regarding the nutritional, safety and societal attributes of frozen foods for the benefit of the common good. The Frozen Food Foundation is affiliated with the American Frozen Food Institute.