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## Epicurean Group CEO Invited to be U.S. Delegate to Global Slow Food Conference

Los Altos, California (May 20, 2016) – <u>Slow Food USA</u> has invited Epicurean Group founder and CEO Mary Clark Bartlett to be a U.S. delegate to <u>Terra Madre Salone del Gusto</u>, the global Slow Food conference. The conference will be held September 22–26 in Turin, Italy.

Every two years, Terra Madre delegates from over 150 countries are chosen for their "ability to represent the breadth of the world's food traditions, movements, success stories," as well as for "their capacity to take new lessons, ideas, and relationships back to challenges still waiting to be met at home."

Clark Bartlett is one of slightly more than 200 delegates to be selected from the U.S. "Slow Food leaders admire the incredible work that Mary is doing," according to Megan Larmer, director of Network Engagement at Slow Food USA. "It also means that we believe Mary has exemplified the theme of Terra Madre Salone del Gusto, 'Loving the Earth,' through a demonstrated commitment to caring for the environment and its bounty."

"I'm very honored to have been invited to be a U.S. delegate," said Clark Bartlett. "While I'm at Terra Madre, I plan to connect with other food industry professionals to share ideas and discuss how we can make positive changes to the industrial food system." Bartlett serves on the board of directors for the local Slow Food South Bay chapter.

Epicurean Group is a women- and minority-owned sustainable food service management company that serves more than 50 corporate and college campuses in Northern California. The company focuses on using sustainable and organic food that is locally grown. CEO Clark Bartlett has been recognized as an industry "thought leader" who has worked throughout her career to revolutionize the food service industry.

Epicurean Group is a participating member of the global Slow Food organization, and supports its local education and advocacy efforts for "good, clean and fair" food. "Epicurean Group's 'fresh, honest, local' philosophy means that we buy food locally, in season," said Bartlett. "That supports our local farmers and ranchers and the communities where we live and work."

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Epicurean Group is an independent food service management company committed to socially responsible and environmentally sustainable business practices.

Slow Food, founded in Italy in 1986 to counter the rise of fast food, is a global grassroots organization with 100,000 supporters in 150 countries.

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