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Steven Dentali, PhD, is Chief Science Officer at the American Herbal Products Association (AHPA) where his duties include helping to set quality standards for the botanical products industry and providing guidance and advice to AHPA member companies, related organizations, government agencies, scientific publications, and the popular press. He is a United States Pharmacopoeia Convention Delegate and a member of the USP Committee of Experts, Dietary Supplements – General Chapters. He is also Editorial Board Chair of AOAC and Secretary of the AOAC Presidential Task Force on Dietary Supplements, and an advisory board member of the American Botanical Council and the American Herbal Pharmacopoeia.

Dr. Dentali has eighteen post graduate years experience in the US herbal and dietary supplement industry having worked with small craftsmanship botanical houses, large and small agricultural efforts, and as Senior Director of Botanical Sciences for a large corporate supplement company. He also has consulting experience and was trained as an herbalist prior to earning his doctorate in Pharmaceutical Sciences with a specialization in Natural Products Chemistry from the University of Arizona, Tucson. An American Foundation for Pharmaceutical Education Fellow, he is the author of the book *Ginkgo & Memory*, contributed chapters on black cohosh and chaste tree for the text *Natural Medications for Psychiatric Disorders*, and has written about popular herb use including safety reviews of kava and ephedra.

Dr. Dentali's understanding of traditional uses of therapeutic herbs gives him a unique perspective on the emerging scientific data on medicinal botanicals. Recognized as a foremost expert in the natural products industry and a frequent lecturer, he is considered an authority on botanical product quality issues and is known to be an active participant in discussions with organizations and institutions that have an interest in herbal and other natural health products.