

Developing Food Safety Professionals PDG

Attendees: Matthew Moore (Chair), Amit Morey (Vice Chair), Andrea Etter, Brian Himmelbloom, and Byron Chaves.

Board/Staff Present: Didi Loynachan and Dina Siedenburg.

Number of Attendees: 7.

Meeting Called to Order: 2:03 p.m. Eastern Time, Friday, October 2, 2020.

Minutes Recording Secretary: Matthew Moore.

Old Business: Matthew Moore started the meeting with a welcome and presented 3 sessions for which DFSP is either primary or secondary sponsor: "How to Meet the Food Safety Concerns Surrounding Meat-Alternatives" (Primary); "Creating Awareness within IAFP Regarding Food Safety in Africa" (Secondary); "Passport to Food Safety in Low- and Middle-Income Countries: Rationale, Results and Reflections for Recent Research Initiatives" (Secondary). Matt then introduced Dr. Byron Chaves-Elizondo, who then delivered a talk titled: "Building a Food Safety Program: Three Years into My Assistant Professorship at Nebraska," followed by a question and answer session.

New Business: After the presentation, Matt announced the results of the Vice Chair election, which resulted in the election of Dr. Amit Morey, who then introduced himself. This was followed by background about the 2021 call for proposals. The idea of developing a webinar series focused on a common topic that is then translated to a series of announcements/summary notes as publication in an IAFP-hosted journal were discussed. The webinar format was agreed to be the preferred format as it can provide long-form treatment of a topic. Byron noted *Food Protection Trends* would be a good host for such a series, possibly with different speakers/first authors from different areas of food safety both in topic and sector (industry, regulatory, academia). In terms of topic, an ideal topic would be a current challenge for which data exists and there is sufficient interest. One topic proposed was an update on analytical/detection methods, including sample preparation and/or collection prior to detection. Another possible topic would be an update on different inactivation/disinfection methods.

Next, potential session proposal guidelines and policies were reviewed and ideas solicited. Amit discussed a proposal in works with the meat and poultry safety PDG on safely operating in the time of COVID-19; it was agreed that the DFSP would be a good co-sponsor for it. Another idea discussed was on lessons learned from the disruption caused in the global food supply as a consequence of COVID-19 with respect to food security and safety. Another idea was a session on the economic impact/burden of food recalls and foodborne pathogens. Amit also mentioned the idea of a session on food safety improvements in the value chain, balancing food safety, sustainability, and profitability. Amit also mentioned the idea of how international agencies are addressing the balance between maintaining a global food supply but also ensuring safety, which DFSP could reach out to the International PDG about. Another idea was for a roundtable about food entrepreneurship; however, it was noted something similar had been done a few years ago. Another idea was training food safety professionals in evolving technological landscapes. Another idea mentioned was a session on interpersonal skills when managing and working with others, possibly with one invited speaker from a social science/psychological background.

Recommendations to the Executive Board:

1. The DFSP recommends to appoint Amit Morey as the new Vice Chair of the PDG.

Next Meeting Date: July 18-21, 2021, Phoenix, Arizona.

Meeting Adjourned: 3:23 p.m. Eastern Time.

Chairperson: Matthew Moore.