



View from the Chair: *2020: A Year of Inspiration!*

Happy New Year, Everyone! I am very much looking forward to the New Year and hope 2020 will be a year of inspiration for all IAFP Affiliates! In 2019, we gained a new Affiliate, the **Japan Association for Food Protection**, which gives IAFP a total of 56 Affiliates worldwide! IAFP now has Affiliates on six continents, in many countries and regions around the world, and in numerous states and locations in the U.S. However big or small, IAFP Affiliates have been serving as important net-

working tools for local and regional food safety professionals, providing the foundation for the Association to achieve its mission. As an IAFP Executive Board Speaker, I've had the honor to speak at several Affiliate meetings, having opportunities to meet many members whose dedication and passion for food safety is an inspiration for me. Through these meetings, I've also had the chance to see the impact of accomplishments first-hand at the national and international

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56 Affiliates Across the Globe

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levels. Although some of our Affiliates are well established and others are just beginning, the dedication, passion, and contributions to food safety are all at the same level! I have come to realize that no effort is small, and any effort can be an inspiration to others. As an Affiliate in this new year, let's go deeper by reaching out to the communities near you: publishing articles in local newspapers that address timely food safety issues; visiting and speaking at local establishments such as a nursing home, daycare center, or a school; setting up a food safety information booth at local county fairs; and inviting others to join your Affiliate. These are just a few steps we can take to bring food safety awareness to the general public. Also, let's go wider by reaching out to help others start a local/regional IAFP Affiliate, either in the U.S. or in developing countries, where they are very much needed. After all, food safety is everyone's business and responsibility.

On a routine note, I remind all Affiliate Officers to submit your respective Annual Report for 2019 activities by the

Tuesday, February 11, 2020 deadline. Remember, we have five Affiliate Awards for which you can apply – and Affiliates may apply for more than one award. Go to the IAFP website and click on the Affiliates tab to learn more about each award. If applying for one or more awards – especially the C.B. Shogren Memorial Award – a detailed and comprehensive Annual Report will greatly help the Selection Committee during the judging process.

Also, don't forget to nominate a colleague or deserving candidate for one of the many IAFP awards. Applications are also being accepted for the two Travel Awards and the Student Travel Scholarship. The deadline for all awards is **Tuesday, February 18, 2020**. For more information, including instructions on how to nominate or apply, visit the IAFP website.

It's not too early to start planning your attendance at **IAFP 2020**, in Cleveland, Ohio, August 2–5. Registration and housing are open, so take steps now to lock in your hotel during the meeting. Hotel rooms at the IAFP group rate always go quickly, so don't wait! I made this mistake sev-

eral years ago, and still remember the agony of hunting for a place to stay before the meeting, having to tolerate the long rides between my lodging and the convention center, along with the squeaky stairs in the only place I could find!

In closing, I would like to express my sincere appreciation to **Susan Smith**, IAFP's Affiliate Liaison, for her invaluable knowledge and experience with our Affiliates, along with her insightful guidance and

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unwavering support for me and the Affiliate Council.

While 2019 was a great year for our Affiliates, I believe 2020 will be even better!

Best wishes for a prosperous, safe, healthy and happy 2020!



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Affiliates in the Spotlight

Featuring your communications with IAFP



Take the spotlight!

To be featured here in the next issue, send your news and photos by **March 13** to: ssmith@foodprotection.org.

Contributors

Mexico Association for Food Protection: “Food Industry Challenges Around Food Safety”

Reported by Nydia Orue, President



The Mexico Association for Food Protection (AMEPAL A.C.)

hosted regulators, academia and industry experts for its 2019 Annual Meeting, entitled “Food Industry Challenges Around Food Safety.” The meeting took place September 11–13 in Monterrey, Nuevo Leon, Mexico.

The following topics were discussed with nine national and three international speakers, including:

“New Technologies for Food Decon-



Clockwise from front left: Maria Ma, Montserrat Hernandez, Francisco Diez, Nydia Orue, Diego Romulo, Maria Teresa Munguia, Raul Avila and Virginia Nevarez were on the agenda for the Mexico Association for Food Protection’s 2019 Annual Meeting, held September 11–13 in Monterrey, Nuevo Leon, Mexico.



Renato Ortiz was a speaker during the Mexico Association for Food Protection’s 2019 Annual Meeting.

tamination,” **Dr. Maria Ma**, Oklahoma State University (and part of the IAFP Executive Board Speaker Program); “*E. coli* Pathogenic and Its Alternative for Control,” **Dr. Norma Heredia**, UANL; “Food Safety Modernization Act,” **Mauricio Rousselon** and **Perry Johnson**; “Technological Innovation and Its Impact on Quality and Food Safety Processes,” **Sergio Maldonado**, Consultant; “Lactic Bacteria in Food Biopreservation,” **Dr. Virginia Nevarez**, UACH; “Current Emerging Trends in Food Pathogen Epidemiology,” **Dr. Francisco Diez Gonzalez**, Food Safety Center, University of Georgia; “Food Accreditation,” **Renato Ortiz**, EMA (Mexican Accreditation Entity); “PCR Real-time Applications for the Current Food Industry Challenges,” **Diego Romulo**, Bio-Rad; “Tracing and Mobility of the Resistome in Bacteriome in Agricultural Environments,” **Dr. Santos Garcia**, UANL; “Tracing and Control of Pathogenic Microor-

ganisms in Food Production Environments,” **Dr. Montserrat Hernandez**, UAQ; “Molecular Methods for Pathogen Detection,” **Rolando Hernandez**, 3M; and “Food Safety Culture,” **Victor Hugo Ramirez**, GFSI Mexico Group.

The Technical Session included 32 research papers from the main universities in Mexico, grouped into the following four areas:

Microbial Growth Control in Food; Food-related Pathogens: Epidemiology and Control; Quality Control in the Production of Safe Food; and Combined Technologies and Food Risk Analysis.

Affiliate Past Presidents recognized during the meeting included:

Dr. Fausto Tejada Trujillo (2004–2006); **Dr. Norma Heredia** (2010–2012); **Dr. Santos Garcia** (2014–2017); and **Dr. Virginia Nevarez** (2017–2019).

The meeting closed with a roundtable where attendees had the op-



Mexico’s Affiliate Past Presidents recognized during its 2019 Annual Meeting include (from left): Santos Garcia, Norma Heredia, Nydia Orue and Virginia Nevarez. Not pictured: Fausto Tejada Trujillo.

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portunity to ask panelists the following questions: What is the future of food safety in the world? How should those challenges be addressed? What is the future of microbiologists with the arrival of Industry 4.0? What can we do as an association to face these challenges?

Washington Association for Food Protection: Another Great Conference!

Reported by Daniel Wing, President



The Washington Association for Food Protection (WAFP)

held its 68th Annual Conference at Lake Chelan, Washington, September 18–20, 2019. The event unofficially kicked off with a golf tournament at Bear Mountain Chelan on September 18.



From left: James White, Noelle Diciglio, Nathan Decker and Ron Hall took part in the golf tournament on September 18, prior to WAFP’s 68th Annual Conference in Lake Chelan, Washington.

Day 1 of the conference included an Attendee Welcome from out-going **President Noelle Diciglio**, followed by several presentations. Three roundtable discussions took place early in the afternoon and included an ex-



Student presenters at the WAFP’s Annual Conference were honored at the Student Poster Showcase: Science & Cocktails Event before the Affiliate Dinner & Awards Banquet held on September 19.

panded format based on positive feedback from 2018. Student presentations and the Affiliate Business Meeting followed. New officers elected include:

- President:* **Daniel Wing**
- President-Elect:* **Diep Wisniewski**
- Past President:* **Noelle Diciglio**
- Secretary/Delegate:* **Stephanie Olmsted**
- Treasurer:* **Jill Wisheart**



Day 2’s half-day session continued with several interesting presentations, including **Dr. Kali Kniel** (left) from the University of Delaware. As IAFP’s President and part of the Executive Board Speaker Program, Dr. Kniel spoke on the topic of “One Health Perspective for Food Safety.”

Kansas Environmental Health Association: 2019 Fall Educational Conference

Reported by Robert Torres, President



More than 30 participants attended both days of the 2019 **Kansas Environmental Health**

Association’s (KEHA) Fall Educational Conference, held in Hutchinson on September 24–26. Representatives included those from academia, industry and research, along with vendors from the Affiliate’s marketing firms who helped support the meeting.

Presentations on Tuesday, September 24 focused on potential disease outbreaks, both zoonotic and human. On Wednesday, September 25, the presentations provided information regarding residential water wells and septic systems, including an on-site opportunity to see a mock demonstra-



KEHA President Robert Torres (left) discusses IAFP booth materials with Ryan Witt, Stafford County Sanitarian, during a break at the Affiliate’s 2019 Fall Educational Conference, held September 24–26 in Hutchinson.

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tion on how some county regulators inspected a septic waste hauler.

Attendees were also afforded the opportunity to take part in three separate tours. Tuesday evening featured Stratica, the Underground Salt Museum. Those attending were able to travel 650 feet beneath the ground surface and see how many valuable and historical items are stored there.

On Wednesday, attendees traveled to SDK Labs, where they were able to view how a state certified laboratory takes a water sample to test for various contaminants. Thursday's tour was to UCS (Underground Cavern Stabilization) where participants observed how a private company has taken a unique approach to depositing waste from the surface into underground caverns. This not only removes non-hazardous waste, but also stabilizes the underground caverns.

New York State Association for Food Protection: 96 Years of Food Safety

Reported by Charles R. Lindberg,
Newsletter Editor



The 96th Annual Meeting of the **New York State Association for Food Protection (NYSAFP)** was held September 17–19, 2019 at the Doubletree Hotel in East Syracuse. Approximately 150 members and guests took part in 20 presentations on various food safety topics over the course of the conference, which included breakout sessions on Thursday covering Food, Field and Laboratory specialty areas.

The meeting kicked off Tuesday evening when attendees were treated to presentations by representatives from Old Home Distillers and Sahlen Packing Co. on the histories and current operations of their respective companies, along with an opportunity to sample some of their products.

The General Session opened Wednesday morning with the Presidential Address delivered by **President Casey McCue**, followed by **Alejandro Mazzotta**, Chobani, who spoke on “Food Safety and Quality Systems with a Focus on Building Food Safety Culture.”

Next, a three-part presentation offering different perspectives on “Sustainability Throughout the Supply Chain” was given by **Lisa Watson**, Social Responsibility Office: Innovation Center for U.S. Dairy; and **Ronald Ohrel**, Mid-Atlantic Dairy Association, with **Chris Foote**, Wegman's, providing a retail perspective on the topic.

Officers elected during the Association's Business Meeting include:

- President:* **Elizabeth A. Bihn**
- President-Elect:* **Donna Walker**
- Delegate:* **Amy Rhodes**
- 1st Year Board Member:*
Angela Montelbano

Following the Business Meeting and lunch, the afternoon session continued with “New Microbiology Tests: What's Out There and What Questions to Ask,” presented by **Catherine Carline**, Cornell University. **Rebecca Cheng**, also with Cornell, followed with “High Pressure Processing – What Research is Telling Us About Its Application.”

Next, **Kim Bukowski**, Cornell Food Science Extension, spoke on “Food Fraud.” The General Session concluded with an interactive presentation on the “Association of Food and Drug Officials (AFDO) Food Emergency Regulator Guide,” delivered by **April Hunt**, AFDO.

Wednesday's evening's Awards Reception included cocktails and hors d'oeuvres. Those honored with awards include:

- Victoria Pedersen** – *Emmett R. Gauhn Memorial Award*
- Erin Sawyer** – *William Hickey Memorial Award*
- Kerry Case** – *Dr. Theodore H. Reich Memorial Award*
- Thomas Angstadt** – *Howard B. Marlatt Memorial Award*



Victoria Pedersen, New York State Department of Agriculture and Markets, Division of Milk Control and Dairy Services, received the Emmett R. Gauhn Memorial Award, presented by President Casey McCue, at the Awards Reception, part of the NYSAFP's Annual Meeting. This award is presented annually to a member in good standing who has made a significant contribution to the Affiliate.

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Elizabeth Bihn was installed as NYSAFP's 93rd President during the Affiliate's 2019 Annual Meeting, held September 17-19.

Western Association of Sanitarians – George "Sid" Miller Memorial Affiliate Award

James C. White Memorial Scholarships were awarded to **Tasman Eissa**, Food Processing Technology major at Genesee Community College; and **Morgan Dickens**, undergraduate Food Science major at Cornell University.

New Jersey Association for Food Protection: 100+ Attend Fall Conference

Reported by David Reyda, Delegate



The **New Jersey Association for Food Protection (NJAFP)** held its 2019 Fall Seminar at the Cook Campus Center, Rutgers University on October 2. More than 100 attendees, including 10 Board Members and three exhibitors, heard four outstanding speakers throughout the day.

Affiliate President **Jessica Albrecht Coronato** opened the seminar with welcoming remarks. **Paul Brown**, USDA, then spoke on "Grinding, Rapid Traceback, E. coli/Listeria, Retail." He included information on how official establishments and retail



Paul Brown, USDA, presented "Grinding, Rapid Traceback, E. coli/Listeria, Retail," during the New Jersey Association for Food Protection's 2019 Fall Conference, held October 2 at Rutgers University.

stores that grind raw beef products for sale in commerce must keep records that fully and correctly disclose all transactions involved in their businesses that are subject to the FMIA.

Anthony Cabelo, Consultant, followed with "FDA Food Labeling Guidance."

Keynote Speaker **Katherine Cahill** (below), Cahill Consultants, presented



"Product Recall and Food Traceability/Adulteration Mandate of 2020." Mrs. Cahill has provided product safety and regulatory compliance expertise to company executives for more than

25 years, and has the reputation for taking extraordinarily difficult projects with many complexities and strategizing successful solutions that will assist with compliance and good corporate governance throughout an organization.

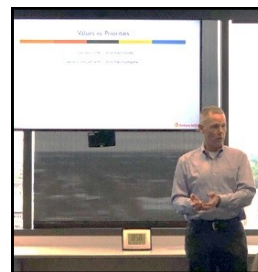
The day closed with **Darrell Newell**, Retail Food Safety and Quality Assurance Director with Comprehensive Food Safety, speaking on "Food Safety – Hidden Figures." His presentation focused on the view of retail food safety and a behavioral approach on how to work with food handlers, managers and owners to gain not only compliance, but ultimately their trust. He discussed some struggles and best practices in the retail arena and how to make food safety top of mind.

Colorado Association for Food Protection: Second Annual Meeting Includes Brainstorming

Reported by Juliany Rivera Calo, Delegate



The second Annual Meeting of the **Colorado Association for Food Protection (CAFP)** was held October 2, 2019 at Ardent Mills Headquarters in Denver. Approximately 25 attendees were expressively engaged throughout the day-long meeting.



Following a welcome by **President Laurel Burke**, **Dan Dye** (left), CEO of Ardent Mills, provided

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a poignant talk on “Food Safety Leadership,” talking about how he and the Ardent Mills executive team have risen to the challenge of developing a world-class food safety culture within the company. This presentation set the theme and tone for the day.



After a short break, **Vik Dutta** (above), Sr. Staff Scientist in the bioMérieux Industry Food Division, presented “Food Microbiology Testing: What’s Next?” The relevant and thought-provoking session was well-received by the audience. Vik has some striking predictions on what laboratory testing might look like in the future. Should we be moving from the common “linear” laboratory testing model to more localized/field testing in addition to the laboratory used as a center for “Predictive Analytics?”

After a delicious lunch served by Eurofins, **Dr. Deann Akins-Lewenthal**, Senior Director of Food Safety and Enterprise Laboratory Services at ConAgra Brands, gave an impassioned talk on the importance of Food Safety Culture and its positive impact within her company. She shared her team’s experience to create ConAgra’s Food Safety Culture pro-

gram and provided helpful references that can help attendees in their own journeys.

The key to the success of the 2019 Annual Meeting was a one-hour brainstorming session guided by the CAFPA Leadership Team. Attendees were split into four groups, each led by a Leadership Team member, where they brought forth thoughtful ideas on how to improve what CAFPA can do for its members, current and future. An Affiliate Update quickly followed the session, and both the sense of positivity and looking into the future cultivated during the speaker sessions were maintained in the room.

The closing of the Annual Meeting was no banality. Nearly all meeting attendees joined the CAFPA Leadership Team for a networking event, sponsored by bioMérieux, located at the Tap Fourteen rooftop in downtown Denver. A palpable sense of accomplishment was shared by all.



Deann Akins-Lewenthal

Capital Area Food Protection Association: Joint Conference Held

Reported by Sanjay Gummalla, President



On October 30, 2019, the **Capital Area Food Protection Association (CAFPA)** held its Fall Meeting as a joint conference with the D.C. chapter of the **American Society for Microbiology (DC ASM)** at the U.S. Food and Drug Administration’s Center for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition (FDA CFSAN) in College Park, Maryland. Our purpose in organizing this program was to provide an opportunity for the CAFPA community to come together and be well-informed regarding the latest scientific and technical issues related to food safety and microbiology. This year’s focus included testing and methodological approaches currently in use across academia, government, and industry with the specific implications of new and novel tools.

In the Opening Session, **Denise Akob**, President of DC ASM, delivered welcoming remarks, addressing the relevance of the chapter and its collaborative efforts with CAFPA. Next, **Dr. Jonathan Jacobs**, Qiagen Bioinformatics, provided the DC ASM Branch Lecture, titled “Best Practices for Building End-to-End Workflow for Microbial Genomics.” This was one of the first instances of industry participation in the Fall Meeting, and attendees appreciated the very valuable information shared by Dr. Jacobs.

Lisa Paulos, RN, MPH, Center for Tuberculosis Control and Prevention, Maryland Department of Health, followed with “A Public Health Approach to Outbreak Investigations with

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Speakers at the Capital Area Food Protection Association's 2019 Fall Meeting (as a joint conference with the D.C. chapter of the American Society for Microbiology) on October 30 included (from left): Jenny Scott, FDA; Jonathan Jacobs, Qiagen Bioinformatics; Julie Jean, University of Laval and IAFP Executive Board Speaker; and Lisa Paulos, Maryland Department of Health.

Examples from TB," providing an excellent case study.

A new highlight of this year's meeting was a "Career Session," which included brief career talks by a representative from government (**Jenny Scott**, FDA); industry (**Kileen Shier**, Quest Diagnostics); and academia (**Vincent Lee**, University of Maryland).

Following, a short coffee break was held in conjunction with a poster session. This year saw seven posters displayed, spanning diverse topic areas and several institutions. One author from each poster was stationed at their respective poster to address questions or comments.

After the break, **CAFPA President Sanjay Gummalla** (photo right), Vice President of Scientific and Regulatory Affairs, American Frozen Food Insti-

tute, delivered a short presentation highlighting IAFP and encouraged the need for higher engagement within CAFPA, particularly among students.

The Keynote Address was delivered by **Dr. Julie Jean**, Professor of Food Science at the University of Laval in Quebec City, Canada, and IAFP Affiliate Council Secretary. Speaking as part of the IAFP Executive Board Speaker Program, her presentation, "Enteric Virus Testing – Challenges and Public Health Implications," provided an overview of the evolution of testing methodologies and continued difficulties in detecting and establishing infectivity of non-culturable pathogens such as hepatitis A and norovirus.

All guest speakers delivered excellent presentations to more than 50 attendees from the Washington, D.C. region. The presentations and posters



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This year's poster session at the CAFPA 2019 Fall Meeting included seven posters spanning diverse topic areas and several institutions.

were highly educational and facilitated thoughtful discussions. Specific presentations showcased at this meeting greatly contributed to achieving CAFPA's mission to provide expert speakers, information on the latest scientific developments and new perspectives to food safety and microbiology professionals and the broader technical community.

CAFPA's leadership team appreciates all the efforts of the speakers, the DC ASM leadership team, and the attendees for a successful meeting. We extend our special thanks to IAFP for its coordination of Dr. Jean's attendance.

The meeting provided the opportunity to build connections with interested individuals, which CAFPA relies upon to ultimately serve the membership and engage its network. It also instilled new vigor to pursue greater student and member engagement by the leadership team.

Argentine Food Safety Commission: Food Recall Workshop a Success

Reported by Fabiana Guglielmono, President & Delegate



The Argentine Food Safety Commission

(CAIA) organized the

food recall workshop, "A New Perspective on Food Recall: Communication Strategies and Team Management." Designed and delivered by **Fernando Sampedro** (below), Uni-



versity of Minnesota, the workshop took place on October 31, 2019 in Buenos Aires.

Monica Galleguillos, NSF International, opened the workshop by providing participants with the most updated information on Food Recall incidents around the world. She shared her expertise on the activities, responsibilities and skills



Monica Galleguillos was one of the instructors at the Argentina Affiliate's Food Recall Workshop, held October 31, 2019 in Buenos Aires.

needed by a Crisis Team to be well prepared in case of a food recall.



The 25 participating food safety professionals interacted through several practical activities led by Fernando. The final objective was to introduce them to new communication skills and the efficient management of cross-functional teams to build trust and credibility. It was great to see the energy and passion developed between the instructor and the participants during the role playing exercises.



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The Affiliate recognizes the contributions of the outstanding instructors, the support from IAFP, and the active involvement of the participants from industry, government and academia toward the success of the workshop, which attendees unanimously rated “Very Good/Excellent.”

Wisconsin Association for Food Protection: 55 Attend Fall Workshop

Reported by Kara Baldus, Member



The Wisconsin Association for Food Protection (WAFP)

held its 2019 Fall Workshop on November 14 at the Covance, Inc. site in Madison. Fifty-five members and guests participated in a full day of speakers and award presentations.

WAFP President Jay Myrick opened the meeting by welcoming attendees. **David Fikes** (below), FMI



Foundation, followed with an excellent overview of Code-Date Labeling. **Dr. Marielle Weintraub**, Zilis/U.S. Hemp Authority Certification Program, presented “Cannabis and CBD 101,” providing an overview of



Janet Raddatz receives the 2019 Food Safety Leadership Award from WAFP President Jay Myrick.

the hemp/CBD industry and what the U.S. Hemp Authority is trying to do to it. **Janet Raddatz**, recipient of the 2019 Food Safety Leadership Award, spoke on how to get networking in the industry, along with tips and tricks to further one’s career.



Jessica Zetlau (above), YUM!, talked about “Food Safety Culture” and how YUM! has implemented it, providing examples. Following a break, **Stefan Boerboom**, Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection, gave a labeling

overview for the state of Wisconsin, also providing examples to illustrate what to do and what not to do regarding labeling.

Adam Brock (below), Dairy Farmers of Wisconsin and WAFP Treasurer,



closed the meeting and gave a brief overview of the “New Smarter Food Safety Initiative from the FDA,” which he attended in October.



From left: WAFP Members Adam Borger, Ericka Bognar and Kara Baldus proudly display the 2019 Education Award, which was presented to the Affiliate at the Affiliate Council Meeting during IAFP 2019 in Louisville, Kentucky.

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Incoming WAFP President Jean Finger officially receives the gavel from outgoing President Jay Myrick during the Business Meeting at the Affiliate's 2019 Fall Meeting.

Officers elected during the Business Meeting include:

President: Jean Finger

Vice President/Delegate/Contact:

Erin Headley

First Vice President: Max Golden

Second Vice President:

Lindsey O'Brien

Past President: Jay Myrick

Secretary: Beth Button

Treasurer: Adam Brock

Alabama Association for Food Protection: Annual Meeting Draws 86

Reported by Wanda Cotter, President



The **Alabama Association for Food Protection (AAFP)** held its 2019 Annual Meeting on

November 21 at the Embassy Suites Hotel and Conference Center in Montgomery.

President Steve Adams, Saputo Dairy, provided opening remarks to the 86 attendees.

Dr. Alan Wilson, Professor at Auburn University, updated members on "Public Health Issues Associated



Derrick English, Jr. (left), a Food Science major at Alabama A&M University, is congratulated by G.M. Gallaspy as the recipient of the G.M. Gallaspy Food Safety \$1,000 Scholarship, during the Alabama Association for Food Protection's 2019 Annual Meeting on November 21.

with Harmful Agal Blooms." **Anna Ralston**, President, Dip Stop, Inc., an Alabama up-and-coming small business, spoke on how her company developed a product that helps individuals decrease the dependence on the use of tobacco products and the trial and tribulations of developing their food safety programs.

Neil Bogart, Ecolab Inc. and Affiliate Delegate, gave an update on AAFP's newly developed website (alabamafoodprotection.org), which will allow members to view Affiliate news, stay abreast of food safety meetings occurring across the state, and to use the site to register and pay for future meetings. Neil also spoke on "Food Safety Insights from

Big Data Analysis," in the afternoon session.

Mark Czarneski, ClorDiSys Solutions, Inc., spoke on "Chlorine Dioxide Gas – A Thorough Decontamination Strategy." **Dr. Burnestine Taylor**, Medical Officer for Disease Control and Prevention with the Alabama Department of Public Health, presented "Hepatitis A, Increase Concerns for the Food Industry."

The Alabama Food Safety Task Force held its meeting in conjunction with our meeting, with attendees hearing reports from the Food Safety Task Force's partners.

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Derrick English, Jr., Food Science major at Alabama A&M University, received the G.M. Gallaspy Food Safety Scholarship. Sponsored by AAFP, this \$1,000 scholarship is given annually to a junior or senior student majoring in a food science program located at one of the state universities.

Affiliate Officers elected include:

President: **Wanda Cotter**

President-Elect: **Christy Mendoza**

Vice President: **Luke McGlothlin**

Past President: **Steve Adams**

Secretary/Treasurer: **G.M. Gallaspy**

Delegate: **Neil Bogart**

Japan Association for Food Protection: First Meeting Held

Reported by *Shige Koseki, President & Delegate*



The **Japan Association for Food Protection (JAFP)** held its first symposium on November 27, 2019 in Funabori, Tokyo. The meeting was held as a pre-event of the Annual Meeting of the Japanese Society of Food Microbiology.



Dr. Don Schaffner (above), Distinguished Professor at Rutgers University and an IAFP Past President, was the guest speaker. As part of IAFP's Executive Board Speaker Program (expanded), he spoke about the benefits of IAFP Membership. His presentation to the audience of approx-

imately 140 was titled, "A General Introduction to Quantitative Microbial Risk Assessment and Some Examples from the U.S." A Q&A that followed was very active, due in part to the presentation being translated into Japanese.

The Japan Affiliate sincerely appreciates Dr. Schaffner's attendance and presentation, made possible by IAFP's Executive Board Speaker Program.

Affiliate Briefs

The **Iowa Association for Food Protection (IAFP)** held its 2019 Annual Meeting on October 8 in Ames.

During the meeting, the Merle P. Baker Award was presented to **Bill Nietert** by 2019 President **Greg Rohmiller**.



Greg Rohmiller (left), outgoing President of the Iowa Association for Food Protection, presents Bill Nietert with the Merle P. Baker Award at the Affiliate's 2019 Annual Meeting, held October 8.



Outgoing President Greg Rohmiller passes the gavel to incoming President Deb Wehde during the Business Meeting of the Iowa Affiliate meeting.

Elected officers for the Iowa Affiliate are as follows:

President: **Deb Wehde**

Vice President Pro-Tem: **Jurgen Ehler**

First Vice President: **Marilyn Steffens**

Second Vice President: **Curt Larson**

Past President: **Greg Rohmiller**

Secretary/Treasurer: **Lynne Melchert**



The **Florida Association for Food Protection (IAFP)** recently elected officers and directors to serve in 2020. Officers are:

President: **Vanessa Cranford**

President-Elect: **Travis Chapin**

Vice President: **Jamie Irwin**

Past President: **Erik Montanez**

Treasurer: **Rick Barney**

Secretary: **Rachel McEgan**

Delegate/Contact: **Peter Hibbard**

IS YOUR PROGRAM CRUMBINE MATERIAL? PUT IT TO THE TEST!

The Samuel J. Crumbine Consumer Protection Award for Excellence in Food Protection at the Local Level is seeking submissions for its 2020 program.



All local environmental health jurisdictions in the U.S. and Canada are encouraged to apply, if they meet the following basic criteria:

- Sustained excellence over the preceding four to six years, as documented by specific outcomes and achievements, and evidenced by continual improvements in the basic components of a comprehensive program;
- Demonstrated improvements in planning, managing and evaluating a comprehensive program;
- Innovative and effective use of program methods and problem solving to identify and reduce risk factors that are known to cause foodborne illness; and

- Providing targeted outreach; forming partnerships; and participating in forums that foster communication and information exchange among the regulators, industry and consumer representatives.

The award is sponsored by the Conference for Food Protection, in cooperation with the American Academy of Sanitarians, American Public Health Association, Association of Food and Drug Officials, Food Marketing Institute, Foodservice Packaging Institute, International Association for Food Protection, National Association of County & City Health Officials, National Environmental Health Association, NSF International, and UL.

For more information on the Crumbine Award program and to download the 2020 entry guidelines, please go to www.crumbineaward.com. **Deadline for entries is March 16, 2020.**

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IAFP Headlines

Upcoming Deadlines Annual Reports

Affiliate Officers: Only a few weeks remain to electronically submit your IAFP Affiliate Annual Report for 2019 activities, as required under IAFP's Bylaws. Deadline for submissions is **Tuesday, February 11, 2020.**

When completing your Annual Report, consider applying for one or more of the Affiliate awards. Based on the past, we find submitted Annual Reports often include information worthy of one or more awards, yet the application process is overlooked. Don't miss your chance to be recognized with one or more of the Affiliate Awards presented during **IAFP 2020** in Cleveland, Ohio.

To avoid errors, all Annual Reports must be sent in ONE email that includes all attachments, including (and especially) those Affiliates applying for one or more of the Affiliate Awards.

Make sure to check/update your website for accuracy and verify IAFP Membership for your Affiliate President and Delegate, as required under the Bylaws. Affiliates applying for awards will be disqualified if Memberships are not active for both positions. Questions? Email **Susan Smith** in the IAFP office.

IAFP 2020 Awards

Time is running out to nominate a worthy and deserving candidate (*or yourself!*) for one of the many **IAFP 2020 Awards**. This year's deadline is **Tuesday,**

February 18, 2020. Applications are also being accepted for the Travel Awards and the Student Travel Scholarship. All award and scholarship recipients will be honored at this year's Annual Meeting.

In addition, all local environmental health jurisdictions in the U.S. and Canada are encouraged to apply for the **2020 Samuel J. Crumbine Consumer Protection Award for Excellence in Food Protection** at the Local Level (*see ad on page 13*).

For more information on submissions and awards, visit our website.



Apply NOW for the Travel Award for State or Provincial Health or Agricultural Department Employees

(North America only)



Application deadline is Tuesday, February 18, 2020.

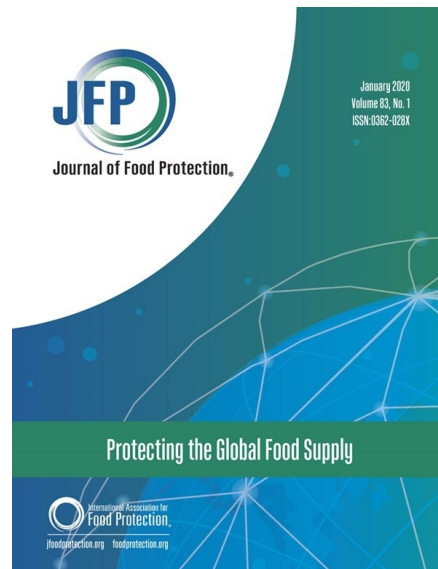
This Travel Award provides travel funds for food safety professionals such as epidemiologists, food and molecular microbiologists, and environmental health specialists to attend

IAFP 2020 in
Cleveland, Ohio, August 2-5.

To learn more, visit the Awards Page on the IAFP website at <http://www.foodprotection.org/get-involved/awards/>.

JFP Has a New Look!

Subscribers to IAFF's *Journal of Food Protection (JFP)* will notice that the cover of the January 2020 issue looks different. We've updated its look with a fresh new design! The content remains the same, so you will continue to receive the high-quality refereed scientific research and authoritative review articles on



a variety of food safety and protection topics that we've offered in the past.

We hope you enjoy this new look in this new decade. If you don't receive *JFP* and would like to subscribe to the online or print version, visit our website and click on the **Publications** tab.

Provide Your Food Safety Knowledge to a Student in 2020

IAFP is always searching for food safety professionals in a variety of fields to serve as mentors for recipients of the IAFP Student Travel Scholarship who attend our Annual Meetings. This year, 20 undergraduate and graduate students from around the world will be selected to attend **IAFP 2020** in Cleveland, Ohio.

If you plan to attend this year's meeting, consider volunteering as a student mentor. Students find this to be one of the highlights of their meeting

attendance, not only for the invaluable one-on-one time from a seasoned professional, but also as a friendly face (*especially for our international students*) who is often one of the first attendees with whom they connect.

Here are a just a few quotes from recent travel scholarship recipients about the IAFP mentor program:

"The mentor program was most important for me at the conference. My mentor is wonderful and changed my mind about attending a large conference...he introduced me to many of his colleagues."

Hiroke Abe
Hokkaido University

"My assigned mentor kindly ushered me through parts of the meeting, introducing me to many of her colleagues and friends while sharing some of her research expertise."

Jennifer Acuff
Virginia Tech

"I am so glad to have had my mentor at the conference. I learned so many great things from him and gained a lot of knowledge about how to pursue my future aspirations."

Gayathri Gunathilaka
Michigan State University

"My assigned mentor was my guardian angel! She really made me feel comfortable and welcome at the meeting, and her experiences and enthusiasm motivate me."

Oladipupo Olatunde
Prince of Songkhla University

For more information on becoming a student mentor volunteer at **IAFP 2020**, contact **Susan Smith** in the IAFP office.

Affiliate Calendar

Let IAFP help advertise your meetings on our website and in our publications. Submit your event details directly to our online calendar, or email to ssmith@foodprotection.org.

Affiliates in Action Fourth Quarter 2019

October

- ◆ New Jersey Association for Food Protection
- ◆ Colorado Association for Food Protection
- ◆ Iowa Association for Food Protection
- ◆ Associated Illinois Milk, Food & Environmental Sanitarians
- ◆ United Kingdom Association for Food Protection
- ◆ Capital Area Food Protection Association
- ◆ Argentine Food Safety Commission
- ◆ Mexico Association for Food Protection

November

- ◆ Korea Association for Food Protection
- ◆ Wisconsin Association for Food Protection
- ◆ Ontario Food Protection Association
- ◆ Alabama Association for Food Protection
- ◆ Japan Association for Food Protection

January 2020

(Held 16): *British Columbia Food Protection Association*, 2020 Annual General Meeting, Vancouver, British Columbia. Visit <https://www.bcfoodprotection.ca/>.

29: *Ohio Association for Food Protection*, 2020 Winter Educational Meeting and Annual Business Meeting, Columbus, Ohio. Visit <http://www.ohiofoodprotection.org/>.

February 2020

6–7: *Alberta Association for Food Protection*, 2020 Annual Meeting, Calgary, Alberta, Canada. Visit <https://keha.us/>. Contact Lynn McMullen at lmcmulle@ualberta.ca.

26–28: *Kansas Environmental Health Association*, 2020 Joint Conference with Kansas Small Flows Association (KEHA/KFSA), Wichita, Kansas. Visit <https://keha.us/>.

March 2020

17–19: *Idaho Environmental Health Association*, 2020 Annual Education Conference, Boise, Idaho. Visit <https://ieha-idaho.com/index.php>.

IAFP Support for Affiliate Meetings

Whether to complement the mission and promotional materials of your Affiliate, or to show your relationship with the International Association for Food Protection, we offer the following supplies for use or distribution at your meetings:

- ◆ **IAFP pop-up display.** This updated and attractive pop-up display shows attendees that you are affiliated with IAFP.
- ◆ **IAFP 2019–2020 Presentation.** A PowerPoint slide show with a suggested 15-minute script. This is the same presentation used by members of the IAFP Executive Board when invited to speak at Affiliate meetings.
- ◆ **Promotional materials box.** Contents include a complimentary IAFP Membership certificate and brochures, current issues of *FPT* and *JFP*, and IAFP Annual Meeting flyers. Additional complimentary resources are available upon your request.

To request these items for your next meeting, call or email Susan Smith at the IAFP Office.

To be featured in the next issue of *Affiliate View*, send your news and photos by **March 13** to Susan Smith at ssmith@foodprotection.org.



CONTRIBUTE TO THE SILENT AUCTION

PROCEEDS FROM THE SILENT AUCTION BENEFIT THE IAFP FOUNDATION

Support the Foundation by donating an item today.
A sample of items donated last year include:

- ◆ Handmade Quilt
- ◆ “Bessie’ Cow Clock
- ◆ Jug-handle Microscope
- ◆ Mini iPad
- ◆ Crocheted Giant Microbes
- ◆ Woodford Reserve Bourbon
- ◆ New York Yankees Baseball Tickets
- ◆ Wisconsin Gift Pack
- ◆ African Wildlife Bowl
- ◆ Czech Glass and Pearl Bracelet



To donate an item, go to our website at
<http://www.foodprotection.org/about/iafp-foundation/>
and complete the Silent Auction Donation Form
or contact Sarah Dempsey at sdempsey@foodprotection.org
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IAFP Executive Board Speaker Program

for Affiliates



Kali E. Kniel, Ph.D., University of Delaware
President

- ◆ One Health
- ◆ Foodborne Viruses and Parasites
- ◆ Pre-Harvest Food Safety Risks



Roger Cook, Ph.D., New Zealand Ministry for Primary Industries
President-Elect

- ◆ Foodborne STECs – An International Perspective
- ◆ Regulatory Food Control Plans – A Practical International Perspective
- ◆ The Future: Culture Independent Confirmation & Qualitative Chemical Hazard



Ruth Petran, Ph.D., Ecolab Inc.
Vice President

- ◆ Sanitation Preventive Controls
- ◆ Norovirus Management



Michelle Danyluk, Ph.D., University of Florida
Secretary

- ◆ What You Need to Know About the Produce Safety Rule
- ◆ Managing Risk in a Field of Uncertainty: Pathogens in the Produce Production Environment
- ◆ How Did That Get There? Case Studies in Produce Production and Packing



Tim Jackson, Ph.D., Driscoll's of the Americas
Past President

- ◆ Food Safety Management
- ◆ Food Microbiology
- ◆ Regulatory Food Safety



Maria Ma, Ph.D., Oklahoma State University
Affiliate Council Chair

- ◆ New Technologies for Food Decontamination
- ◆ Foodborne Pathogen Detection: Past and Future
- ◆ Food Biosecurity



Julie Jean, Ph.D., Université Laval
Affiliate Council Secretary

- ◆ Foodborne Viruses
- ◆ Biofilms in the Food Sector
- ◆ Ultraviolet Technologies for Microbial Inactivation

How It Works

1. IAFP Board Members are available to speak at Affiliate meetings on numerous topics involving food safety.
2. Each Affiliate may request one Executive Board speaker for one Affiliate meeting within a 12-month calendar year.
3. A minimum of 15 minutes should be allowed for the Board Member to deliver information about the International Association for Food Protection in addition to their main subject(s) (see #1).
4. IAFP will pay the Board Member's expense to travel to the Affiliate meeting location.
5. The Affiliate covers local expenses, including meals, lodging, and local transportation for the Board Member.
6. The Board Member makes their own travel reservations and will submit an expense report to the IAFP office within 10 days of completion of their travel to the Affiliate meeting. Any local expense (see #5) will be billed to the Affiliate.
7. A two-month advance notice is required.
8. To invite a Board Member to speak at your Affiliate meeting, contact Susan Smith, IAFP Affiliate Services, at +1 515.276.3344; or email ssmith@foodprotection.org. (Please do not contact Board Members directly until approved by IAFP.)

IAFP Speaker Program *(expanded)*

Gary Acuff, Ph.D.
Acuff Consulting, LLC



- ◆ Addressing Risk Using Performance Objectives
- ◆ Proper Use of Pathogen Surrogates in Process Intervention Validation
- ◆ What is Really Achievable in Pathogen Reduction for Beef?

Michael Brodsky, Ph.D.
Brodsky Consultants



- ◆ Managing Food Safety and Security in the 21st Century
- ◆ Emerging Issues in Food Safety
- ◆ The Fallacious Fecal Coliform or What is a Fecal Coliform Anyway?

Jim Dickson, Ph.D.
Iowa State University



- ◆ Foodborne Pathogens in Meat: Progress and Challenges
- ◆ Interventions to Control Foodborne Pathogens in Meat
- ◆ Food Safety Issues with Pet Food
- ◆ Process Validation for Food Safety

Jeff Farber, Ph.D.
University of Guelph



- ◆ Overview of Raw Milk Cheese Issues in Canada
- ◆ Risk Assessment and Risk Management of Foodborne Listeriosis in Canada
- ◆ A Dummy's Guide to Free Online Predictive Modelling Tools
- ◆ Emerging Foodborne Pathogens

Kathy Glass, Ph.D.
University of Wisconsin – Madison



- ◆ Opportunities and Limitations of Clean Label Antimicrobials
- ◆ Strategies to Maintain Microbial Food Safety in Reduced-sodium Foods
- ◆ Intervention Strategies to Control *Listeria monocytogenes* in Ready-to-Eat Foods

Linda Harris, Ph.D.
University of California – Davis



- ◆ Tree Nuts: Food Safety Risks and Intervention Strategies
- ◆ Low-moisture Foods: Food Safety Challenges and Opportunities
- ◆ Low-moisture Foodborne Outbreak Case Studies: Lessons Learned
- ◆ Microbial Food Safety and Culinary Herbs

Alejandro Mazzotta, Ph.D.
Chobani, Inc.



- ◆ Dairy Food Safety and Spoilage
- ◆ FSMA and Regulatory Compliance
- ◆ Food Safety and Quality Systems

Mickey Parish, Ph.D.
U.S. Food & Drug Administration



- ◆ Science and Policy in Government
- ◆ *Listeria* in Foods

Gale Prince
Retired/Consultant



- ◆ So You Chose Food Safety as a Career Choice
- ◆ Food Safety Culture Drives Excellence
- ◆ Food Safety Modernization Act (FSMA)

Don Schaffner, Ph.D.
Rutgers University



- ◆ Understanding and Managing Food Safety Risks
- ◆ Quantitative Microbial Risk Assessment of Foods
- ◆ Development and Application of Predictive Models for Food Microbiology

Katie Swanson, Ph.D.
KMJ Swanson Food Safety, Inc.



- ◆ Useful Microbiological Testing for Food Safety Management
- ◆ Preventive Controls for Human Foods Training Curriculum Development

Don Zink, Ph.D.
IEH Laboratories & Consulting Group



- ◆ FSMA Implementation – Foreign Supplier Verification and Preventive Controls
- ◆ Environmental Pathogen Monitoring
- ◆ Controlling *Listeria* and *Salmonella*

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Explore, learn, participate at **IAFP 2020.**

Join us in Cleveland, Ohio

August 2–5, 2020

www.foodprotection.org

Future Annual Meetings | Save the Dates!

IAFP 2021, July 18–21, Phoenix, AZ
IAFP 2022, July 31–August 3, Pittsburgh, PA

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