

Student PDG

Attendees: Claire Murphy (Chair), Ellen Mendez (Vice Chair), Kaylee Farmer, Erika Estrada, Erin Ramsay, Manita Adhikari, Kavita Patil, Cyril Nsom Ayuk Etaka, Carmen Cano, Lang Yao, Auja Bywater, Camryn Cook, Riya Magiya, Ian Klug, Kasey Nelson, Andrew Kearney, Makenzie Flach, Vishal Manjunatha, Ava Weyrich, Gabriella Gephart, Andrea Cerrato, Minji Hur, Alexis Omar, Kyle McCaughan, Margaret Kirchner, Ian Hildebrandt, Narindra Randriamiarintsoa, Mari Schroeder, Wan Zhan Lee, Joshua Owade, Tlaleo Marole, Savana Everhart, Grace Dewi, Nadia Narine, Aaron Aboud, Rosa Heydenreich, Francis Muchaamba, Clara Diekman, Laura Pineda-Bermudez, Mairui Gao, Aaron Dudley, Sana Riaz, Ali Strickland, Emily Forauer, Eric Edmunds, Anand Soorneedi, Solomon Racharla, Haknyeong Hong, Savannah Stewart, Erin Manville, Olivia Haley, Weifan Wu, Yaxi Dai, Karuna Kharel, Jyoti Aryal, Tengfei Li, Kayla Kimble, Taejung Chung, Marysabel Mendez Acevedo, Tim Lott, Sriya Sunil, Shihyu Chuang, Jack Burnett, Patrice Bonny, Alexia López Gachuzo, Manuel Alejandro Vega Iturbe, Edmund Benefo, Shuyi Feng, Aishwarya Rao, Keshnee Reega, Madison Goforth, Kiley Doherty, Jennifer Mydosh, Graham Houle, Hui-Erh Chai, Joseph Meyer, Brian Goodwyn, Evelyn Watts, Ruixi Chen, Urvi Shah, James Barkley, Loron Pinnock Brown, Charles Bakin, Harmeen Prasher, Brad Taylor, Katheryn Parraga, Robert Corsino II, Lauren Hamilton, Makena Brand, Ariel Garsow, Ikechukwu Oguadinma, Dina Scott, Adam Baker.

Number of Attendees: 94.

Meeting Called to Order: 11:05 a.m. Eastern Time, Sunday, July 31, 2022.

Minutes Recording Secretary: Surabhi Wason.

Old Business: The chair went over the IAFP anti-trust guidelines with all student members. Incoming Chair bid farewell to the outgoing board. All the board members (new and previous) introduced themselves. The instruction to join PDG using *IAFP Connect* were given. Chair updated on the activities of last year. Meeting was conducted every month last year. There was lot of engagement for SPDG elections this year. Twelve people ran for elections in the month of April and board members were announced in the first week of May. Incoming PDG board

members wore Hawaiian garlands to be easily recognizable by students for any help and to connect.

All the student focused-focused activities in 2021-2022 were successful including, mentor-mentee program, student liaisons program, affiliate connection, trivia nights, coffee hours, and 3 MT competition; there were new sponsorship and partnership with industry and local affiliates – Cargill, Merck, Arkansas Association for Food Protection, Tyson foods, Chobani and New Jersey and California association of Food Protection. The instructions to participate as a mentor or a mentee were provided. We had 27 student liaisons supporting PDGs and Committees today. The affiliate representative increase student engagement with other food safety professionals. It is helpful for international student to build connections. Virtual coffee hours and trivia nights saw lot of engagement. It is a great way to meet other students and play games to get prizes. Attendees were encouraged to check emails from SPDG for such information. Meet your favorite food scientist was a new activity developed couple of years ago. It allowed students to connect with 8 world class scientists from academia, government and industry. Around 50 students all over the world came to at least one of these meetings. We won't be able to sell t-shirts or stickers this year, it will probably start from next year. However, everyone was encouraged to consider donating money to foundation as it funds lot of SPDG activities and student travel scholarship. We would also like to extend our thanks to IAFP staff for their guidance and help during past and future activities.

New Business: New IAFP SPDG Instagram page has been opened where updates and other new activity information will be posted. We encouraged everyone to join us on Instagram and LinkedIn for updates. This year, SPDG has booth 925 where students can stop by to get some rest or connect to other attendees and make connections. All students are welcome to attend 3 sessions (2 symposia and 1 RT) sponsored by SPDG this year. There are other networking opportunities during Annual Meeting – student luncheon (July 31th Sunday); student mixer (Tues, Aug 2nd) and coffee hours (virtual). Session monitoring activity, rules and information on how to get paid were explained. Students were encouraged to fill out student liaison survey and be a liaison to PDGs and committees. There will also be fall and spring social hours. Attendees were informed about session proposal submissions on an area related to food safety, that is emerging and unique. Dr. Don Schaffner presented about how to communicate science to a lay audience using social media and podcasts.

Recommendations to the Executive Board:

1. Recommend Ellen Mendex Sosa as Vice Chair for the year 2022-2023 board.
2. Student booth at the exhibit hall for next year as well.
3. Bigger room for student PDG for next year.
4. Joshua, post doc at Michigan State, recommends that the scholarship awardee announcement be announced earlier enough for international students to get enough time for visa application.
5. Joshua also recommended – specify different African countries (who is from where) and not just mention as ‘African countries’.

Next Meeting Date: Sunday, July 16, Metro Toronto Convention Centre; Toronto, Ontario, Canada.

Meeting Adjourned: 12:01 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time.

Chairperson: Claire Marik Murphy.