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**Biomed/Biotech Special Interest Group (SIG) Meeting**

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## **“Epidemiology Operations for National Food Safety”**

To be presented by

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**Thursday, September 27, 2012**

6:00 – 6:20 PM – Networking; Pizza/drink

6:20 – 8:30 PM – Program

8:30 – 8:45 PM – Door-prizes drawing; Networking

Online Registration site: <http://www.asq509.org/ht/d/DoSurvey/i/35817>

**Open to Public –**

**\$5:** [non-ASQ members](#) to cover pizza/drink cost;

**Free:** [ASQ Members, veterans, senior citizens, students, local interns, residents, postdocs, FDA Commissioner’s Fellows, and current job-seekers](#)

**Location:** Kelly’s Deli Conference Center, 7519 Standish Place, Rockville, MD 20855

**Registration Deadline:** Please register by **Thursday noon, September 27, 2012.**

**Question:** Please contact Dr. C.J. George Chang, Chair of Biomed/Biotech SIG, ASQ509; [gchang2008@yahoo.com](mailto:gchang2008@yahoo.com) or 240-793-8425 (cell).

**Driving directions:** **By Car:** From I-270 (N or S bound): Take Exit 9A and exit from the FIRST right exit; turn left (east) onto Shady Grove Dr.; turn right (south) onto Rockville Pike (**Route 355**); turn left (east) onto East Gude Dr.; turn left (north) immediately onto Crabb’s Branch Dr.; turn left (west) immediately onto Standish Place. The first building on your right side is 7519 Standish Place; open parking). **The venue is on the first floor with its entrance opposite to the left side of building main entrance.** **By Metro train:** Off from Red Line **Shady Grove Station**, and take RideOn **Route**

**59 TOWARD ROCKVILLE** and get off from “**Calhoun Place**” stop. Standish Place is next to the Bus stop. Our venue is within 2 min of walking distance from the stop.

## Summary:

As a public health regulatory agency, the Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS) of US Department of Agriculture (USDA) investigates reports of foodborne illness potentially associated with FSIS-regulated products. The Applied Epidemiology Division (AED) of FSIS is responsible for early detection and resolution of related adverse health issues.

The goals for this seminar are to 1) discuss how and why AED was restructured, and 2) provide an example of how it operates to guard the safety of the American food supply. We will also discuss the organizational vision and goals, reorganization, strategic plan, operational plan, and performance measures.

## Presenter’s Bio: Regina Tan, DVM, MS, DACVPM

Dr. Tan has more than 10 years of public health experience in preventive medicine and epidemiology, and joined FSIS of USDA from the MITRE Corporation, where her management of a team of engineers was essential to developing innovative data architecture research and development across the federal government.

Dr. Tan began her career as a **Commissioned Corps officer** in the US Public Health Service and worked with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), first as an **Epidemic Intelligence Service Officer** then as a **Preventive Medicine Fellow**. She joined FSIS’s then-Human Health Sciences Division (now the Applied Epidemiology Division) as a **Veterinary Epidemiologist** in 2003, where she managed the Consumer Complaint Monitoring System team and hurricane response components. In 2005, Dr. Tan rejoined CDC, as a **liaison** with the Armed Forces Medical Intelligence Center. She is very pleased to have rejoined the FSIS team of USDA, and served as the **Director** of Applied Epidemiology Division.

Dr. Tan has led or served on numerous public health advisory committees, interagency teams and working groups pertaining to threats to public health. She earned her DVM and MS from Purdue University and her Bachelor of Science in Biology from the University of Maryland. She is also a Diplomate of the American College of Veterinary Preventive Medicine (DACVPM).