

Beverages and Acid/Acidified Foods PDG

Members Present: Fred Breidt, Wilfredo Ocasio, Emilia Rico, Margarita Gomez, Ben Tall, Meghan McDonough, Jason Richardson, Stephen Kenney, Frank Burns, Elke Kohler, Jena Roberts, Helen Akinruli, Jessie Usaga, Greg Burnham, Nina Parkinson, Larry Beuchat, Joe Shebuski, Barbara Ingham, Hisato Ikemoto, Deog-Hwan Oh, Indaue Mello, Daniel Quillen, Angelica O'Shaughnessy, Pam Sinderson and Jennifer Lee.

Board/Staff Members Present: Linda Harris.

New Members Present: Elsa Fakhoury, Eric Puente, Fan Zhang, Laurie Petrey, Andrew Capps, Joseph Holt, Colm Scully, Quanhong Li, Daniel Maxson, Khalid Abdelrahim, Suchart Chaven, Erdogan Ceylan, Rachel McEgan, Evelyn Gutierrez, Michelle You, Florence Dufour, Noemie Desriac and Kevin Smith.

Visitors/Guests Present: Rob Samson, Debbie Lohmeyer, Aparna Tatavarthy, Alex Puerta-Gomez, Alice Wei, Stefan Edlund, Katherina Pruss, Daniel Maxson, Sylvia Bergman, Carmen Velasquez, Fuyuki Aoyama, Hidetake Esaki, Jos Houbrfaken, Naresh Magan, Ludwig Niessau, Kubota Hiromi and Angelica Monarrez.

Meeting Called to Order: 1:00 p.m., Saturday July 25, 2015.

Minutes Recording Secretary: Wilfredo Ocasio.

Old Business: Approval of meeting minutes.

New Business:

- Election of vice-chair. Two candidates (Wilfredo Ocasio and Daniel Quillen) were introduced and a vote was held. Wilfredo won by a clear majority.
- Emilia Rico reported on successful completion of Spoilage Fungi Workshop.
- Brief talks to stimulate discussion and symposium ideas were given by:
 - Mr. Kevin Smith, FDA, Director of Retail Food Protection Staff, Center for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition. Spoke on the emergence of small scale fermentation in food service, risks and regulatory challenges. Strongly recommended this subject as potential theme for a symposium or roundtable.
 - Dr. Rob Samson, Royal Netherlands Academy of Science (Amsterdam) at the CBS-KNAW Fungal Biodiversity Centre and group leader of the Applied and Industrial Mycology. Spoke on recent changes in fungal taxonomy driven by molecular analysis.
- A brief introduction to a potential workshop topic on ISO standards (see below) was given by Noemie Desriac. Support from PDG was requested to move forward with this workshop.
 - Participant feedback (Barb/Indaue) was that useful guidelines are already available through NACMCF publications. If moving ahead with workshop, side by side comparison should be presented with NACMCF Guidelines so as to assure consistency. However, an ISO standard is valuable because of ISO's international reach and acceptance.

Recommendations to the Executive Board:

1. We recommend Wilfredo Ocasio be confirmed by the Board as Vice-Chair of the Beverages and Acid/Acidified Foods PDG.

Next Meeting Date: July 31, 2016. Conference calls to discuss symposia and roundtables scheduled for: Wednesday, August 12th, 11:00 a.m., Tuesday, September 15th, 11:00 a.m., and Thursday, October 1st, 11:00 a.m.

Meeting Adjourned: 3:00 p.m.

Chairperson: Fred Breidt.