

Fruit and Vegetable Safety and Quality PDG

Attendees: Hamada Aboubakr, Anna Aceituno, Achyut Adhikari, Maria Albarracin, Ted Andrew, Bassam Annous, Elba Arias Rios, Samir Assar, Christopher Baker, Pierre-Olivier Beal, Alexandra Belias, Sylvia Bergman, Larry Beuchat, Sohini Bhatia, Elizabeth Bihn, Rachel Binet, Philip Blagoyevich, Eva Borjas Orellana, Patricia Borrusso, Thomas Burke, Kellie Burris, Shiyu Cai, Loan Cao, Luis Cervantes, Patrice Chablain, Jeffrey Chandler, Yuhuan Chen, Zhao Chen, Ruplal Choudhary, Antonio Cid, David Cook, Vanessa Cranford, Carl Custer, Atin Datta, Gordon Davidson, Pascal Delaquis, Kaiping Deng, Govindaraj Dev Kumar, Brian Dimenna, Yiran Ding, Katja Dohrendorf, Diane Ducharme, Jill Dunlop, Martin Duplessis, Ruth Eden, Blanca Escudero-Abarca, Michele Evans, Xuotong Fan, Ying Fan, Peyman Fatemi, Yaohua Feng, Tong-Jen Fu, Francisco Gallardo, April Garza, Catherine Gensler, Gary Gensler, Jonathan Glynn, Gopal Gopinath, Christie Gray, Sanjay Gummalla, Jack Guzewich, Paul Hall, Ines Hanrahan, Margaret Hardin, Fawzy Hashem, Arie Havelaar, Alice Hayford, Yingshu He, Susan Hill, Sunee Himathongkham, Amber Hoskins, Kirsten Howe, Diana Huang, William Huntley, Sanja Ilic, Khurram Irshad, Keith Ito, Hyein Jang, Lee-Ann Jaykus, Katie Jenkins, Tim Jenkins, Karen Jinneman, Thomas Johnson, Lynette Johnston, Jiin Jung, Sophia Kathariou, Connie Kirby, Kali Kniel, Larry Kohl, Shigenobu Koseki, Saurabh Kumar, Luke LaBorde, Keith Lampel, Sharan Lanini, Dung Le, Eduardo Lecea, Min Li, Quanhong Li, Ye Li, Keyla Lopez, Teressa Lopez, Gabriela Lopez Velasco, Dumitru Macarisin, Wendy Maduff, Humberto Maldonado, Martha Maradiaga, Karl Matthews, Sherri McGarry, David Melka, Indaue Mello, Minto Michael, Pat Millner, Nathan Mirdamadi, Valerie Morrill, Latha Murugesan, Michael Naeger, Nadia Narine, Claudia Narvaez, Joshua Nazareth, Sergio Nieto, Xiangwu Nou, James O'Donnell, Modesto Olanya, Ynes Ortega, Suyapa Padilla Antunez, Donna Pahl, Katheryn Parraga, Jitu Patel, Chuck Pettigrew, Rachel Pfuntner, Suresh Pillai, Juan Ponce de Leon, John Porter, Erin Post, Molly Powell, Jessica Prince-Guerra, Mingyu Qiao, Sarita Raengpradub, Tian Ren, Cerise Robinson, Gina Ryan, Paula Safko, Nitya Sarjapuram, Marcel Schmidt, Bill Schwartz, Manan Sharma, Angela Shaw, Shima Shayanfar, Arlette Shazer, Valentin Sierra, Ellen Simmons, Otto Simmons, Michelle Smith, Insook Son, Diana Stewart, Don Stoeckel, Joseph Stout, Laura Strawn, Jeyamkondan Subbiah, Ke Sui, Ajita Sundarram, Trevor Suslow, Aparna Tatavarthy, Ed Thompson, Michael Timmer, Phillip Tocco, Angela Treadaway, Laura Truitt, Angela Valadez, Jean Valbrun, Deklin Veenhuizen, Mike Villaneva, Mariana Villarreal-Silva, Qiuhong Wang, Brandon Wanless, Kevin Webster, Jean Weese, Marielle Weintraub, Christina Wilson, Michael Wood, Kristin Woods, Jay Worley, Randy Worobo, Dorothy Wrigley, Shuang Wu, Vivian Wu, Wenqing Xu, Ying Xu, Zhinong Yan, Mustafa Yesil, Victor Zesiger, Yue Zheng, and Claire Zoellner. **Number of Attendees: 193**

Meeting Called to Order: 1:00 p.m., Sunday, July 31, 2016.

Minutes Recording Secretary: Sherri McGarry.

Old Business: Minutes from 2015 meeting were adopted without changes.

New Business: Outgoing Chair Kali Kniel thanked the PDG for their efforts over the last two years and shared her enthusiasm for the work of the PDG. She welcomed Sherri McGarry as incoming Chair and announced the election of Humberto Maldonado from Driscolls as new Vice Chair.

Historically, the FVSQ PDG provides a series of updates to the members, which are outlined below.

Regulatory Update: The regulatory update was provided by Samir Assar (FDA CFSAN). The Produce Safety Rule was finalized and published. FDA continues to listen to stakeholders and consider new information as it comes in. FDA's focus has moved to an implementation strategy with emphasis on providing education, training and technical guidance to industry and working with NASDA on states' role. Draft guidance for sprouts is anticipated before the first compliance date in January 2017. Broader draft guidance for the rule being worked on and trying to accelerate issuing draft guidance for water aspects soon. FDA is working with NASDA for future inspectional strategy and in many other areas. If the states have the resources they will handle the routine inspections and any remaining would be covered by FDA. NASDA is planning on on-farm voluntary readiness reviews and piloting in 2017. The PSA curriculum has been finalized and will begin in September 2016. FDA has provided funds for regional and national coordination centers with USDA to assess regional needs and provide specialized training for small growers and processors. Awards for grants to institutions to provide training for certain stakeholders, such as tribal communities and for sustainable farming, will be announced shortly. Produce safety network continues to build and there are many career opportunities with FDA. FDA is committed to staying connected to produce community and taking a measured approach to implementation.

Produce Safety Alliance Updates: Betsy Bihn provided the update on the PSA (<http://producesafetyalliance.cornell.edu/>). PSA training will initiate with a focus on Train-the-Trainer sessions (two-day course) in September 2016; first priority given to those participants registered for the previously cancelled sessions, second priority to the four regional centers; and third priority to the

Northern Region and those crucial to help build more collaborations. PSA has hired several staff to support effort across the nation.

Outbreak Update: The outbreak update was given by Cerise Robinson (FDA CORE). It included a summary of pathogen and foods involved in multistate outbreaks that FDA was involved. Discussions included information on source of the food, whether domestic or imported. She highlighted a few outbreaks and high level lessons from the investigations and shared continued trends in seeing sprout outbreaks, consecutive Cyclospora outbreaks, and a few novel foods involved in other outbreaks. Cerise provided CORE's website:

www.fda.gov/Food/recallsoutbreaksemergencies/outbreaks

Other Topics:

Suresh Pillai, USDA APHIS, provided an update and presentation to the PDG on use of irradiation on imported produce. Slide set described the technology, benefits, and why this is an area of need and potential growth.

PDG members expressed continued interest in webinars. Sherri McGarry shared that there's a webinar on sprouted seed in development.

PDG members brainstormed topics for symposia/roundtable and tried a new approach to help connect PDG members during the PDG meeting by breaking out into groups by topic areas. Sherri McGarry requested feedback on this approach after our meeting; plan is to have conference calls following IAFP meeting and before deadline to submit symposia/roundtable ideas in October.

Recommendations to the Executive Board:

1. Recommend to the Board that the Humberto Maldonado from Driscolls be approved as Vice Chair of the PDG.
2. Recommendation to the Board to find a way to better determine the size and number of chairs needed for the PDG meeting; many members were standing or sitting on the floor. Additionally, it's recommended that further consideration be made for the design and set-up of the room to better facilitate discussion and PDG member interactions and/or PDG be allowed to modify the room set-up and put it back before the next meeting in the room (note: this may not be practical).
3. Recommend to the Board that there be continued support and encouragement to hold Webinars.

Next Meeting Date: July 9, 2017, Tampa, Florida.

Meeting Adjourned: 3:00 p.m.

Chairperson: Sherri McGarry.