



Affiliate Annual Report for Calendar Year 2022

(Complete Attachment B to be considered for one or more 2022 Affiliate Awards.)

To maintain compliance with IAFP Constitution and Bylaws, Affiliates must return this completed report. Please send by email to Susan Smith at: ssmith@foodprotection.org.

Please return the following items **electronically** by **Tuesday, March 7, 2023** (late reports will not be considered for awards):

REQUIRED:

This completed form (*in English*).

Your Association's list of current term officers (complete Attachment A).

OPTIONAL:

Attachment B: Completion required **only** if your Association requests to be considered for one or more Affiliate Awards.

IAFP now accepts **all** Affiliate Annual Reports electronically, including those vying for one or more of the Affiliate Awards. *Affiliates seeking to present the highest quality visual presentation are encouraged to present their Annual Report in the highest quality possible for review by the Selection Committee. To avoid errors and omissions, please limit your submission to ONE email with all attachments.*

Digital photos (with names and descriptions) to appear in the *Affiliate View* quarterly newsletter.

Indian Association for Food Protection in North America

1. Your Official Delegate to IAFP Affiliate Council and Contact

Enter in the fields below the information requested for your Association's official Delegate to the IAFP Affiliate Council and your official Contact for IAFP correspondence. **Delegate must be an IAFP Member.**

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2. Membership List

- a. Indicate the current total number of members in your Association: 246
- b. How many NEW members joined your Association in 2022? 19

3. Meetings: Annual Meeting/Conference, Educational, Workshops, Webinars, etc.

- a. On what date(s) was your most recent general membership or major meeting (i.e., Annual Meeting/Conference) during the past year? Please list number of attendees.

IAFPNA Annual Meeting, 2022

Date: August 2, 2022

Total participants: 55

- b. Please provide the date(s) and location of your next scheduled major meeting (i.e., Annual Meeting/Conference):

Research Talks

Natural anti-quorum sensing agents against foodborne pathogens

Prof. Prathap Kumar Shetty H, PhD., FRSC

Professor, Department of Food Science and Technology,

Pondicherry University, RV Nagar, Kalapet. Pondicherry 605014, India

Date: March 21st, 2023 (Virtual)

World Food Safety Day

An update on the street food safety in India

Date: June 7th, 2023 (Virtual)

Speakers:

- 1. Dr Monica Puniya, Senior Scientist, Food Safety & Standards Act (FSSAI)
- 2. Dr. Neeraj K. Pandey, Lead Assessor, Food Products, (FSSAI)

IAFPNA Annual Meeting, 2022 (In-Person)

Date and location: July 18, 2023; Toronto, Canada

c. List all other general membership meetings held in 2022 (excluding board meetings). Include title, dates and attendance numbers.

4. Awards and Scholarships

a. List members honored with an award from your Association and/or IAFP during 2022. Include name of award and qualification for award.

Govind Raj Kumar	IAFPNA Education Affiliate Award

b. List scholarships awarded during 2022; include recipient and qualification for scholarship.

Sakshi Lamba	Travel scholarship award
Neetu Taneja	Travel scholarship award

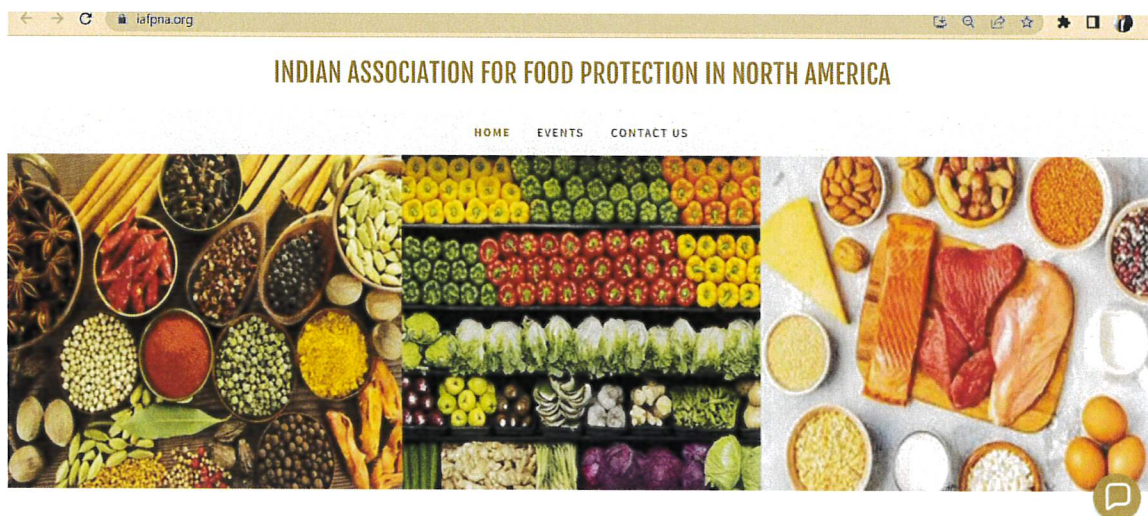
5. Web Communication

Please be sure to keep the IAFP office on your mailing list for newsletters, email, and other communications to your general membership.

Please provide your existing Affiliate's Web site address AND date last updated:

Did you launch a new Affiliate Web site in 2022? Y N

<https://iafpna.org/>



ABOUT US

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Attachment A (completion required)

Association Officers List

Provide the contact information requested below for all current officers of your Association. **Please indicate if each officer is an IAFP Member (reminder: Your President and Delegate are required to be IAFP Members).** The information you provide here is published on our website and in select membership materials. The information may be typed in the fields below or may be sent to our office by email, fax or regular mail.

Indicate the term dates (e.g., 2022–2023) for your current Executive Board: (2022-2023)

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Before continuing, please check one of the boxes below:

CHECK HERE and return electronically by 3/7/23 IF YOUR AFFILIATE REQUESTS TO BE CONSIDERED FOR ONE OR MORE 2023 AFFILIATE AWARDS. (You are required to complete Attachment B.)

CHECK HERE IF YOUR AFFILIATE DOES NOT WANT TO BE CONSIDERED FOR A 2023 AWARD. (You are done! It is not necessary to complete Attachment B.)

Attachment B (optional)

Affiliate Award Considerations

To be considered for one or more of the five Affiliate Awards to be presented at IAFP 2023, Affiliates are **required** to check the box next to the award(s) for which you wish to be considered and provide the related criteria (in English). (REMINDER: Please confirm IAFP Membership of your Affiliate President and Delegate **before** completing Attachment B to avoid award disqualification.) Submit your Annual Report and any attachments in **ONE** email to avoid errors and omissions.

Affiliate Membership Achievement Award

How did your Affiliate grow **AND** retain members during the past year? Please provide details on:

- how new members were recruited throughout the year;
- the number of new members joining the Affiliate;
- the percent increase in membership from 2021 to 2022;
- specific efforts on how you retained existing members; and
- other methods related to helping grow and maintain your membership.

You may cut and paste copy in the space below or use a separate page if necessary; please limit your explanation to 500 words or less in 12-point type.

Affiliate Communication Award

How did your Affiliate communicate information to your Members during the past year? Please provide a description of the types of communication sent to your general membership and include samples with your Annual Report. Samples can be printed copies/screen shots of blast emails, Web site (include frequency of updating), electronic/print newsletters, brochures, etc., along with respective dates sent. If available, provide how effective specific communication was toward meeting your goals. You may cut and paste copy in the space below or use a separate page if necessary; please limit your explanation to 500 words or less in 12-point type.

"The two words 'information' and 'communication' are often used interchangeably, but they signify quite different things. Information is giving out; communication is getting through." - Sydney J. Harris

The Indian Association of Food Protection of North America (IAFPNA) aims to effectively communicate with our members and keep them informed about important updates on research, technology, and food safety management through scholarships, webinars, and competitions.

Objective:

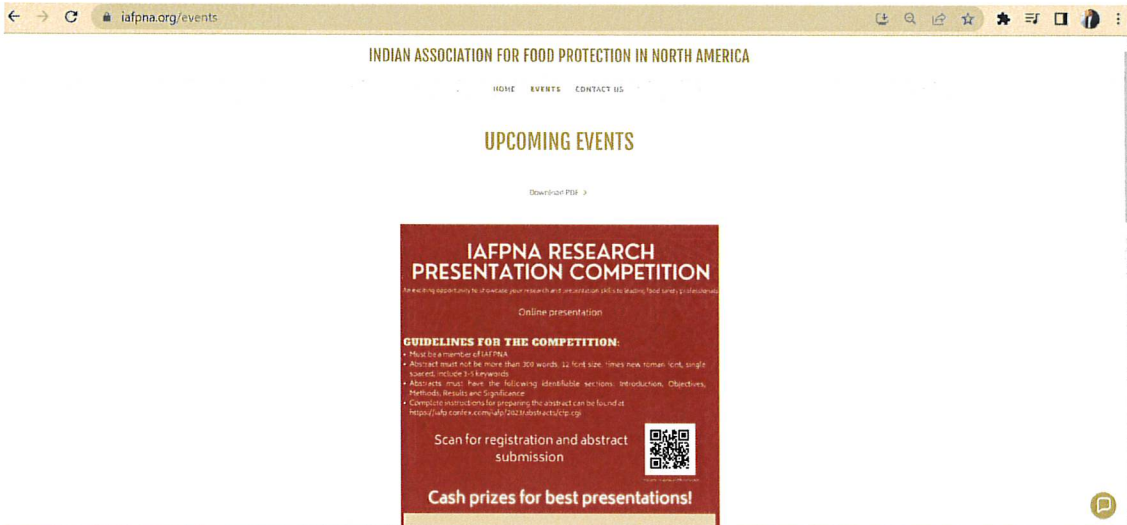
As we reflect on our accomplishments over the past decade, our affiliate has grown and evolved over the years, and we are well-positioned to continue making a positive impact in the years ahead. On behalf of our upcoming 10th anniversary meeting in IAFP meeting in Canada, we have taken opportunity and focused this year to celebrate this milestone by focusing on “communication” through creating multiple IAFPNA channels including website, social media accounts (Instagram and LinkedIn), and blast-emails. We use these channels to share news and updates about our organization, promote upcoming events, and engage with members. We also used social media to share relevant articles and other resources that we thought would be of interest to our members. We believe that this approach ensures that all members have access to important information, regardless of their preferred communication method. Currently, we are promoting “**IAFPNA Research Presentation Competition**” to encourage students to showcase their research and knowledge in the field of food safety. We invited students and colleagues to be taking part in this prestigious event. We believe that this competition will not only help students showcase food safety work but also foster a sense of community and collaboration in the field.

Communication of membership dues

As compared to last year, we had an increase in attendees by over 15 new members and all were interested to pay their dues. We are in the process of establishing our bank account to have the members registered directly using a QR code. We will further communicate with our members through our website and social media to have their membership fees paid.

Below are our strategies that were mainly considered as means of communication.

-Launched IAFPNA website

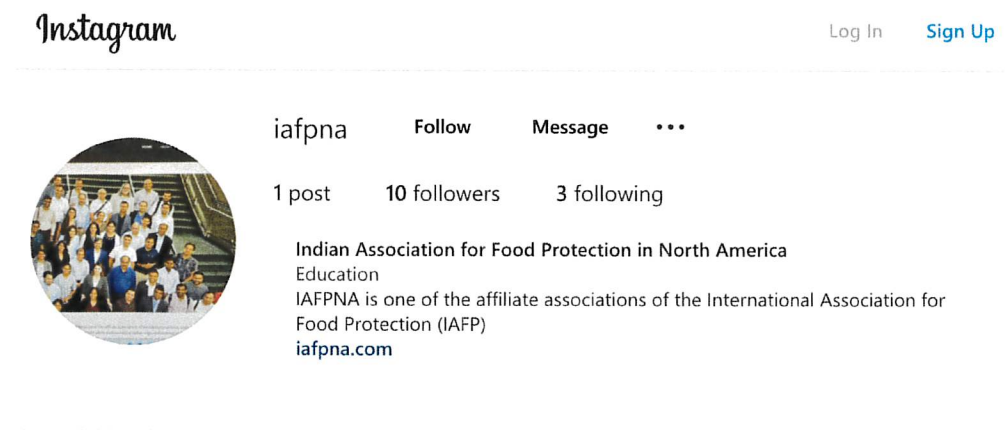


Grabbed more than 200 viewers.

Launched social media platforms

Our Instagram page:

<https://www.instagram.com/iafpna/?igshid=YmMyMTA2M2Y%3D>



Our Linked-In page

Indian Association for Food Protection in North America (IAFPNA)
IAFPNA is one of the affiliate associations of the International Association for Food Protection (IAFP).
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About


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IAFPNA RESEARCH PRESENTATION COMPETITION
Guidelines for the competition
Scan for registration and abstract submission
Cash prizes for best presentations!
SUBMIT YOUR ABSTRACTS BY 5PM CST, 30 APRIL 2023

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Our blast emails:



Nitin Dhowlaghar <dhowlaghar.nitin@gmail.com>

Invitation to participate in the IAFPNA Student Competition

1 message

Surabhi Wason <swason@uark.edu>
To: "iafpna@gmail.com" <iafpna@gmail.com>

Fri, Mar 3, 2023 at 4:52 PM

Greetings!

We at IAFPNA (Indian Association for Food Protection in North America) are excited to announce an amazing opportunity for students to participate in the IAFPNA Student Competition. This competition is designed to encourage students to showcase their research and knowledge in the field of food safety. We invite you to spread the word to your students and colleagues to take part in this prestigious event.

The competition is open to all undergraduate and graduate students currently enrolled in food science programs. Participants are required to submit an abstract of their research paper by April 30th, 2023. The abstracts will be reviewed, and finalists will be judged by the end of May through an online presentation (7 min followed by 3 min Q&A). We will provide further details on the judging process and guidelines for online presentations in due course. The winners will be recognized during our in-person meeting at IAFP annual meeting in Toronto, Canada in July 2023. The cash awards for the competition are as follows: first place (\$200), second place (\$100), and third place (\$50).

To learn more about the competition and submit an abstract, please check the attached flyer and/or our website (<https://iafpna.com/>) and review the guidelines provided on the IAFP website (<https://iafp.confex.com/iafp/2023/abstracts/cfp.cgi>). Please follow us on Instagram (<https://instagram.com/iafpna?igshid=YmMyMTA2M2Y=>) and LinkedIn (<https://www.linkedin.com/company/indian-association-for-food-protection-in-north-america-iafpna/?viewAsMember=true>) to stay updated on other IAFPNA events and information.

Please share this exciting opportunity with your students and colleagues and encourage them to participate in the competition. We believe that this competition will not only help students showcase their work but also foster a sense of community and collaboration in the field.

Please feel free to reach out if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Surabhi Wason

Affiliate Delegate & Student representative, IAFPNA



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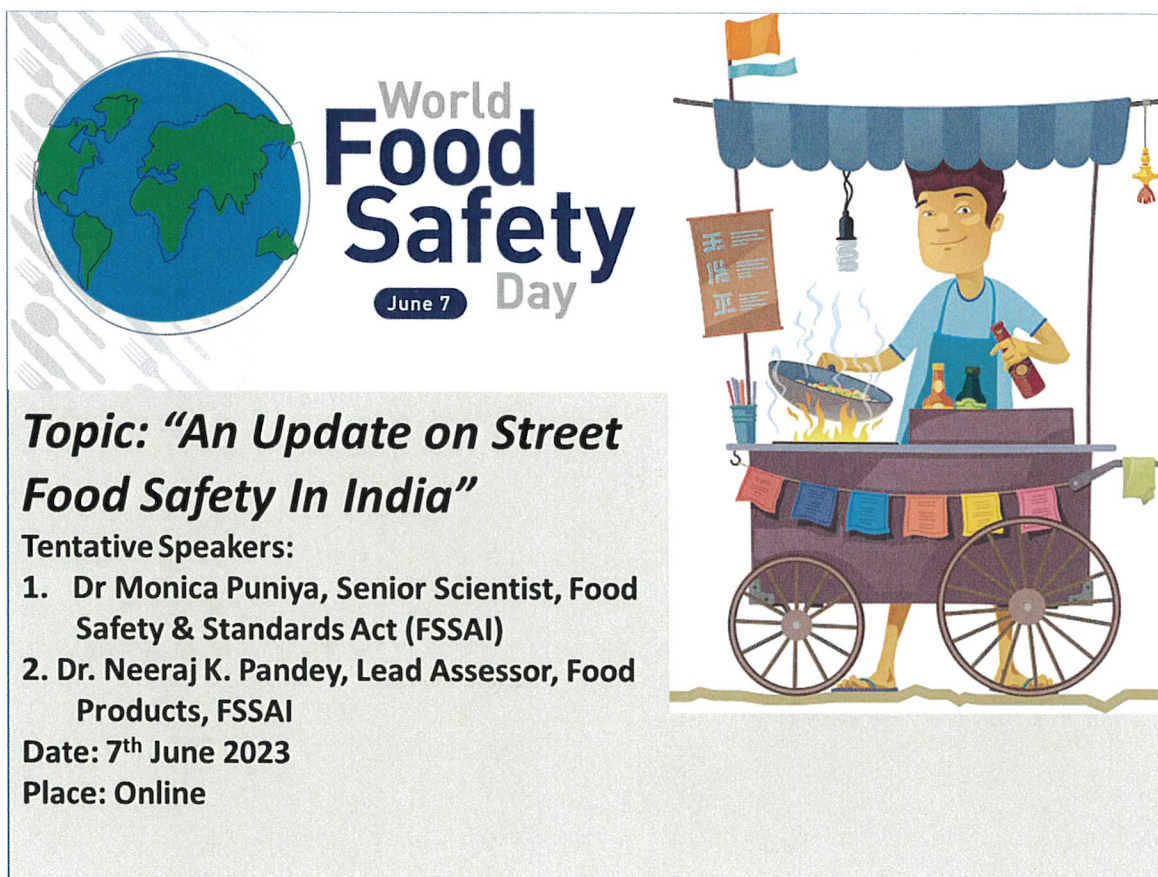
Ph.D. Candidate,
Food Safety
Engineering

Department of
Food Science

The emails included clear and concise information and links to additional resources for more details. We also made sure to include important dates and deadlines in our email subject lines, to ensure that members did not miss critical information., IAFPNA will

further be hosting two-presenters from Food Safety & Standards Act (FSSAI, India)-Equivalent to US-FDA on **World Food Safety Day** on June 7th 2023, who have been performing seminal work as food safety extension specialist and researcher on '*Update on the Street Food Safety in India*'. We opted to focus on street food due to India's reputation for having a wide variety of flavorful and diverse street foods. It has also become a prominent part of its food culture. While street food is a delicious and affordable way to enjoy local cuisine, it is crucial to take necessary precautions to ensure the safety of the food and prevent any potential contamination.

These webinars will be conducted on an online platform (**YouTube**) to communicate with our members and associated **Universities Nationwide**. The intent of these collaborations is to inspire a future generation of scientists and professionals from India to pursue careers in food safety and to foster, educate street vendors to serve fresh and safe food. **Overall, our affiliate communication strategy is designed to keep our members informed and engaged.**



World Food Safety Day
June 7

Topic: "An Update on Street Food Safety In India"

Tentative Speakers:

1. Dr Monica Puniya, Senior Scientist, Food Safety & Standards Act (FSSAI)
2. Dr. Neeraj K. Pandey, Lead Assessor, Food Products, FSSAI

Date: 7th June 2023
Place: Online

Our monthly research talks are delivered by prominent food safety professionals from India.

IAFPNA Research Talks



Prof. Prathap Kumar Shetty H, PhD., FRSC

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Date: March 21st, 2023 (Virtual)

https://www.pondiuni.edu.in/faculty_profiles/dr-h-prathap-kumar-shetty/

Google scholar:

<https://scholar.google.com/citations?user=6B4Uo4UAAAAJ&hl=en&oi=sra>

Title: Natural anti-quorum sensing agents against foodborne pathogens

Dr. Shetty have been working in Pondicherry University since 2009. His teaching experience in food microbiology spans for over 23 years. Dr. Shetty's research is based on the bioprospecting of microorganisms from fermented foods, developing quorum-based strategies for the management of foodborne pathogens and developing sensors for the detection of food contaminants. Dr. Shetty has published over 60 peer viewed manuscripts and reviewer and editor for prominent food safety journals.

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