

Low Water Activity Foods PDG

Attendees: Larry Steenson (Chair), Bradley Marks (Vice Chair), Aaron Uesugi, Abdullatif Tay, Antonio Lourenco, April Bishop, Asia Xu, Betty Feng, Brad Taylor, Brady Carter, Carl Custer, Claudia Coronel, David Legan, David Rasmussen, Elizabeth Grasso-Kelley, Erdogan Ceylan, Francisco Garces-Vega, Frederick Cook, Gale Prince, Gerardo Morantes, Ian Hildebrandt, Isabel Walls, Jared Rivera, Jena Roberts, Jenny Scott, Joe LeGrand, Joseph Meyer, Julianny Rivera Calo, Juming Tang, Larry Beuchat, Leslie Thompson-Strehlow, Linda J. Harris, Manoj Pulivarathi, Pamela Wilger, Phil Steinbrunner, Quincy Suehr, Rachel Streufert, Rick Falkenberg, Rico Suhaim, Scott Burnett, Shivaprasad Doddabematti Prakash, Tom Black, and Xiyang Liu.

Board/ Staff Present: Michelle Danyluk and Dina Siedenburg.

Number of Attendees: 46.

Meeting Called to Order: 1:00 p.m. Eastern Time, Tuesday, June 29, 2021.

Minutes Recording Secretary: Bradley Marks.

Old Business: Minutes of Sept 22, 2020 meeting were approved by unanimous consent.

New Business: The new Student Liaison, Andrew Kearney, was introduced. A brief update was provided by Michelle Danyluk from the IAFP Executive Board. Nominations for the next PDG vice chair have been solicited via email to the membership. An informal meeting place will be provided for the LWAF PDG at the IAFP Annual Meeting venue in Phoenix (Sunday, 2–4 p.m., rm. 221BC).

Presentation by student member Jared Rivera (Kansas State University) – Quantitative Transfer of *E. coli* (non-pathogenic) from Wheat into Milling Fractions and Equipment During Lab Scale Milling.

Presentation by Yaohua (Betty) Feng (Purdue University)–Consumer Risk Perception and Handling Practices of Low-Moisture Foods: Wheat Flour and Dried Apple.

Symposia/Roundtable/Workshop ideas were discussed in the whole group meeting, based on input that was collected in advance of the meeting via an online survey (7 initial ideas). The ideas were distilled down into 5 topics for further work at the end of this meeting, which occurred in topic-specific breakout Zoom meetings. Details of the ideas refined during those small-group discussions were collected real-time via a shared Google Sheet for collective coordination across the PDG, in advance of submission to the IAFP system. Broad topics included fundamentals of pathogen control in LWAF, standardization of validation protocols, hygienic design/sanitation, and food safety training for low-moisture food systems.

Recommendations to the Executive Board: None

Next Meeting Date: July 31–August 3, 2022, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

Meeting Adjourned: 2:30 p.m. Eastern Time.

Chairperson: Larry Steenson.