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### **Mary Clark Bartlett Chosen as US Delegate to Slow Food Global Conference, Terra Madre**

LOS ALTOS, California (October 17, 2014) – Epicurean Group founder and CEO Mary Clark Bartlett has been selected as a US delegate to Terra Madre, Slow Food’s global food conference to be held in Turin, Italy, October 23 – 27. Bartlett, part of the 240-person US delegation, will join conference delegates and sustainable food leaders from around the world to share her vision for changing the industrial food system.

Slow Food, a global grassroots organization, was founded in 1989 to counter the rise of fast food. The organization includes more than 100,000 members in 150 countries, with 1,500 local chapters worldwide. Slow Food supports food that is “good, clean and fair” and works to promote sustainable and environmentally friendly food production and consumption.

More than 16,000 people are expected to attend the 2014 conference, the sixth since it was inaugurated in 2004. For the second time, the global conference will be combined with Salone del Gusto, one of the world’s premiere food events dedicated to artisan and small-scale food and wine producers, which attracted 220,000 visitors in 2012.

“I’m thrilled to have been chosen as one of the California delegates,” said Bartlett. “It’s an honor to be recognized for Epicurean Group’s efforts to support our local partner-producers, and for encouraging sustainability and healthy food in our community and in our state.”

Epicurean Group, a women- and minority-owned sustainable foodservice management company, serves more than 40 corporate and college restaurants and cafés in California. The company focuses on using sustainable and organic food that is grown locally. CEO Bartlett is recognized as an industry thought leader who has worked throughout her career to revolutionize food service.

Bartlett serves on the leadership team of the Slow Food South Bay Chapter and supports its local education and advocacy efforts. In 2010, Bartlett established the GreenTown Co-op to supply compostable take-out containers to Bay Area restaurants at a discount as part of a larger statewide plan to achieve zero waste. Epicurean Group was one of the first local foodservice providers certified as a Bay Area Green Business.

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Epicurean Group is an independent food service management company, providing restaurant and catering services to corporations, educational campuses and fine arts facilities. Epicurean Group is committed to socially responsible and environmentally sustainable business practices.

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