

Suslow Named to PPB to Lead Food Safety Initiative



Trevor V. Suslow

Trevor V. Suslow has recently joined the APS Public Policy Board (PPB), where he will take a leading role in highlighting and coordinating PPB efforts related to food safety, as well as providing relevant science-based information to policy-makers.

This appointment complements initiatives and programs in which he has been involved within his role as extension research specialist at the University of California, Davis. These activities integrate diverse disciplines to bridge research, education, and outreach among plant pathologists, food scientists, horticultural sciences, and environmental specialists.

At the University of California, Davis since 1995, Suslow's professional interests have included postharvest pathology and microbiology of perishable horticultural commodities and fresh vegetables, postharvest quality and safety of edible horticultural crops, and biologically mediated controls of postharvest diseases and pathogens of human food safety concern. His current research goals in microbial food safety are to better understand environmental persistence and dissemination and plant-microbe interactions that span preharvest through postharvest phases. The majority of his work over the past 12 years has focused on *Salmonella*, *Escherichia coli*, and *Shigella* on fresh and fresh-cut produce.

National and international recognition for Suslow's expertise in host-microbe interactions related to food safety are reflected in the many committees, boards, and panels on which he has been invited to serve. Some of these include an appointment to the editorial board of the *Journal of Food Protection*, membership in the National Food Safety Research and Response Network and the National Alliance of Food Safety and Security, service as an affiliate scientist for the Western Institute for Food Safety and Security, membership on the United Fresh Food Safety and Technology Council and on the California Tomato Farmers Advisory Committee on Food Safety, and appointment to the Advisory Board for the Center for Produce Safety housed at the University of California, Davis.

Suslow, like all the members of the PPB, welcomes questions, comments, and input from APS members on board activities and priorities. ■