

AFFILIATE VIEW

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VIEW FROM THE CHAIR:

Moving Forward in a New Year!



The end of 2021 brought a return to normal holiday traditions (for the most part), but also surging COVID-19 cases in parts of the world as we now deal with Omicron. Couple that with labor shortages,

material shortages, overtime, and a myriad of other issues. As we begin this new year, industry leaders are asking, 'How do we transition from crisis mode to normal operations (with occasional disruptions)?' For food safety practitioners, this question expands to, 'How can we hope to achieve continuous progress when things are still so chaotic?' I believe the answer is to give yourself a break on big, ambitious projects and concentrate on smaller, positive changes. Think about some of the extracurriculars, examine their purpose, ask yourself 'Is this necessary?', and consolidate or remove superfluous items that are adding unnecessary complications and complexity to your life and workplace. You'd be surprised how many reports, monitoring activities, etc. that once had a purpose are no longer relevant! Occasionally, you've got to reexamine some items that aren't vital and determine if they're still worth doing. Ask yourself, 'Is this still serving a purpose? Is it still relevant/needed?'

In the January 13, 2022 IAFP/Georgia Affiliate webinar, Sean Leighton, Vice President, Food Safe-

ty for Cargill, discussed the need for consolidation and predicted an end to SKU proliferation. He noted that when the variety of products is reduced, an increased yield and operational efficiency are almost always a direct result. He also noted that simplification enables maintaining food safety and quality standards much easier. If you missed this industry roundtable on COVID-19, I encourage those of you who are IAFP Members to access the webinar archive on the IAFP website to find this recording and catch up on other webinars you may have missed.

In the spirit of continuous improvement, we've developed an **Affiliate Council Strategic Plan** to help guide our Affiliates through the next few years (the details were outlined in my Fall 2021 column in *Affiliate View*). This plan focuses on four primary pillars: Affiliate Council Leadership Continuity;

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Supporting Affiliates, Improving the Affiliate Council Experience; and Cultivating Student Involvement. We'd greatly appreciate any input into the tactics for these goals and suggestions on how to achieve our objectives; don't hesitate to reach out to me directly if you'd like to comment.

The November 4, 2021 Affiliate Council Virtual Meeting was held to discuss this Strategic Plan and share some best practices. Attendees discussed major changes to the Affiliate Council lead-

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African Continental	Southeast Asia
Argentina	Spain
Australia	Taiwan
Brazil	Turkey
Canada	United Arab Emirates
Alberta British Columbia	United Kingdom
Ontario Quebec	United States
Bangladesh Association for Food Protection in North America	Alabama Arizona
Chile	Arkansas California
China	Capital Area Carolinas
Chinese in North America	Colorado Connecticut
Colombia	Florida Georgia
Hong Kong	Idaho Illinois Indiana
Hungary	Iowa Kansas
Indian in North America	Michigan Minnesota
Japan	Minnesota/Upper Midwest
Korea	Missouri Nebraska
Lebanon	New Jersey New York
Mexico	Ohio Oklahoma
New Zealand	Pennsylvania
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	Washington Wisconsin

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ership structure, including possibly extending the terms for the Chairperson and Secretary positions. It was unanimously decided to shorten the Affiliate Council Meeting (during IAFP's Annual Meetings) by having at least two virtual calls throughout the year. Our next call will be on **Wednesday, March 2 at 12:00 p.m. (Eastern Time)**. IAFP Connect will send Delegates a reminder, but anyone is invited. Please email me if you aren't a Delegate and would like the link sent to you.

The call also discussed several Best Practices. Developing a strong board is vital to the health of any Affiliate. Suggestions ranged from proactive recruiting of nominees to creating a Board of Directors to involve strong Members and give Past Presidents a chance to contribute. Creating member committees for Programs, Awards, Membership, and/or PR drives membership involvement and alleviates pressure from the Board. Several membership recruitment strategies were also discussed, i.e., co-branding meetings with compatible organizations (state Food Safety Taskforces, ASQ, IFT, etc.); offering special discounts on memberships or events; and using email platforms (Mail-Chimp, Join It, Squarespace) to manage communications. Several Affiliates are also utilizing paid staff to help manage operational duties, ensuring continuity among rotating Board members, and have found additional benefits to their organization. *(See meeting summary on page 7.)* Please share these best practices with your own board and continue to keep your members apprised of IAFP happenings.

This serves as a reminder that applications/nominations for IAFP Awards are due **Tuesday, February 15, 2022**. Spread the word among your members about these recognition opportunities, especially for IAFP's three Travel Awards: the Travel Award for State or Provincial Health Department Employees in North America, the Travel Award for a Food Safety Professional in a Country with a Developing Economy, and the Student Travel Scholarship. These awards cover travel expenses to attend IAFP 2022 and provide an amazing opportunity to experience the Annual Meeting!

Finally, remember to submit your Affiliate Annual Report for 2021 activities by **Tuesday, March 8, 2022**. Susan Smith, Affiliate Liaison, sends frequent reminder emails with report requirements to help you stay on deadline. *(Membership lists are no longer a requirement!)* Even if you didn't have many activities to report from last year, it's still required under the IAFP Bylaws to submit an Annual Report each year. Your information helps keep IAFP current with your board members, meetings dates, etc.

Please continue to stay safe, and I do hope to see you virtually on one of our upcoming calls, scheduled for March 2 and mid-May (TBD). I also look forward to seeing many of you in person at IAFP 2022 in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, July 31– August 3.

Cheers!

Wendy W. White

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AFFILIATES IN THE SPOTLIGHT

FEATURING YOUR COMMUNICATIONS WITH IAFP

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Indian Association for Food Protection in North America: Annual Meeting Held Virtually

Reported by Manreet Bhullar, Secretary

The Indian Association for Food Protection in North America (IAFPNA) held its Annual Meeting as a virtual event on August 22, 2021. More than 20 attendees took part in the meeting that was called to order at 9:32 a.m. (Eastern time).

Dr. Prateek Banerjee, President, opened the meeting by welcoming attendees and discussing the agenda. All Affiliate Members and visitors introduced themselves in the chat, including incoming President Dr. Govindaraj Dev Kumar. Dr. Banerjee also announced one nomination for the Secretary position.

Minutes from 2020's Annual Meeting were approved with no changes.

Dr. Vijay Juneja mentioned that, on behalf of IAFPNA, symposia proposals were submitted to receive travel funds for speakers and to invite young researchers to IAFP 2022. Two proposals were accepted. However, the symposia were withdrawn in 2021 due to the pandemic but, hopefully, these will be accepted for 2022. He mentioned that if anyone has ideas for symposia, please communicate with the board members.

Dr. Harshavardhan Thippareddi, Delegate, attended the Affiliate Council Meeting held virtually on June 22. He shared the discussion from the meeting on continuing Affiliates' efforts. IAFP is willing to support the online seminar events hosting guest speakers to connect participants and engage membership within India. Dr. Banerjee recommended Dr. Thippareddi continue to serve in the Delegate position for an additional year. Dr. Thippareddi shared that he would encourage young members of the board to gain the experience of working with other Affiliates.

The following Board nominations were received and announced: Dr. Amandeep Kaur Dhillion for the position of Delegate; and Dr. Preetam Sarkar and Dr. Manreet Singh Bhullar for the Secretary position. With no other nominations or objections from Members, Dr. Dhillion was appointed as Affiliate Delegate and joins Nitin Dhowlaghar as Vice President. A poll and bios were emailed to select a candidate for Secretary. Discussions took place during the meeting on the election process, and several Members shared thoughts to define Membership and voting Affiliate Members. Dr. Banerjee proposed adding a communication secretary position, and recommendations were made to consider the Affiliate Bylaws to learn about secretary roles and responsibilities, as well as modify changes to the position as needed in the future.

Next, Dr. Chinnaswamy Anandharamakrishnan, Director, Indian Institute of Food Processing Technology, MoFPI, Government of India, presented "Sustainable Strategies for Food Processing Industries." He shared interesting information on statistical numbers on the Indian food processing market, highlighting the growth opportunities and challenges, including food loss, market demand of plant-based meats, superfoods, nanotechnology in the agro-food sector, stomach models, food safety and supply chain management, and next-generation packaging.

Dr. Purnendu C. Vasavada, Professor Emeritus, University of Wisconsin–River Falls, followed with his presentation "Fighting SARS-CoV-2 and COVID-19 Infodemic: Myths, Misinformation, and Conspiracy Theories and the Role of Food Scientists in Communication Science to Stop the Spread of False Information." He shared information on various topics, including infodemic (a blend of information and epidemic) and its implications; misinformation dealing with food and the food industry; the role of a scientist in communicating science; and the strategy for communicating credible information.

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Affiliate updates concluded the meeting, beginning with Dr. Banerjee who mentioned the challenge of spending the funds collected through Affiliate Membership dues. Dr. Jitu Patel stated he will help gain a non-profit status for the Affiliate for better funding management. Dr. Banerjee shared that one of the Members is taking the lead on increasing the Affiliate's footprint in India with support from IAFPNA to offer Membership at a reduced annual fee of \$5.00 (USD). Dr. Patel mentioned that IAFPNA Members are not required to be IAFP Members.

Dr. Juneja said that priorities should be to develop strategies to get more participation from Members in India; attract Members from both India and North America; highlight the need to state the benefits (such as awards) of being an Affiliate Member; the need to increase visibility; nominate the Affiliate for one or more awards; and advertise on social media. Dr. Kumar stated that students are interested in participating in the Affiliate, which would help them with their applications into graduate programs through webinars, etc. Advertising on some famous Indian microbiology Instagram pages could be an easy way to "hitch a ride."

The meeting concluded at 11:17 a.m.

Ohio Association for Food Protection: Virtual Educational Meeting Held

Reported by Christina Wilson, Delegate



The Ohio Association for Food Protection (OAFP) met virtually for its Annual Educational Meeting on August 27, 2021. Twenty-two attendees logged into the meeting, which was offered at no charge.

Dr. Charles Muyanja, Professor in the Department of Food Technology and Nutrition at Makerere University in Uganda, was the guest speaker. His topic was "Meat and Fish Sector and Food Safety Issues in Uganda." Comments received from attendees after the conclusion of the meeting



Transportation of meat



included, "Thank you for organizing the presentation with Charles. It was definitely eye-opening to see and hear of a different country's dealings with food safety and realize how fortunate we are in the United States."

Arkansas Association for Food Protection: AEC Takes Place as a Hybrid Event

Reported by William Melnychenko, Delegate, and Jerri Lynn Pickett, President



The Arkansas Association for Food Protection (AAFP) held its 2021 Annual Educational Conference at the Town Center in Fayetteville,

September 13–15. Despite the uncertainty due to COVID, more than 25 vendors and 60 attendees demonstrated their support for the Affiliate by attending either virtually or in person. Social distancing and mask requirements were followed, but attendees were determined those guidelines would not hamper networking with each other and with vendors.



The meeting featured a student poster competition with participants from the University of Arkansas – Fayetteville and from Kansas State University, as well as in-person and virtual seminars on a variety of topics. WBA Analytical Laboratories sponsored the competition and awarded cash prizes.



Vendors in the Exhibit Hall featured commercial testing labs, lab and packaging equipment

companies, pest control, microbial interventions, and food testing platforms.

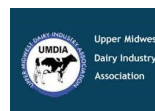
Day 2 included a dedicated pet food forum, along with a session on supply chain and sanitation. The event's final day kicked off with regulatory updates from the U.S. FDA, the USDA, and the Arkansas Department of Health, followed by a captivating mock criminal trial presented by Joel Chappelle and Shawn Stevens from the Food Industry Counsel focusing on food adulteration. Attendees had argument presentations from both the defense and the prosecution, then were asked to issue a judgement based on the facts of the case.

The meeting closed with a session on the future of food, including farming in space and risk assessment for novel/alternative protein products.

AAFP thanks everyone for their participation and efforts that were put into the meeting.

Upper Midwest Dairy Industry Association: Hybrid Fall Conference and Annual Meeting

Reported by Dan Erickson, Delegate



The Upper Midwest Dairy Industry Association (UMDIA) held its 2021 Fall Educational Conference and Annual Meeting

as a hybrid event September 15–16. Approximately 25 people attended in person at the Best Western Plus Kelly Inn in St. Cloud, Minnesota, and approximately 25 took part online.

Day 1 opened with welcome remarks by Dale Heintz, UMDIA Vice President. The Minnesota Department of Agriculture (MDA) "Milk Break" followed with MDA's Dairy Program updates. Presenters included Dr. Cheryl Eia, Assistant Director, MDA Grade A Interpretations; Meghan Romo, Dairy Inspection Supervisor; and Sarah Current, Dairy Inspector MDA Dairy and Meat Inspection Division. An introduction to MDA's new online Grade A Dairy Farm Inspection Interpretations as a resource to Field Representatives was announced.

Next, Dan Erickson, Harold Wainess & Associates and Affiliate Delegate, presented "Grade A Milk: A Brief PMO History and What It Means for the Dairy Industry in 2021 – An Auditor's Perspective."

The final presentation was given by Net Zero Initiative, Midwest Dairy. Attendees were asked, "As companies around the world announce environmental stewardship goals, are you curious how the

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U.S. dairy industry is responding?” During the presentation, more was shared about the dairy industry’s Net Zero Initiative and the work being done to show dairy’s continued commitment to responsible production.

A social hour followed, along with an auction and banquet dinner.

Day 2 included breakfast and the UMDIA Annual Business Meeting. The day concluded with a presentation on “Udder Dissection” by Brandt Goen and Mario Flores from Form-A-Feed.

Newly-elected officers include:

- President: Dale Heintz
- Vice President: John Wolf
- Secretary: David Weinand
- Treasurer: Scott Stude
- Delegate: Dan Erickson

Washington Association for Food Protection: Celebrating 70 Years!

Reported by Diep Wisniewski, President



Beautiful Chelan, Washington was the site for the Washington Association for Food Protection (WAFFP)

2021 Annual Conference, held September 15–17. After carefully evaluating COVID concerns, the planning committee cautiously moved forward with a hybrid conference, offering both in-person and virtual attendance options. It was obvious that many were excited to return to a face-to-face conference (or shall we say “socially distanced mask-to-mask”). Of the 60 registrants, the vast majority chose to attend in person.

2021 marked the Affiliate’s 70th Anniversary, and we were able to offer a wonderful program while keeping on-site attendees safe. The event kicked off on September 15 with golfers taking part in a tournament held at the beautiful Bear Mountain Golf Course. The following day-and-a-



Kathy Glass spoke at the Washington Affiliate 2021 Annual Conference, held September 15–17, in Chelan, Washington.

half included a well-rounded agenda with speakers from various food safety arenas, including Dr. Kathy Glass, Distinguished Scientist at the University of Wisconsin–Madison and IAFP Past President, talking about “Control of Spore-forming Bacteria in RTE Foods During Cooling and Storage” and “Strategies to Control *Listeria monocytogenes* in RTE Foods.” Kathy has presented at our meetings in the past, and we very much enjoy her presentations.

Janet Anderberg, Washington State Department of Health, was able to join us virtually to update attendees on “Recent Outbreaks in Washington State.” Janet has presented to our attendees for more than 20 years and will be retiring soon; we were honored to induct her into the WAFFP Hall of Fame.

Other speakers included Dr. Girish Ganjyal, Washington State University; Dr. Joy Waite-Cusic, Oregon State University; and numerous research updates from other professors and research students.

Due to Covid concerns, WAFFP did not host our typical hospitality room. However, we were able to celebrate in a scaled-down version to honor our 70th anniversary with cake and beverages. The Awards Banquet was held on the final evening of the conference, with scholarship awards presented to Jacob Leary and Jessica Melocoton, both Washington State University students. Prior to the Awards Banquet, the second “Science and Cocktails” hour was held, allowing time with the students and their research poster presentations.

Newly-elected officers include:

- President: Diep Wisniewski
- President-Elect: Virginia Ng
- Secretary: Stephanie Olmsted
- Treasurer: Jill Wisehart
- Delegate: Minto Michael
- Auditor: Cathie Gray

New York State Association for Food Protection: Virtual Annual Conference a Success in Its 98th Year

Reported by Charles Lindberg, Newsletter Editor



The New York State Association for Food Protection’s (NYSAFP) 98th Annual Conference was held September 21–23, 2021 in an online format for the second

consecutive year due to the ongoing pandemic. Despite a slightly lower attendance than 2020’s meeting, it was again successful by providing attendees with first-class food safety information from expert speakers. Attendees were able to tune into 16 presentations on a variety of relevant topics over the three-day span, including talks on food fraud, leadership development, FDA initiatives, and specialized disciplines of food, laboratory, and milk inspection. The high level of participation in speaker and conference evaluations by attendees indicate they were highly satisfied with the presentations and conference in general.

The opening General Session kicked off the first day with Dr. John Spink, Michigan State University, addressing “Food Fraud Prevention,” followed by Dr. Richard Stup, Cornell University, presenting “Managing Up to be Effective and Create Value as an Employee.”

Day 2’s General Session opened with the Presidential Address by President Donna Walker, followed by the first presentation with FDA’s Associate Commissioner for Imported Food Safety, Dr. Donald Prater, updating attendees on the Agency’s New Era of Food Safety Initiative.

Gale Prince, IAFP Past President, rounded out the day’s presentations with a talk on “The Dynamics of Food Safety.”



Barbara Williams (right) receives the Dr. Paul B. Brooks Memorial Award from NYSAFP Affiliate President Donna Walker at the 98th Annual Conference.

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The final day's lineup included breakout sessions in the Laboratory, Food, and Field Inspection specialty areas. Afterward, several members were recognized with the 2021 Association Awards including:

- Paul Marra (William Hickey Memorial Award)
- Chris Cherry (Dr. Theodore H. Reich Memorial Award)
- Nicole Martin (Howard B. Marlatt Memorial Award)
- Barbara Williams (Dr. Paul B. Brooks Memorial Award)
- John Luker (Honorary Lifetime Membership Award)
- Thomas DiBlasi (Honorary Lifetime Membership Award)

Newly-elected officers include:

- President: Kelly Natali
- President-Elect: Sara Kelly
- Past President: Donna Walker
- Delegate: Amy Rhodes

Georgia Association for Food Protection: Virtual Fall Meeting Draws 74 Attendees

Reported by Charles S. Otto, III, Vice President



President Katie Murchison convened the virtual Fall 2021 meeting of the Georgia Association for Food Protection

(GAFFP) held on a web meeting platform hosted by the Georgia Manufacturing Extension Partnership at Georgia Tech. The October 19 meeting had 74 members and guests participating in featured presentations by Dr. Jim Ayres Young Investigator Award recipients, who were introduced by Wendy White, Delegate.



Award recipients and their research presentations included:

- ◆ First Place: Xinran Xu, "Comparison Between LASSO and Classification and Regression

Tree for Predicting *E. coli* Prevalence in Pasture Poultry Farms"

- ◆ Second Place: Derrick "Kane" Cooper, "Characterizing the Risk of SARS-CoV-2 Infection Among Essential Food Workers: A Quantitative Microbial Risk Assessment Approach"
- ◆ Third Place: Julia Silva Sobolik, "SARS-CoV-2 Transmission Risks and Risk Mitigation Strategies Among Essential Workers in an Indoor Food Processing Facility"

Guest speaker was Chef John Szymanski, The Kroger Co., who presented "COVID-19: An Industry Perspective...A Year Later."

Officers elected are:

- President: Katie Murchison
- President-Elect: Jessica Chen
- Vice President: Charles S. Otto, III
- Secretary: Ynes Ortega
- Treasurer: Steven Fuller
- Past President: Cheryl Brown
- Delegate: Wendy White
- Student Liaison: Anna Townsend

The recording of this meeting can be viewed at <https://youtu.be/upxneLPUfUs>.

Capital Area Food Protection Association: Joint Fall Meeting Held with DC ASM

Reported by Elizabeth Reed, President



The Capital Area Food Protection Association (CAFFA) held a joint virtual meeting with the American Society of Microbiology (ASM), Washington, D.C., on October 27, 2021. Seventy-four attendees between the two groups took part.

The theme was "Safety First: Microbial Monitoring of Our Water and Food." Throughout the day, six 15-minute lightning rounds from students and junior scientists took place, along with three invited speakers, and raffle drawings. Invited speakers and topics included:

- ◆ Dr. Jordan Schmidt, Director, Product Applications, LuminUltra Technologies, LTD, speaking on "Wastewater Based Epidemiology: Maintaining Production Through Increased Worker Safety;"



- ◆ Dr. Roberto Kolter, Professor Emeritus of Microbiology, Harvard University, presenting "Telling Microbial Stories;" and



- ◆ Dr. Michelle Danyluk, Professor and Extension Specialist, University of Florida, and IAFFP President-Elect, speaking on "Managing Risk in a Field of Uncertainty: Foodborne Pathogens in the Produce Production Environment."



Wisconsin Association for Food Protection: Approximately 60 Attend Fall Workshop

Reported by Erin Headley, Past President



The Wisconsin Association for Food Protection (WAFP) held an in-person Fall 2021

Workshop on November 4, at the Holiday Inn West in Madison with approximately 60 attendees. With three speakers in person and two presenting virtually, the conference was a full-day event.

The meeting kicked off with Erin Headley, current WAFP President, providing an overview of the Affiliate Board Members and strategy of the group. The day's first speaker, Dr. Steve Ingham, State of Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection (DATCP), gave an update of the Division of Food and Recreational Safety, which he heads. This included overviews of rule revisions, advisory groups, and staff additions. And in a surprise announcement, he relayed that he will be retiring mid-December with a replacement yet to be named. Dr. Ingham has been a long-time supporter of WAFP, and we wish him the best in his future.

The second speaker was Dr. Barbara Kowalczyk, The Ohio State University, who spoke about her ongoing research, which includes food pantry food safety initiative begun by an undergraduate student in her laboratory. This project appeared to align with a current initiative by WAFP to bring harmonized food safety techniques to the food banks/pantries of Wisconsin. WAFP will be including Dr. Kowalczyk in moving the project forward.

Next, Dr. Angie Siemens, Cargill, spoke virtually about root cause analysis and corrective action determination. Cargill has an in-depth initiative to

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facilitate proper root cause analysis in their facilities. Although progress has been made, the initiative is an ongoing effort.

Alex O'Brien then gave an overview of his new role at the Center for Dairy Research (CDR) in the program including new food safety training initiatives and efforts to help smaller manufacturers with food safety programs. A video was shown of the impressive facility.

The presentations closed out with Roberta Wagner, Consumer Brands Association (CBA), speaking virtually about CBA and how their food safety working group is moving food safety forward with the FDA and industry.

Finally, Beth Button received the WAFP 2022 Leadership Award for her work as outgoing Secretary for the Affiliate. Beth has done a tremendous job of organizing and facilitating WAFP and will be missed as she turns her role over to Marlo Darken.

President Headley closed out the meeting, concluding her time as President. Newly-elected officers include:

- President: Max Golden
- Vice President/Delegate: Lindsey O'Brien
- First Vice President: Kristin Schill
- Second Vice President: Takiyah Ball
- Past President: Erin Headley
- Secretary/Contact: Marlo Darken
- Treasurer: Adam Brock

A June 2022 Spring meeting is under planning stages for another in-person event.

Ontario Food Protection Association: Annual Event Draws 180 Attendees

Reported by Denise Horseman, Board Administrator

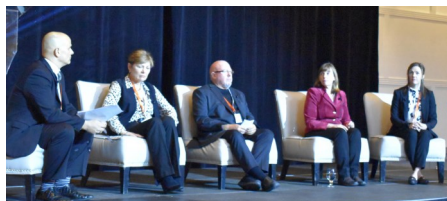


The Ontario Food Protection Association (OFPA) delivered its Annual Food Safety Symposium and Annual General Meeting on November 18, 2021. Held as a hybrid meeting, the event included 140 in-person attendees and 40 virtual attendees, as the meeting streamed live from the Embassy Grand Convention Centre in Brampton, Ontario.

The theme was "Leading Through a Pandemic: A Food Safety Challenge." After a welcome and introduction from Nadia Narine, President, along with a report on Membership from Megan Saunders, OFPA Director, the morning's keynote presentation was delivered virtually by Erica Sheward, Director,

Global Food Safety Initiative, and Andrew Clarke, Sr. Director, Quality Assurance, Loblaw Companies Limited.

Two interactive panels took place throughout the day, including "GFSI Recognized Standards" and "Claims, Facts versus Fiction."



GFSI Panel Discussion, moderated by OFPA Director Paul Damaren (left)

The OFPA General Business Meeting and announcements, including new membership incentives in 2022; a review and acceptance of the Constitution; the 2022 Board of Directors and descriptions of their roles; and the current 2021 financial report, closed out the morning session.



OFPA 2022 Board of Directors

After lunch, networking, and viewing the exhibits, the afternoon opened with Charles J. Giambone, VP, Technical Services, Rochester Midland Corporation, speaking on "Environmental Hygiene Monitoring: Rationale and Tools to Verify and Validate Your Program." Andrew Clarke closed the presentations with "Loblaw's Supplier Standard Expectations."

Thirteen sponsors and 22 exhibit tables were part of the meeting.

British Columbia Food Protection Association: Three Webinars Held in November

Reported by Stephanie Chiu, Vice President



The British Columbia Food Protection Association (BCFPA) hosted three virtual webinars during November 2021 as their Virtual Fall Speakers' Evening Webinar Series.

The first webinar was held November 8 with Tim Jackson, Vice President of Food Safety, Driscoll's

and past IAFP President, presenting "On Farm Strategies to Prevent Contamination of Produce." Tim touched on points related to risks to fresh produce safety, testing, and control measures during processing, sanitation, and pest management. Thirty-six registrants attended this webinar.

The second webinar took place November 18 and included two speakers. Casey Neathway, Interior Regional Manager of Environmental Public Health Services, and Kathleen Yung, Food Security & Healthy Eating Specialist, First Nations Health Authority, presented on "Indigenous Food Systems and Food Safety." Casey and Kathleen emphasized the desire to prepare traditional foods to the community while addressing food safety barriers in order to learn the skills needed to prepare foods safely. Twenty-nine attendees registered for this webinar.

The final webinar was held November 25 and featured Bill Marler, Partner, Marler Clark, LLP, PS, who spoke on "Food Law and Its Impact from Farm to Table – A Reflection on 28 Years of Litigation." Bill touched on past foodborne outbreaks and how these led to changes in enforcement and inspection policies. He also talked about more recent outbreaks and how to plan against litigation by identifying the hazards and creating a food safety culture. Twenty-eight attendees took part in this webinar.

BCFPA is planning its next meeting as a virtual Annual General Meeting on February 1, 2022.

AFFILIATE BRIEFS

Kansas Environmental Health Association: Annual Conference Held In Person

Reported by Robert Torres, President



The Kansas Environmental Health Association (KEHA) held its 2021 Annual Conference September 14-16 at the Four Points by Sheraton in Manhattan.

The event included a tour of the K-State Nuclear Reactor, a keynote speech by NEHA President Sandra Long, and multiple educational seminars designed to promote environmental capabilities across the state.

Newly-elected Board Members include:
 President/Delegate: Perry Piper
 Past President: Tanner Langer
 1st Vice President: Derek Norrick
 2nd Vice President: Cesar Estrada
 Secretary: Mark Bradshaw
 Treasurer: Randy Barten

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Iowa Association for Food Protection: 40 Attendees Part of Virtual Annual Meeting

Reported by Lynne Melchert, Secretary/Treasurer

The Iowa Association for Food Protection (IAFP) held its 2021 Annual Meeting as a virtual event on October 5, with 40 attendees taking part.

Deb Wehde, IAFP President, welcomed attendees before introducing the event's first speaker, Mike Naig, Iowa Secretary of Agriculture, who presented "Iowa Agriculture." Danelle Bickett-Weddle, ISU, spoke next on "Biosecurity," followed by Larry Tranel, ISU Dairy Specialist, who talked about "Brain & Behavioral Health." Closing out the meeting were Leo Timms speaking on "Medicinal Milk," and Dave Brown, IDALS, presenting "Iowa Updates."

Newly-elected officers include:

President: Jurgen Ehler

Vice President Pro-Tem: Kevin "Buck" Smith

First Vice President: Curt Larson

Secretary/Treasurer: Lynne Melchert

IN MEMORIAM

JOHN C. BRUHN

IAFP expresses its deepest sympathy to the family of Dr. John C. Bruhn, who passed away in December 2021 in Davis, California. John joined IAFP in 1970 when it was known as the International Association of Milk, Food and Environmental Sanitarians, Inc. (IAMFES). He served on the *Food Protection Trends* Editorial Board in 2001, the *FPT* (then known as the *Dairy, Food and Environmental Sanitation*) Management Committee from 1997-2000, and as an Editor for the *Dairy, Food and Environmental Sanitation* publication from 1994-1995. In addition, he served on many award committees and several PDGs.

John was also active in IAFP's Affiliate, the California Association of Dairy and Milk Sanitarians (now dissolved), serving as its long-time Delegate and Secretary, and as Affiliate Council Chair in 1997. He received the IAFP Educator Award in 1983, the Harry Haverland Citation Award in 1999, the IAFP Fellow Award in 2000, and the IAFP Honorary Life Membership in 2008.

John achieved excellence in his research and outreach programs. He was on the Extension Faculty in dairy foods in the Department of Food Science and

Technology at the University of California - Davis for 37 years. He was founder and director of the UC-Davis Dairy Research and Information Center, conducting applied research and educational programs that emphasized factors affecting the quality and safety of raw milk, processed milk and dairy foods. His guidance in the efficient production of high-quality dairy foods and milk enabled the California dairy industry to become the largest producer of milk in the country, second nationally in cheese production, and first in many other manufactured dairy foods. John co-authored the 14th and 17th editions of *Standard Methods for the Examination of Dairy Products*. He worked closely with the International Dairy Foods Association, providing background information for establishing the national dairy products nutrition data base used in nutritional labeling, and with the California Dairy Foods Safety Branch of the California Department of Food and Agriculture to assure knowledge of and compliance with state and federal drug residue testing. He also played a significant role in the development of a national framework for dairy food research and education and the establishment of the Centers of Excellence for Dairy Foods Research Centers at six universities across the U.S.

With a strong interest in students in dairy and food science careers, John's assistance spanned more than 30 years by serving as faculty advisor for the Dairy Products Contest at the annual Agricultural and Environmental Science Field Day held at the UC-Davis campus, ultimately receiving the Outstanding Service Award in recognition of his services. He continued working with students, food and dairy industries, and professional societies long after retirement.

Both John and his wife, Dr. Christine Bruhn, were familiar faces at IAFP Annual Meetings, attending for several decades throughout their careers, and providing invaluable input through networking and mentoring. IAFP will always have sincere gratitude for John's long-time contributions to the Association and the profession.



Affiliate News

ANNUAL REPORTS DUE MARCH 8, 2022

All Affiliate Annual Reports are due Tuesday, March 8, 2022 for activities taking place during 2021. Please take time to review the information sent by Susan Smith, Affiliate Liaison, to all Affiliate officers (reminders will continue to be sent to those who have yet to submit a report).

Even if your Affiliate did not participate in any activities (meetings, webinars, etc.) during 2021, an Annual Report is still *required* to submit to the IAFP Office, according to the Bylaws. Annual Reports serve as information to keep IAFP updated on current officers, past and upcoming meetings, websites, etc. Membership lists are no longer a requirement for Annual Reports.

FIRST AFFILIATE COUNCIL STRATEGIC PLANNING MEETING HELD VIRTUALLY

The Affiliate Council held its first Strategic Planning Meeting virtually on November 4, 2021 from 6:00-7:00 p.m. (Eastern Time). The purpose of this meeting was to discuss the Affiliate Council Strategic Plan in more detail and gain input from attendees.

Affiliate Council Chair Wendy White introduced the Affiliate Council Strategic Plan to approximately 38 attendees. The Plan was created to guide IAFP Affiliates through the next few years by focusing on four primary pillars: Affiliate Council Leadership Continuity; Supporting Affiliates; Improving the Affiliate Council Experience; and Cultivating Student Involvement. The following parts of the Plan and Best Practices were discussed in this first virtual meeting:

Strategic Plan Input

- Should we ask the IAFP Executive Board to consider extending the Affiliate Council term to two years for each position (from its current one year)?
 - Pro - Extended terms will increase continuity
 - Cons - Will this interfere with normal Affiliate Delegate elections?
- Can a previous Affiliate Chairperson run again?
 - David Tharp will check the Affiliate Council Operation Guidelines
- Attendees like having virtual meetings throughout the year.

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- Additional calls and topics were added for:
 - March 2, 2022, 12:00 p.m. (Eastern Time) – Affiliate Updates and Aiding Struggling Affiliates
 - Mid-May 2022 (TBD) – Best Practice Sharing
 - July 31, 2022, 7:30 a.m. (Eastern Time) – Onsite at **IAFP 2022** in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania
- Call for Delegates to encourage their Board Members to join these Affiliate calls/ meetings.

Best Practice Sharing

▪ Developing a Strong Board

- Proactive recruiting – Approach loyal members well before elections and ask if they are interested (don't rely on last-minute self-nominating)
- Create places on the Board for Past Presidents who will want to be involved:
 - Board of Directors
 - Invite Past Presidents to Board calls
 - Let Past Presidents run for other board positions (Delegate, Secretary, etc.)
- Schedule Affiliate Board meetings throughout the year (onsite and/or calls)
- Create member committees (Program, Membership, Awards, etc.) to relieve some of the burden on Board members. This will also become a natural pool for future Board candidates.
- Create Board subcommittees to work on specific initiatives

▪ Recruiting Members

- Co-brand meetings with another organization (e.g., state Food Safety & Defense Taskforce, ASQ, etc.)
- Offer special membership and event discounts
- Recruit sales people and other external people to take part on the Board for new perspectives/ ideas
- Increase value to members by offering free webinars
- Use email platforms to manage communications, e.g., MailChimp, Join It, Squarespace (website)
- Post/distribute all meeting/webinar dates at beginning of the year so they are advertised to members well in advance
- Sponsors:
 - Give them 2–3 minutes to plug their product/ service at a webinar
 - In-kind sponsor – host a webinar (universities are good options)

▪ Paid Staff

- A few chapters have a limited, paid position to handle administrative work (communications, website maintenance, event planning, etc.)
 - A survey will be developed and sent to all Affiliate officers to gauge this practice and receive pros/ cons; will be shared with the group.

AFFILIATE COUNCIL SURVEY RESULTS

The following survey questions were sent to all Affiliate Officers on November 10, 2021. A total of ten Affiliate representatives replied. Following are questions and answers.

Q1: Does your Affiliate chapter have any paid staff/ positions? (If no, skip to Q7)

Answers: *(Ten responses)*

Yes – 20% (2)

No – 80% (8)

Q2: What does this person(s) do for your Affiliate (i.e., website, email blasts, organize events, handle dues collected, etc.)?

Answers: *(Two responses)*

“Our Affiliate was built as a Commission of the Argentine Microbiology Association. So the paid staff works for the whole Association (not only for our Affiliate).”

“A LOT – all of the above and more; helps with planning and coordinating events, day-to-day activities, emails, paying for insurance, accounting, website updates.”

Q3: How many hours per month do they normally work?

Answers: *(Two responses)*

“Not applicable; they run the administrative work of all the Association.”

“They are paid for 20 hours a week, but do work more hours.”

Q4: How much are they paid?

Answer: *(One response)*

“\$1,387.19 every two weeks.”

Q5: Is the paid position hourly or a set amount per year?

Answer: *(One response)*

\$33,000 annually

Q6: What are the benefits for your Affiliate to pay staff?

Answers: *(Two responses)*

“The paid staff would get stuff done that Affiliate volunteers (executive committee members) have little or no time to do because they have employment commitments.”

“I don't know how we would operate without one.

All BOD work full-time, and there are daily responsibilities that need be addressed, especially for planning events.”

Q7: Extending the Affiliate Council Secretary and Chairperson positions to two years each (four years total) was discussed to increase continuity in the positions. Do you think these terms should be extended (with IAFP Executive Board approval)?

Answers: *(Ten responses)*

Yes – 100% (10)

Q8: Would extending these terms interfere with your Affiliate Delegate elections (e.g., your Affiliate elects a new Delegate each year)?

Answers: *(Ten responses)*

Yes – 10% (1)

No – 90% (9)

Q9: Are you interested in receiving more information on running for the Affiliate Council Secretary position in 2022?

Answers: *(Ten responses)*

Yes – 30% (3)

No – 70% (7)

Thank you to all who took part in our survey.

IAFP HEADLINES

AWARDS DEADLINE

Be sure to nominate a worthy colleague or food safety professional for one of the many IAFP Awards. Applications are also being accepted for one of the three Travel Awards. Deadline to nominate/apply is Tuesday, February 15, 2022, so don't wait!

REGISTRATION OPEN FOR TWO IAFP MEETINGS

Plan now to attend IAFP's European Symposium on Food Safety, scheduled for 4–6 May 2022 in Munich, Germany. This key food safety event draws attendees from across Europe and around the world. Visit the IAFP website for more information, including housing.

Register today to participate in IAFP 2022, July 31– August 3 in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. When registering, book your hotel at the same time. To register and find hotels offering our group rate, visit the IAFP website.



AFFILIATE CALENDAR

PROMOTE YOUR MEETINGS THROUGH IAFP

Affiliates in Action Fourth Quarter 2021

* Meetings were held virtually

October

- ◆ *Iowa Association for Food Protection
- ◆ *Capital Area Food Protection Association
- ◆ *Georgia Association for Food Protection

November

- ◆ Wisconsin Association for Food Protection
- ◆ *British Columbia Food Protection Association
- ◆ Korea Association for Food Protection
- ◆ Ontario Food Protection Association

To be featured in the next issue of *Affiliate View*, send your news and photos by *March 25, 2022* to Susan Smith at ssmith@foodprotection.org.

February 2022

1: British Columbia Food Protection Association, 2021 Annual General Meeting (VIRTUAL).

Visit www.bcfoodprotection.ca/events.

March 2022

9–10: Arizona Association for Food Protection, 2022 Spring Educational Conference (VIRTUAL).

Visit www.azeha.org/.

22–24: Michigan Environmental Health Association, 2022 Annual Educational Conference, Traverse City, Michigan. Visit www.meha.net/.

CASH THOSE IAFP CHECKS!

If your Affiliate is collecting membership dues through IAFP, please make sure to CASH the IAFP checks on a timely basis! Affiliate dues collected through IAFP Membership renewals are mailed monthly to the designated Affiliate contact.

We ask that you check your Affiliate's financial status to make sure uncashed checks are not being overlooked or forgotten. Contact the IAFP office if you have questions.

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 2021–2022 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.

IAFP EXECUTIVE BOARD SPEAKER PROGRAM

FOR AFFILIATES



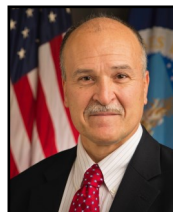
Ruth Petran, Ph.D., Ruth Petran Consulting, LLC
President

- Sanitation Preventive Controls
- Norovirus Management



Michelle Danyluk, Ph.D., University of Florida
President-Elect

- 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



Jose Emilio Esteban, Ph.D., USDA
Vice President

- Applied Laboratory Methods
- Whole Genome Sequencing
- International Food Safety Standards



Mark Carter, MC Squared
Secretary

- Method Development and Validation
- Statistical Sampling Plans and Development



Roger Cook, Ph.D., New Zealand Food Safety
Past President

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



Wendy White, Georgia Institute of Technology
Affiliate Council Chair

- Food Safety Modernization Act (FSMA)
- Sanitation & Environmental Monitoring Programs (EMP)
- Leveraging Blockchain Technologies for Food Safety



Amy Rhodes, HP Hood LLC
Affiliate Council Secretary

- Supply Chain Safety
- Maintaining a Quality Management System
- Managing a Food Safety Management System (how food safety, food defense, and food fraud all work together)

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
- Validating Formulation Safe RTE Foods
- Intervention Strategies to Control *Listeria monocytogenes* in Ready-to-Eat Foods
- Control of Sporeforming Bacteria During Extended Cooling and Refrigerated Storage

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

Tim Jackson, Ph.D.



- Food Safety Management
- Food Microbiology
- Regulatory Food Safety

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 (*retired*)



- 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

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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IAFP 2024, July 14–17, Long Beach, California
IAFP 2025, July 27–30, Cleveland, Ohio

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