

AFFILIATE VIEW

To provide food safety professionals worldwide with a forum to exchange information on protecting the food supply

VIEW FROM THE CHAIR:

A New Year, a New Secretary!



I wish you all a
great and prosper-
ous 2024!

As I sat down to write this
column, I find myself
smiling. This is because
I need to work on a
“winter” issue while I’m

sitting outside on a warm and sunny “summer” day
in Buenos Aires, Argentina! In my view, this shows
the diversity of the IAFP Affiliates, which contrib-
utes to the growth and development of new visions
and interactions among food safety professionals
worldwide.

I’d like to start this column by thanking Caio
Carvalho for volunteering to stand for election for
the position of the 2023–2024 Affiliate Council
Secretary (*see bio on page 10*). Caio joined IAFP in
2018 and has attended global and Latin American
meetings since. He lives in Sao Paulo, Brazil; is an
active member of the Brazilian Association for Food
Protection; and works in the food industry as a
Latin American Microbiology Leader. Welcome,
Caio! I’m happy you have joined me in this IAFP
journey, and I’m looking forward to working togeth-
er during the year!

Next, I want to touch on our most recent 2023
Affiliate Council Virtual Meeting on November 14.
It was great to see many Affiliate delegates joining
and sharing their ideas. Caio presented his back-
ground and a nice summary of his reasons why he
decided to run for the Secretary position. I must

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say, it’s a wonderful experience! Why? Because it
provides the perfect opportunity to experience how
a great scientific Association works from the inside.
To be a part of the Executive Board allows you to
interact with top food safety professionals and
learn much from them in a great atmosphere where
all voices are heard. I feel very fortunate to be part
of the Board and work with the different IAFP
‘actors’ who make the best decisions for the IAFP
Members. And the full support from the IAFP staff
makes it easy and smooth! Please consider stand-
ing for election for the Affiliate Council Secretary
position this July!

During the virtual meeting, Angela Montalbano,
President of the New York State Association for

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

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Food Protection, shared a summary of the activities developed to celebrate the Affiliate's 100th anniversary in September 2023! It's amazing to reach a century in such a healthy and active way. Congratulations, New York State! You are a fantastic inspiration for those Affiliates which continue to grow.

We also posed the question to attendees on continuing to hold three Affiliate Council Virtual Meetings throughout the year or if they preferred reducing to two. Attendees expressed value with continuing to hold three meetings, helping build engagement and further communications among the Affiliate groups!

This is a good segue into a reminder about our next two Affiliate Council Virtual Meetings taking place on:

Tuesday, March 19, 2024 – 6:00 p.m. (Eastern Time)
Tuesday, May 28, 2024 – 2:00 p.m. (Eastern Time)

We'll share the agendas and access information prior to the respective meeting, including on *IAFP Connect*. If you have a specific topic of discussion for the agenda, please send it to Susan Smith, Affiliate Liaison, or myself.

Now is a perfect time to define your Affiliate's goals for 2024. What's its biggest challenge? Will you be working to increase membership? Are you organizing educational meetings? Remember, IAFP will support you by providing food safety professional speakers for your meetings at a minimal cost to the Affiliate. Visit the Affiliate tab on the IAFP website to select from highly qualified speakers and a variety of topics, then contact Susan to make this happen.

Registration and housing are open for IAFP 2024, taking place July 14–17 in Long Beach, California. The Program Committee will meet in February to review and select topics from the hundreds of abstract submissions received. We hope to see many of you there, including at the Affiliate Council Meeting on Sunday, July 14!

Finally, be sure to submit your Affiliate Annual Report for 2023 activities by Tuesday, March 5, 2024. Susan sends frequent reminders with forms and requirements until the deadline. And remember that Membership lists are no longer required. Also, consider applying for one or more of the Affiliate Awards. It's gratifying to receive this recognition for all the hard work and efforts put forth by Affiliates throughout the prior year.

Stay safe, and please let me know if you have suggestions on how to better serve you.

Fabiana Guglielmo
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AFFILIATES IN THE SPOTLIGHT

FEATURING YOUR COMMUNICATIONS WITH IAFP

CONTRIBUTORS

Indian Association for Food Protection in North America: Annual Meeting Held During IAFP 2023

Reported by Surabhi Wason, Delegate

The Indian Association for Food Protection in North America (IAFPNA) held its Annual Meeting on July 17, 2023, during IAFP 2023 in Toronto, Ontario, Canada. More than 50 attendees participated, including Manpreet Singh, IAFP Vice President, and Lisa Hovey, IAFP Executive Director.

Dr. Singh opened the meeting, welcoming attendees, and discussing the agenda. Next, all participants introduced themselves. Minutes from the 2022 Annual Meeting were approved with no changes.

Dr. Singh provided updates on the graduate research presentation competition which was organized online in June 2023. A total of eight submissions from graduate students studying in the U.S. and India took part; five were asked to present via a Zoom meeting. Dr. Singh announced the winners of the competition.



First Place recipient of the Graduate Presentation Competition was Urvi Shah, shown with Jitu Patel.



Second Place recipient was Arshpreet Kaur Khattria, shown with Vijay Juneja.



Third Place recipient was Sujitha Bhumanapalli, shown with P.C. Vasavada.



Founding Members of the Indian Association for Food Protection in North America were recognized at its 10th Annual Meeting on July 17, 2023 in Toronto, Ontario, Canada. From left: Harshavardhan Thippareddi, P.C. Vasavada, Vijay Juneja, Manan Sharma, and Jitu Patel.

Urvi Shah received first place; Arshpreet Kaur Khattria received second place; and Sujitha Bhumanapalli received third place. All were awarded with certificates and cash prizes.

In celebration of the Affiliate's 10th anniversary, Dr. Singh shared its history with the audience. Those helping found the Affiliate were presented with certificates of appreciation from the IAFPNA committee of Dr. Singh and Surabhi Wason. Dr. Manan Sharma shared his experiences as one of the founders and encouraged the inclusion of food industry members to the group. He emphasized this would increase opportunities for graduate students.

The Mentor-Mentee Program was also discussed, and professionals were encouraged to volunteer to serve as mentors for student members. Several audience members volunteered and added their affiliation. Dr. Vijay Juneja shared his thoughts on IAFPNA filing nominations for awards; conducting more collaborative work with faculty in India; encouraging Members to submit proposals for IAFP 2024; and urging students to apply for the IAFP Student Travel Scholarships.

The meeting adjourned at 6:05 p.m., followed by dinner at an Indian restaurant to celebrate the 10-year anniversary, where students also had the chance to connect with professors and food safety professionals.

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Washington Association for Food Protection: 72nd Annual Conference

Reported by Virginia Ng, President



The 72nd Annual Conference for the Washington Association for Food Protection (WAFFP) took place September 14-15, 2023 in

Chelan, Washington. Preceding the conference on September 13 was the Annual Golf Tournament at Bear Mountain Ranch, which boasts stunning views of Lake Chelan and provided an additional opportunity for participants to network.

The sunny climate and central location of Chelan has been an ideal meeting place for the conference for many years. 2023 was no different, with the event bringing together more than 60 attendees with many representatives from government, food processing, academia, and retail. Although attendance numbers were modest compared to pre-pandemic years, an overall evaluation score of 9.07/10 proves that our conference remains valuable to the attendees.

This year's program included hot topics, including "Whole Genome Sequencing in Advancing *Listeria monocytogenes* Risk Assessment," presented by Dr. Jovana Kovacevic from Oregon State University; a panel discussion on how to bridge the connection between industry and students, presented in part by



Dr. Ruth Petran (shown left), Ruth Petran Consulting and a former IAFF Past President; "Food Safety in Retail and Direct

to Consumer," presented by Nada Hasbini with Whole Foods; "Sustainability and Reducing Food Waste," presented by Dr. Emily Hovis from the University of Washington; and "Water Quality and Water Reuse - Impacts on Sanitation," presented by Todd Cornwell with AFCO.

Prior to the Awards Banquet, the third "Science and Cocktails" hour allowed time with the student attendees and their poster presentations.



During the banquet, attendees were able to recognize and celebrate WAFFP's Hall of Fame recipient, Bruce Odegaard from Seafood Products Association (SPA). Bruce has been with SPA for more than 31 years and previously worked for industry. He has always found time to support the Affiliate for the



Bruce Odegaard received the 2023 Hall of Fame Award from Affiliate President Virginia Ng.

past 22 years, whether as a planning committee member or with AV and technical assistance during the conference.

The banquet also provided a chance to acknowledge the 2023 WAFFP/Luedecke Endowed Scholarship winners, Natalie Camerino and Hallie Simpson (shown left), students at Washington State University. This scholarship helps fund the winners' participation at the WAFFP Conference where they can network with professionals involved in the food industry.



We look forward to seeing the impact these two students have in shaping the future of food.

To allow growth of the WAFFP/Luedecke Endowed Scholarship and benefit more students, the Affiliate holds a Silent Auction at the conference, which historically focuses on auctioning off various types of cheeses. This year, \$430 was raised - one of our more lucrative auctions to date!

Newly elected officers include:

President: Stephanie Smith
 President-Elect: Kent Dowding
 Past President: Virginia Ng
 Secretary/Contact: Stephanie Olmsted
 Treasurer: Diep Wisniewski
 Delegate: Connie Fisk



Kent Dowding, WAFFP President-Elect, presents the gavel to Stephanie Smith, incoming WAFFP President.

New York State Association for Food Protection: Celebrating 100 Years!

Reported by Charles Lindberg, Newsletter Editor



The scenic Tailwater Lodge in Altmar, New York was the site of the New York State Association for Food Protection's (NYSAFP) 100th Annual Conference, held September 19-21, 2023. Approximately 130 members, speakers, and guests were treated to 22 presentations over three days, including luncheons, an Awards Banquet, and raffles - along with cocktails around the fire pit on a beautiful early fall

evening. The many knowledgeable exhibitors and donors also contributed to the success of this year's centennial meeting! Founded in 1923 by Emmett R. Gauhn and other pioneering health officials, NYSAFP continues to strongly fulfill its mission of offering educational and collaborative opportunities to food safety professionals.

The conference kicked off Tuesday evening, September 19 with a cocktail hour and wine and chocolate pairing event with Allison Zukoski, co-owner of Laughing Gull Chocolates. Attendees received several samples of its chocolates and New York State wines, pairing the appropriate wine with the various chocolate treats after hearing Allison discuss the organoleptic qualities of the chocolates they make.

Wednesday's General Session began with the Presidential Address from Sara Kelly, followed by a presentation on the "100 Year History of NYSAFP" from Charles Lindberg, Newsletter Editor. Next, Dr. Lisa Shelley, North Carolina State University, presented "It's Not Creepy; It's Food Safety: Lessons Learned from the Dinah Gore Test Kitchens and Beyond." Tom Seymour, Bison Bag Company, followed with his presentation, "Understanding Sustainability for Food and Packaging Supply Chains."

Attendees next heard from Dr. Bruno Xavier, Cornell Food Venture Center, who spoke on "Processing Strategies to Ensure the Safety of Upcycled Foods." Rounding out the morning was Michael Boerman, Natural Upcycling, presenting "Turning Food Waste into a Renewable Resource."

After the Business Meeting and lunch, the General Session resumed with Randy Waterman, Grey Castle Security, talking about "Cybersecurity Concepts - Commonalities Between Securing the Business and Protecting Yourself." Next, Carrie Rigdon, AFDO,



Staff members from the NY State Department of Agriculture and Markets divisions of food safety and inspection, dairy services, and the laboratory, attended the 100th Annual NYSAFP Conference.

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Deputy Commissioner Jennifer Trodden (left) was presented with the William V. Hickey Memorial Award from Angela Montalbano during the New York State Annual Meeting Awards Banquet.

addressed “AI Into the Future: Harnessing Data to Advance Food Safety.” Rick Stokes, Ecolab, closed the day’s seminar with “Cultivating a Culture of Food Safety.”

Thursday morning’s popular breakout sessions in the Field (dairy farm inspection), Food, and Laboratory specialty areas included a variety of expert speakers who gave a total of twelve informative presentations related to their areas of expertise.

Those honored at Wednesday evening’s Awards Banquet included:

- Elizabeth Bihn, *Emmett R. Gauhn Memorial Award*
- James McAndrew, *Howard B. Marlatt Memorial Award*
- Jennifer Trodden, *William V. Hickey Memorial Award*
- Debbie Lampson, *Dr. Theodore Reich Memorial Award*

Presented with the Honorary Lifetime Membership was long-time member and Affiliate Past President Ruth Rhiner.



The 2023 NYSAFP Executive Board, from left: Steve Murphy, Charles Lindberg, Cynthia James, Heather Torino, Sara Kelly, Amy Rhodes, Jeffrey Van Sice, Angela Montalbano, and Kelly Natali.



Angela Montalbano (left) was presented with the incoming President’s gavel from Past President Sara Kelly during the Election of Officers at the New York State Association for Food Protection’s Annual Meeting.

Newly-elected Affiliate officers include:

- President: Angela Montalbano
- President-Elect: Cynthia James
- Past President: Sara Kelly
- Delegate: Amy Rhodes
- Board Member: Elizabeth Sullivan

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

Reported by Dan Erickson, Delegate



The Upper Midwest Dairy Industry Association (UMDIA) held its Fall Conference and Annual Meeting September 20–21, 2023, at the

Kelly Inn in St. Cloud, Minnesota, with 85 attendees participating. The program started on September 19 with a golf outing at the Wapicada Golf Club near Sauk Rapids.

The conference program started on the afternoon of September 20 with presentations from Dr. Jayendra Amamcharla, University of Minnesota, Dairy Innovation Center, speaking on “Recent Advances in Manufacturing and Applications of Dairy-Derived Ingredients”; and from Keynote Speaker, Michele Payn, Cause Matters Corp., delivering “Take Food Bullying by the Horns.” This interactive session discussed critical issues such as antibiotics, hormones, GMOs, animal welfare, and more. The program helped those in attendance understand how our brains are being manipulated through food bullying and what can be done to engage in a productive conversation.

A presentation and tour followed at the Dairy Craft, Inc. (DCI) manufacturing facility. DCI is a

world leading manufacturer of (ambient and high pressure) stainless steel storage, processing vessels, agitators, and system integration for a variety of industries, including dairy, and food and beverage processors. DCI holds several 3-A Symbol Use Authorizations for equipment manufactured at its St. Cloud, Minnesota facility.

The evening’s Social Event and Silent Auction Fundraiser included the 2023 UMDIA Butter & Cheese Product Contest submissions and product donations. The Banquet and Membership Awards presentations followed, with Michele Payn acting as the evening’s speaker presenting “Celebrating Agriculture – a Look at How to Celebrate the People, Promise, and Passion in Our Business.” Michele equipped attendees with tools to help tell their dairy stories, take pride in their dairy work, and better care for people in agriculture. Spirited discussions closed the evening.

The program resumed the following day with the UMDIA Business Meeting, called to order by President Dale Heinz. Video presentations from 10 UMDIA scholarship attendees were enjoyed during the breakfast. Scholarships of \$1,000 each were awarded to students involved in Dairy, Food, or Agriculture Programs from universities in Minnesota, Iowa, South Dakota, and Wisconsin. The business meeting adjourned at 8:45 a.m.

Presentations followed throughout the morning and included Meredith Varie, Truterra LLC and Land O’Lakes, Inc., presenting “Evolving Markets – Understanding Sustainability and Carbon Opportunities for Dairy”; Megan Melheim, Minnesota Department of Agriculture, speaking about the “Department of Agriculture, Dairy and Meat Inspection Updates for 2023 and Moving into 2024”; and Amanda Johnson, Minnesota Department of Agriculture, “IMS and FDA Program: Most Common Findings,” an overview



Left: UMDIA President Dale Heintz presents the President’s Award to Patti Schafer at UMDIA’s Annual Meeting, held September 20–21, in St. Cloud, Minnesota.

Right: President Patti Schafer presents the UMDIA Field Industry Award to Randy Ostendorf.

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Left: David Weinand presents the Dairy Service Award to Dan Erickson.

Right: The Honorary Membership and Retirement Certificate was accepted on behalf of Marlin Madery by his AMPI field rep colleagues, Glenn Woychick and Erv Pitzner.

of interstate milk shippers and the U.S. Food and Drug Administration Check Rating Programs.

Dan Erickson, Harold Wainess & Associates and Affiliate Delegate, discussed the benefits of affiliation with IAFP and the history between the Association and UMDIA. He shared updates from IAFP 2023 held in Toronto, Ontario, Canada in July 2023, and those from the 3-A Sanitary Standards Organization.

The conference concluded at 11:45 a.m.

Indiana Environmental Health Association: More Than 200 Attend FEC

Reported by Krista Click, President/Delegate & Jennifer Heller, Past President



The 2023 Fall Educational Conference of the **Indiana Environmental Health Association (IEHA)** took place at the Horizon Convention Center in Muncie, Indiana, September 25-27.

After a welcome by Affiliate officers and the Mayor of Muncie, the meeting opened with a



riveting interview with Keynote Speaker Dr. Jerome Adams, Executive Director of Purdue University's Health Equity Initiatives, and Distinguished Professor of Practice.

The interview was moderated by Patty Nocek, IEHA Member. Dr. Adams spoke on changes and challenges during his term in Washington, D.C. as U.S. Surgeon General during the COVID pandemic. He touched on some of his personal experiences while visiting 48 U.S. states during this time.



Patty Nocek and Dr. Jerome Adams



Dr. Lindsay Weaver (left), Indiana State Health Commissioner, addressed the Health First Indiana initiative, a state investment starting in 2024 to better address public

health core services locally, allowing counties to determine and address the health needs of their communities.

Other plenary session speakers included Steve Mandemach, Executive Director, Association of Food and Drug Officials (AFDO), addressing "Culture and Data: The Keys to a Highly Effective Public Health Program"; Niki Lemin, Ohio Environmental Protection Agency, providing National Environmental Health Association (NEHA) Region 6 updates as the NEHA Regional Vice President; and Elizabeth Poole, Children's Environmental Health Coordinator, U.S. EPA Region 5, presenting "Healthy Kids, Healthy Communities: Environmental Health Programming at EPA." Other professionals addressed pest management, public health partnerships, educational outreach, and community building.

In addition, concurrent sessions were led by the Indiana Local Health Department Manager's Association and the Food Protection, Wastewater Manager, Terrorism and All Hazards Preparedness, and General Environmental Committees.

The conference included more than 200 registered participants, with at least 70 attending the Food Protection Committee breakout education sessions. Participants gave glowing reviews for the selection of presenters on relevant topics. The breakout sessions included eight presentations, featuring the Indiana FDA Retail Specialist presentation on "FDA Food Code Q&A, VNRFRPS, and Standardization." Other presentations were given by the Inspector Legal Rights from the IN Department of Health Legal Office; "Ice



A session on Wastewater was presented at IEHA's Annual Fall Educational Conference.

Contamination" from the International Ice Association; "Foodborne Illness Outbreak in Frozen Stuffed Chicken Breast" from Tyson; "Allergens" from OSU Center for Foodborne Illness Research and Prevention; a ghost kitchen panel with two industry representatives and one local health department; safe and delicious sous vide cooking; and updates from the IN Department of Health Food Protection Program.

Newly-elected officers include:

- President/Delegate/Contact: Krista Click
- President-Elect: Andrew Pappas
- Vice President: Zac McKinley
- Past President: Jennifer Heller
- Secretary: Lisa Chandler
- Treasurer: Gretchen Quirk
- Executive Secretary: Tami Barnett

Awards were presented at Tuesday evening's Award Banquet. The Environmentalist of the Year was awarded to Gretchen Quirk; the Chapter Award went to Wabash Valley Chapter (photo below); Rookie of the Year Award was presented to Claudine Dollinger of Sullivan County; and the



Food Protection Tim Sullivan Award went to JoAnn Xiong Mercado. Lifetime Membership awards were presented to Rose Marie Hansell, Patricia Thomas, Donna Kueber, and Chris Boroweicke. A special commendation went to Jason Ravenscroft for his work on the IEHA website.

The Affiliate thanks all who attended, the support of our sponsors, and our informative speakers.

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Arkansas Association for Food Protection: 15th AEC Draws More Than 220

Reported by Jennifer Acuff, President

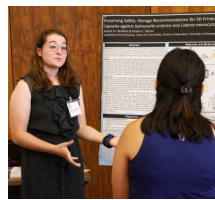


The Arkansas Association for Food Protection (AAFP) held its 15th Annual Educational Conference at the Town Center in Fayetteville September 16–28, 2023.

Achieving much better traffic than years prior due to the pandemic, more than 220 people supported the Affiliate by attending in person! The Planning Committee thanks those who attended, as well as the 24 vendors that registered for exhibits and the 23 corporate sponsors that helped sponsor poster prizes, food and beverages, and door prizes.



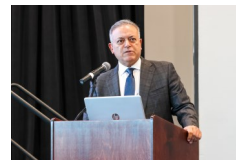
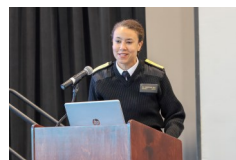
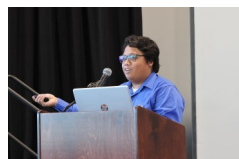
The meeting kicked off with a student poster competition with students from the University of Arkansas – Fayetteville and Little Rock; Oklahoma State University; and Prairie View A&M University. The poster session was held at the Don Tyson Center for Agricultural Science and included 39 competition posters and one non-competition poster, with prizes awarded in six different categories and sponsored by several companies. The competition was followed by a new Welcome Reception, which was attended by more than 90 conference registrants who interacted with students and other attendees in advance of the technical side of the meeting.



Wednesday's technical sessions included presentations on setting testing and sampling standards; communicating testing and sampling results and implications to clients; and updates to Appendices A and B. Afternoon sessions included advances in pet food safety and quality from farm to fork; use of HPP for raw pet foods; identifying and preventing biofilms in pet food production environments; and



impacts of regulation changes to pet foods. Also incorporated into the day's agenda were several technical sessions by corporate sponsors about their exciting new technologies. The day ended with the always popular networking reception on the terrace where attendees mingled over great food and beverages provided by meeting sponsors.



Thursday's session included updates from the three USDA FSIS officers with particular focus on the new *Salmonella* framework. Other sessions addressed new insights into food safety, including revamped poultry processing strategies with new knowledge; using media trends and game learning to educate consumers and employees; and complexities of plant-based food safety.

The day's final sessions included an emphasis on mitigating risks; preparing for recalls; and using models to predict food safety risks. Closing remarks were made by Jennifer Acuff, President, thanking sponsors and the many volunteers who made the meeting successful, as well as asking attendees to find a save-the-date for the Fall 2024 meeting.

AAFP thanks everyone for the preparation and efforts put forth into making the 2023 meeting a great success!

Bangladesh Association for Food Protection in North America: Virtual Seminar on Safe Water, Safe Food

Reported by Nur A. Hasan, President

Members of the Bangladesh Association for Food Protection in North America (BAFPNA) organized a virtual seminar on "Safe Water, Safe Food: Addressing the Interplay of Water Quality and Food Safety," on Saturday, September 30, 2023. The seminar began with opening remarks from Dr. Nur A. Hasan, BAFPNA President, and a warm welcome address from Dr. Ruth Petran, an IAFP Past President, who is part of the IAFP Speaker Program. Both Drs. Hasan and Petran discussed the critical needs for safe water and safe food, and emphasized

the role food safety professionals play in securing them, especially in developing countries.

Dr. Amy Sapkota, Professor and Interim Director, Maryland Institute for Applied Environmental Health at the University of Maryland, graciously delivered the keynote presentation, "Reimagining Solutions to Address Emerging Contaminants in Recycled Irrigation Water." Two plenary presentations followed. Dr. Ayse Ercumen, Assistant Professor, Department of Forestry and Environmental Resources at North Carolina State University, spoke on "Can we achieve safely managed water for all in a climate sensitive world? Case study of tubewells in Bangladesh"; and Dr. Sangita Ahmed, Professor, Department of Microbiology, University of Dhaka, Bangladesh, presented "*Listeria monocytogenes* and other *Listeria* species in Bangladesh: A growing concern of antibiotic resistance in food and environment."

The seminar also included presentations from two student members, Ms. Fariha Chowdhury and Md. Mosaddek Hasan, both with Shahjalal University of Science and Technology in Bangladesh. Their latest research findings were on the emerging issue of antibiotic resistance in street food and fresh vegetables in Bangladesh. The seminar also featured a group discussion to brainstorm effective ways to educate, inspire, and facilitate awareness, initiatives, and collaborations among the stakeholders to combat the critical challenges in water quality and food safety.

Overall, the seminar spanned more than two hours and was well-received by the more than 55 participants from Bangladesh and the U.S. Adjournment took place through a vote of thanks by Professor Debabrata Biswas, University of Maryland, College Park and BAFPNA Vice President.

Iowa Association for Food Protection: Annual Meeting Held at Local Dairy

The Iowa Association for Food Protection (IAFP) held its 2023 Annual Meeting on October 18, 2023 at Hansen's Dairy in Hudson, Iowa.

Thirty-nine attendees heard several speakers throughout the day, including Mike Jensen, Paul Mueller Company, presenting "Cool Connect Accuracy – Verifying Bulk Tank Temperatures"; Leo Timms, Dairy Specialist, speaking on "Future of Milk Challenges – Dairy Diversity and Medicinal Milk"; Alycia Willenbring, USDA Resource Conservationist, presenting "Women, Land & Legacy Chapter"; Anna Tucker, FDA Consumer Safety Officer, Milk Specialist, providing "NCIMS Updates"; and Jurgen Ehler, IDALS, Dairy Products Control Bureau Program Manager, presenting "Iowa Update."

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Stephanie Clark receives the Merle P. Baker Award from Curt Larson, Vice President Pro Tem, at the Iowa Association for Food Protection's Annual Meeting on October 18, 2023.



Kevin "Buck" Smith (left) receives the 2023 Past President's gavel from Merle Bontrager at the close of the Iowa Association for Food Protection's Annual Meeting.

Elected Affiliate officers include:

- President: Curt Larson
- Vice President Pro Tem: Carrie Corlett
- First Vice President: Wade Brunsman
- Second Vice President: Teresa Pratt
- Secretary/Treasurer: Lynne Melchert

The meeting ended with ice cream produced and served by Hansen Dairy, along with a unique tour of its facility.

Ontario Food Protection Association: Variety of Topics at AGM

Reported by Jess Burke, President/Delegate



The Fall Food Safety Symposium and Annual General Meeting for the **Ontario Food**

Protection Association (OFPA) took place on November 16, 2023 in Woodbridge. This event aimed to provide members with valuable insights into current and emerging food safety issues.

The day's presentations and panel discussions covered a variety of topics.



In a comprehensive overview of Quantitative Microbial Risk Assessment (QMRA) in the food industry, Dr. Don Schaffner (left), Extension Specialist and Distinguished Professor in Food Science at

Rutgers University, emphasized its distinction from risk analysis and highlighted its role in decision making. Case studies illustrated the practical utility of QMRA in scenarios like peanut candy contamination and post-harvest washing inefficiencies in greens. The takeaways stressed QMRA's pivotal role for food companies and for policymakers; its ability to pinpoint data gaps; and its support for informed decision making amid low-level contamination doses. We thank Dr. Schaffner, an IAFP Past President, as an invited speaker from the IAFP Executive Board Speaker Program.



A panel discussion (above) was led by Ellen Gravi, Food Safety & Quality Assurance Consultant with Gravi Food Safety Inc., and included panelists Gwynne Sitsker, Director of Food Safety and Quality for Embassy Ingredients; Sonny Brar, Global Vice President, Food Safety, Occupational Health & Safety, Quality Assurance & Regulatory Affairs for Fiera Foods; and Melanie Budicky, VP, Research, Development and Regulatory for Giraffe Foods. The panel underscored the vital role of regulatory teams, effective communications, and risk management in global food safety. An emphasis was placed on the need for a balanced approach, integrating technology and human factors in international supply chain management.

Cindy Novak, President, CL Network, shared insights into effective communication leveraging modern technology, emphasizing planning, delivery, and professional connections. Her



(From left:) Maryam Serour, OFPA Board Member, poses with Rohit Satwase and Basil John, students at Centennial College, who were winners of the Clive Kingsbury Video Competition during the OFPA 2023 Annual General Meeting on November 16.

presentation highlighted key components, such as purposeful conversations and effective meeting practices, providing actionable steps for improved business interactions.

In "Unmasking Hidden Dangers," Siarl Siviyer Dixon, Certification Manager, AIB International, discussed biases affecting food industry risk perception and advocated for a cultural shift, embracing diversity and dissent.

The panel for "Food Safety in the Digital Age" was led by Paul Damaren, Chief Revenue Officer, RisePoint, and included Tanguy Etoga, Founder & CEO, Normex Inc.; Kevin Davies, Chief Marketing Officer for Provision Analytics; and William Melnyczenko, Global Business Development Director, Digital & Expert Services, Merieux NutriSciences. The group explored the impact of technologies such as blockchain and AI on food safety, emphasizing their transformative potential and acknowledging associated challenges.

Beatrice Povolo, Director, Food Safety & Regulatory Affairs, Food Allergy Canada, discussed allergen management and outlined collaborative efforts, resulting in Canadian guidelines for industry practices in allergen risk management, highlighting a consensus-based approach in involving diverse stakeholders.

The day also included OFPA's 66th Annual General Meeting and award presentations. Each year, the Affiliate recognizes the outstanding achievements and contributions of food safety professionals in Ontario and beyond. It is with great enthusiasm that OFPA continues its mission of improving the professional status of those involved with food safety. We thank all who nominated the following recipients of this year's awards:

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Michael Byerley – Sanitarian & Food Safety Professional of the Year
Gordon Hayburn – Lifetime Achievement Honourary Award
Nadia Narine – Award of Merit

British Columbia Food Protection Association: Hybrid Speaker's Evening

Reported by Sowmiya Gurupraveen, SPDG UBC Representative; Photos by Christian Valeroso



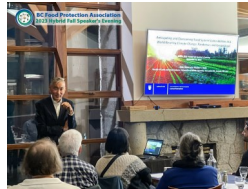
The British Columbia Food Protection Association (BCFPA) held its Hybrid Fall Speaker's Evening at the Langara Clubhouse in Vancouver, on November 21, 2023. Forty-five attendees filled the venue for the meeting's theme, "Applications of Artificial Intelligence in Food Safety."



The evening started with Dr. Sylvain Charlebois (left) delivering "Food Safety, Food Traceability, and the Transformative Power of Artificial Intelligence," regarding AI's impact and opportunities to the industry. He emphasized the role of human involvement in implementing AI-generated models and discussed the trust humans place in machines. Addressing the influence of climate on agriculture, Dr. Charlebois discussed the potential outcomes made possible by machine learning and spoke about the role of AI in shaping a smart decision-making process. He highlighted the application of automated quality control, enabling the real-time detection of advanced food samples and confidence in machine-driven sorting and classification within the food industry. In summary, his presentation demonstrated how AI contributes to ensuring food safety, covering everything from quality control and traceability to personalized grocery and nutritional approaches.

After dinner and a networking intermission, the evening ended with "Anticipating and Overcoming Food System Vulnerabilities in a World Beset by

Climate Change, Pandemics, and Geopolitical Strife," presented by Dr. Ricky Yada (left). Dr. Yada highlighted the disruptions in global food supply chains since COVID-19, affecting the entire production-to-consumer value chain. He gave an example of how climate change impacted rice production in India and its consequences on exports. He also addressed issues like food inflation, shrinkflation, and skimpflation, emphasizing the significance of food literacy.



In addition, Dr. Yada explored how innovation and emerging technologies can contribute to a sustainable food system. His presentation ended by discussing applications of AI in ensuring food safety, detecting food fraud, predicting and managing risks, and reducing food waste.

United Kingdom Association for Food Protection: 20th Annual Meeting Held
 Reported by Ellen Evans, Past President; Photos by Matthew Horwood



Nearly 200 food and beverage industry professionals gathered in Cardiff, UK, to discuss food safety resilience at the 20th Annual Meeting of the United Kingdom Association for Food Protection (UKAFP) on November 22, 2023. Organized by Cardiff Metropolitan University's ZERO2FIVE Food Industry Centre, this conference brings together food and beverage processing and manufacturing companies with academic and environmental health professionals. UKAFP exists to provide UK food safety professionals with a forum to exchange information on protecting the food supply chain. The Affiliate represents people involved in all aspects of growing, storing, transporting, processing, and preparing foods including educators, government officials, microbiologists, food industry executives, and quality control professionals.

"As food safety professionals, it has never been more important for us to come together to discuss the latest science and solutions so we can continue to respond to and overcome the challenges faced in this ever-evolving food landscape," said Helen Taylor (above), Technical



Speakers at the UKAFP 20th Annual Meeting included (from left): Benjamin Johns, Carmel Lynskey, Rachel Ward, John Holah, Nic Sherman, John Figgins, and Louise Manning.



UKAFP Officers pose at the Affiliate's 20th Annual Meeting on November 22, 2023. From left: Ellen Evans, Past President; Helen Taylor, Delegate; John Holah, President; Richa Bedi-Navik, Officer; Simon Burns, Officer, and Deb Smith, Treasurer.

Director, ZERO2FIVE Food Industry Centre. "Food safety remains a top priority for consumers, and it is imperative that we, as food safety professionals, share knowledge, experience, and expertise to continue to build a resilient and robust food safety sector in Wales and beyond."

Delegates heard from Carmel Lynskey, Deputy Director, Food Standards Agency, on how the FSA is building resilience in regulation, and from Professor Louise Manning, Lincoln Institute of Agri-food Technology, on how we make food supply chains more resilient. Other speakers included Dr. Benjamin Johns, Clinical Scientist, Public Health Wales, speaking about the role the agency plays in food safety in Wales; John Figgins, Senior Technical Manager at BRCCS, providing insights from the third-party auditing perspective; and Dr. Rachel Ward, Managing



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Naomi Melville (center) received the Early Career Researcher Award from John Holah and Deb Smith during the UKAFP 20th Annual Meeting.

Scientist, Exponent, talking about resilience when handling a food safety crisis.

“The food industry today has come a long way from when the food safety act passed three decades ago, so we are developing new ways to maintain effective regulatory oversight over a more diverse and complex food safety system,” said Lynskey. “Effective regulation plays a critical role in maintaining consumer confidence and supporting businesses. To keep maintaining the high standards of food safety we enjoy in the UK, it is important we continue working together to keep food safe and find the smartest way to protect millions of consumers.”

Running alongside the conference program, UKAFP and ZERO2FIVE conducted a poster competition for students and early career scientists, allowing them to present their research to the delegates. The top poster was awarded a prize of £100 at the close of the conference.

Presentations from this year’s meeting are available for viewing at: www.cardiffmet.ac.uk/health/zero2five/UKAFP/pages/20th-annual-UKAFP-conference.aspx.

Wisconsin Association for Food Protection: Virtual Workshop Held

Reported by Kristin Schill, 1st Vice President



The Wisconsin Association for Food Protection (WAFP) held

its Fall 2023 Workshop on Wednesday, December 6, as a virtual event. The meeting’s agenda included four presenters; approximately 21 attendees took part.

The conference opened with an introduction from President Lindsey O’Brien, Center for Dairy Research (CDR), University of Wisconsin–Madison and WAFP

President, who welcomed attendees and announced the following newly-elected officers:

- President/Delegate/Contact: Kristin Schill
- President-Elect: Takiyah Ball
- Past President: Lindsey O’Brien
- 1st Vice President: Leili Afsah-Hejri
- 2nd Vice President: Minto Michael
- Secretary: Kristen Houck
- Student Liaison: Jessica Brown
- Administrator: Darvel Annor-Winfrey

WAFP’s three committees, Education, and Scholarship, and Membership, are seeking volunteers to help lead each committee, as the current chairs are looking for additional member support.

After the welcome and Board updates, the meeting started with Krystal Martin, Environmental Health Services Supervisor (Produce), Bureau of Food and Recreational Businesses (BFRB)/Division of Food and Recreational Safety, Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection, presenting “Dropped Produce: What Is It? Practices to Minimize and Option for Rework.” Next, Julie Sweney, Executive Director, Wisconsin Livestock Identification Consortium, spoke on “Animal Disease Traceability in Wisconsin.” The third speaker, Alex O’Brien, Food Safety and Quality Coordinator, Center for Dairy Research, UW–Madison, presented “Inputs, Outputs, Throughputs, Whereputs?”

The program concluded with Dr. Barbara Ingham, Professor of Food Science and Food Safety Specialty, UW–Madison, speaking on “Research-Based Decision Making in Food Safety.” Dr. Ingham received the 2023 WAFP Food Safety Leadership Award.

The WAFP Business Meeting followed with proposed changes to the Bylaws read to the attendees. All changes will be shared with the full membership for a vote.

The meeting was an overall success and provided excellent information to the WAFP membership!

African Continental Association for Food Protection: Second Food Safety Conference for Africa Held in 2023



The African Continental Association for Food Protection (ACAFF) held its second Food Safety Conference for

Africa December 12–14, 2023, in Accra, Ghana, West Africa. The meeting’s theme was “Towards a Safer Food Supply for Africa.” The hybrid meeting included 102 in-person attendees and 10 attending virtually with delegates from AUC, FAO, WHO, industry, academia, and government. This is the first



IAFP Affiliate Food Safety Conference in Africa that included attendees in person, affirming the international nature of IAFP’s food safety activities.

Opening and closing remarks were from Dr. Tim Jackson, IAFP President, who spoke virtually. We thank Dr. Jackson for taking time to deliver his valuable messages and also thank the IAFP Executive Board for its support for this meeting.



Three keynote speakers presented various food safety-related initiatives and challenges in Africa. On Day 1, Dr. Paul Amuna, Associate Professor of Public Health Nutrition, University of Health and Allied Sciences, Ho, Ghana, spoke on “Implications of Research, Training, Practice on Food Safety, Nutrition Security, and Long-Term Health Outcomes in Africa.” Day 2 included Dr. Irene Akpeokhai, GB Foods, speaking on “Transforming African Food Safety from Farm to Fork.” Day 3 saw Dr. Adewale Obadina, Federal University of Agriculture, Abeokuta, Nigeria, presenting the “Global Burden of Antimicrobial Resistance in Food Safety, Especially Ready-to-Eat Vegetables.”



The first ACAFF Lifetime Achievement Award was presented to Peter Kennedy, President and CEO, Quality Flow Environmental, Northbrook, Illinois, USA. Peter is one of the Affiliate co-founders and has made significant contributions to its growth, working tirelessly on helping the Affiliate achieve many of its goals and objectives.

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Highlights of the ACAFP Food Safety Conference for Africa can be viewed at: https://acafoodprotection.org/Events/2024/2nd_ACAFP_Food_Safety_Conference_For_Africa/6b5934ae-6374-4b48-841f-4733f63bab59.MP4.

AFFILIATE BRIEFS

Minnesota Food Protection Association: Evening Meeting Draws 18

Reported by Dan Erickson, Member

 The Fall 2023 Affiliate Meeting of the **Minnesota Food Protection Association (MFPFA)** was held as an evening meeting on November 8 at the University of Minnesota, Food Science and Nutrition Building on the St. Paul campus.



A networking session with pizza was offered for the 18 members in attendance prior to the meeting, which was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Rick Stokes (left), MFPFA Vice President, Ecolab.



Dr. Steve Bowden (left), University of Minnesota, followed with his presentation, “Bio-Control of Pathogens Known to Exist in Fresh Produce.”

After the presentation, Rick led the MFPFA Business Meeting, which closed the event.

AFFILIATE NEWS

AFFILIATE DELEGATES ELECT 2023–2024 AFFILIATE COUNCIL SECRETARY

Washington Affiliate Delegate, Minto Michael, who was elected as 2023–2024 Affiliate Council Secretary at the 2023 Affiliate Council Meeting in Toronto, Ontario, Canada, resigned from this position in September 2023 after taking employment out of state.

A call for candidates to all Affiliate Delegates was sent on October 23, with Caio Carvalho, Delegate from the Brazil Association for Food Protection, as the only candidate standing for election. Following a special election open to all Delegates, Caio was unanimously elected to fill this position.



Caio Carvalho works for Cargill in Brazil as a Microbiologist Leader for Latin America focused on Microbiological Standards; Testing Methods; Sampling Plans; Process Validations; Microbiological Risk Assessments; HACCP;

Environmental Monitoring Program; and Microbiology-related Trainings. He also serves as the Global Microbiology Portfolio Manager overseeing management of the portfolio with all microbiology-related projects.

Prior to his current position, Caio spent nearly 10 years with SIG Combibloc, a German aseptic packaging and machine-filling company, where he was responsible for its Microbiology, Food Safety and Quality Department for Latin America. As a graduate student at Ohio State University, he served a one-year internship at Capriole Goat Cheese in Indiana, working in goat cheese production.

An active member of the Brazil Association for Food Protection (BRAFP) since 2021, Caio served as its Secretary in 2022 and currently serves as its Vice President and Delegate. As a Board member, he is part of the Organization Committee for the Latin American Symposium on Food Safety (IAFP Latino 2024), which will take place in Brazil in November 2024. He joined IAFP in 2018 and is a current member on IAFP’s DEI Council.

Caio resides in São Paulo, Brazil with his wife and two sons. Welcome, Caio!

AFFILIATE ANNUAL REPORTS DUE TUESDAY, MARCH 5

This serves as a reminder that all Affiliate Annual Reports are due Tuesday, March 5, 2024 for activities that took place during 2023. Periodic reminders were emailed to all Affiliate officers who have yet to submit a report for their respective Affiliate.

Annual Reports are required to be submitted to the IAFP office to comply with IAFP Bylaws. These reports serve as valuable information to keep the Association updated on current officers; past and upcoming meetings; websites, etc. All Annual Reports are to be submitted electronically; membership lists are no longer required. We encourage applications for one or more Affiliate awards during your submission process. Contact Susan Smith, Affiliate Liaison, with questions.

NEXT AFFILIATE COUNCIL VIRTUAL MEETING TO BE HELD MARCH 19, 2024

The Affiliate Council will continue its three virtual meetings throughout 2024, based on positive feedback from attendees at the most recent meeting in December 2023. Times for the virtual meetings are varied to accommodate as many international Affiliate attendees as possible. Suggestions were made at the 2023 Affiliate Council Meeting to establish the dates and times for all three one-hour meetings in advance to allow for scheduling.

The next Affiliate Council Virtual Meeting will take place on Tuesday, March 19, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. (Eastern Time). An agenda of topics (to be determined) will be sent prior to the meeting to all Affiliate Delegates and through *IAFP Connect*. If you are unable to attend but have a topic for further discussion, contact Fabiana Guglielmo, Affiliate Council Chair; Caio Carvalho, Affiliate Council Secretary; or Susan Smith, Affiliate Liaison. All meetings are recorded and posted on *IAFP Connect* for Association Members to review after conclusion.

The Spring Affiliate Council Virtual Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, May 28, 2024, at 2:00 p.m. (Eastern Time). We hope you can attend!

IAFP HEADLINES

REGISTRATION/HOUSING OPEN FOR UPCOMING IAFP MEETINGS

IAFP's two largest meetings will bring together food safety professionals from around the world. Plan now to attend the 2024 IAFP European Symposium on Food Safety in Geneva, Switzerland, 30 April–2 May 2024. Registration is open; early registration rates end 2 April 2024. IAFP offers special rates for the hotel (conveniently connected to the Convention Center), which can be booked at the same time.



Registration is also open for IAFP 2024 in Long Beach, California, July 14–17. Join thousands of food safety professionals at the leading food safety conference. Early registration rates end June 17, 2024. IAFP

offers hotel group rates for this meeting; reserve your room at the same time you register. Rooms go quickly, so don't wait!

POPULAR WORKSHOP IS BACK!

IAFP'S popular Microbial Challenge Testing for Foods Workshop returns May 21–22, 2024, in Rosemont (Chicago), Illinois. Now in its 14th year, this two-day workshop is intended for food industry professionals, testing lab personnel, and regulators. Seating is limited so don't wait to register on the IAFP website.



TAKE TIME TO VOTE IN IAFP 2024–2025 SECRETARY ELECTION



Voting opened February 1, 2024 for the upcoming IAFP 2024–2025 Secretary Election.

Candidates standing for election are Dr. Leon Gorris, Food Safety Professional based in Nijmegen,

Netherlands, and Ms. Pamela Wilger, the Fellow Scientist – Microbiologist with Post Consumer Brands, Lakeville, Minnesota. Profiles of the candidates can be viewed on the home page of the IAFP website. IAFP Members have until March 5, 2024 to cast their vote. The link and passcode were emailed to non-student Members on February 1.

DONATE YOUR UNIQUE ITEMS FOR IAFP 2024'S SILENT AUCTION

Each year, IAFP's Silent Auction creates a flurry of activity – and a few bidding wars! – during two full days at the Annual Meeting. Aisles of unique items from around the world are neatly displayed for attendees to peruse and bid upon during lunches and breaks in the Exhibit Hall. The Association depends upon the Silent Auction to contribute valuable revenue for the IAFP Foundation, helping support student travel scholarships; speaker travel funds at global meetings; free webinars throughout the year; and other educational programs to help offset costs.

Plan now to bring your donated items to IAFP 2024 in Long Beach, California. Auction items make great Annual Meeting souvenirs! Visit the IAFP website's Foundation page for instructions on how to donate.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Want to get more involved with IAFP? Volunteer your services and expertise! Volunteers are the spark that power associations. IAFP offers a variety of ways for our Members to get involved. With every new volunteer, the Association grows more energized, more diverse and inclusive, and better equipped to carry out our goal of "Advancing Food Safety Worldwide®." A list of volunteer opportunities can be viewed on the IAFP website.



DONATE TO THE SILENT AUCTION

Proceeds from the Silent Auction Benefit the IAFP Foundation

**Support the Foundation by donating an item today.
A few examples of items donated in 2023 include:**

- * Amazon Fire Tablet
- * Apple Air Pods
- * Apple Watch
- * Canadian Themed Gift Basket
- * Cheese and Meat Box
- * Fleaglass Microscope
- * Michael Kors Tote
- * MLB Tickets



(Photos from IAFP 2023)

**To donate an item, complete the Silent Auction
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**For questions email info@foodprotection.org
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AFFILIATE CALENDAR

PROMOTE YOUR MEETINGS THROUGH IAFP

Affiliates in Action Fourth Quarter 2023

* Meeting was held virtually

October

- ◆ Quebec Food Protection Association
- ◆ Kansas Environmental Health Association
- ◆ Iowa Association for Food Protection
- ◆ Taiwan Association for Food Protection

November

- ◆ Georgia Association for Food Protection
- ◆ Ontario Food Protection Association
- ◆ United Kingdom Association for Food Protection

December

- ◆ *Wisconsin Association for Food Protection

To be featured in the next issue of *Affiliate View*, send your news and photos by *March 22* to Susan Smith at ssmith@foodprotection.org.

January 2024

(January and February meetings were held prior to print production.)

25: Ohio Association for Food Protection, 2024 Winter/Annual Business Meeting, Columbus, Ohio. Visit ohiofoodprotection.org/.

February 2024

21: British Columbia Food Protection Association, 2024 Annual General Meeting (virtual). Visit <https://www.bcfoodprotection.ca/>.

March 2024

6–7: Arizona Environmental Health Association, 2024 Spring Educational Conference (hybrid), Phoenix, Arizona. Visit azeha.org/.

13–14: Australia Association for Food Protection, Annual AIFST Food Microbiology Conference, Melbourne, Australia. Contact Mark Turner at m.turner2@uq.edu.au for more information.

19–21: Idaho Environmental Health Association, Annual Conference, Boise, Idaho. Visit ieha-idaho.com/index.php.

20–22: Michigan Environmental Health Association, 2024 Annual Educational Conference, Muskegon, Michigan. Visit meha.net/events.

25–27: California Association for Food Protection/Association of Official Agricultural Chemists, 2024 Joint Meeting, Davis, California. Visit calfp.org/upcoming-events-1.

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 2023–2024 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 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



**Tim Jackson, Ph.D., U.S. Food & Drug Administration
President**

- Food Safety Management
- Food Microbiology
- Regulatory Food Safety



**Mark Carter, MC Squared
President-Elect**

- Method Development and Validation
- Statistical Sampling Plans and Development



**Manpreet Singh, Ph.D., University of Georgia
Vice President**

- Managing Risks in Meat & Poultry Processing
- Food Safety Management Systems in Food Processing
- Antimicrobial Resistance of Foodborne Pathogens



**Manan Sharma, Ph.D., U.S. Department of Agriculture/ARS
Secretary**

- Produce Safety (Irrigation Water, Soil Amendment)
- Bacteriophages and Food Safety
- Detection Methods of Pathogens in Water/Water Filtration



**Michelle Danyluk, Ph.D., University of Florida
Past President**

- 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



**Fabiana Guglielmono, Unilever
Affiliate Council Chair**

- Are We Learning from Food Safety Marketplace Incidents?
- Allergen Management
- Importance of Hygienic Design and Proper Validation of Cleaning and Sanitation Procedures



**Caio Carvalho, Cargill
Affiliate Council Secretary**

- Food Microbiology
- Career Plan for Young Professionals in Food Safety and Microbiology

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)

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



- Current and Future Regulatory Approaches for the Management of Foodborne Listeriosis
- Emerging/Re-Emerging Foodborne Pathogens and Trending Microbial Issues

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



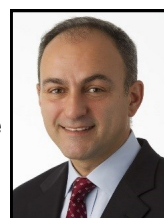
- Opportunities and Limitations of Clean Label Antimicrobials
- Validating Formulation Safe RTE Foods
- Intervention Strategies to Control *Listeria monocytogenes* in Ready-to-Eat Foods
- Control of Sporeforming Bacteria During Extended Cooling and Refrigerated Storage

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
- Soaking Low-Moisture Ingredients in Water – Are You Nuts?

Alejandro Mazzotta, Ph.D.
Chobani, LLC



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

Ruth Petran Ph.D.
Ruth Petran Consulting, LLC



- Sanitation Preventive Controls
- Norovirus Management
- Hazard Analysis

Gale Prince
Consultant



- Human Factor Considerations for Achieving Food Safety Compliance
- Driving Forces for Hygienic Design of Food Equipment
- The Cost of a Product Recall – Should You Budget For It?
- A Fifty-Year Food Safety Career Based on a Bar Napkin

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
- Handwashing, Hand Sanitizers, and Cross-Contamination

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



- FSMA Implementation – Foreign Supplier Verification and Preventive Controls
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IAFP 2027, July 18–21, Kansas City, Missouri

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