

Committee on Control of Foodborne Illness

Members Present: Ewen Todd (Chair), Kari Irvin (Secretary), Jaime Ragos, Mary Anne Amalaradjou, Lucia Anelich, Michael Bazaco, Carl Custer, Jack Guzewich, Bobby Krishna, Pongpan Laksanalamai, Phyllis Posy, Michael Roberson, Amarat Simonne, and Ruth Petran.

Board/Staff Present: Didi Loynachan, Dina Siedenburger, and Emilio Esteban.

Number of Attendees: 17.

Meeting Called to Order: 10:01 a.m. Eastern Time, Tuesday, June 29, 2021.

Minutes Recording Secretary: Kari Irvin.

Old Business: A Board member report was given by Emilio Esteban. He noted it was a challenging year with the COVID pandemic. However, IAFP is happy to report they are in a healthy position as an association and continue to accommodate a virtual format. Dr. Esteban will continue to be the Board liaison for CCFI. The Board encourages the committee to meet through the year, and staff are available to help schedule these meetings. Webinars have become popular, and the Board encourages the committee to solicit topics and ideas for webinars.

IAFP has a new Council on Diversity, Equity and Inclusion. This is a forward-looking activity IAFP has engaged in. If members are interested in participating in the Council, they should reach out to Dr. Esteban or any Board member.

The Board responded to CCFI's 2020 recommendations by addressing access to manuals and approving Michael Batz as Vice-Chair in 2022. For manuals, present contracts prevent wider distribution via free downloads. The Board is working on updating the contracts in hopes of making these resources free after five years. Longer-term solutions are being worked on for sharing content, and these will be shared at a later time.

Michael Roberson noted that there is a real need for certain associations, like AFDO and CFP, to have current and accurate resources when it comes to FBIs; keeping documents updated needed; intermediary step could be useful to share with limited audiences that are in that priority need group prior to making them free access.

For subcommittee work, the subcommittee to address revisions to the "Procedures to Investigate Foodborne Illness" manual was unable to meet in 2020. CCFI does remain committed to supporting updating this manual. Michael Roberson pointed out that any manual must address the needs of the audience it wants to impact. Bobby Krishna shared a link for the relatively-recently revised FAO manual which has differences from our own.

For members of CCFI attending the in-person meeting this summer, Room 232 will be available all-day July 18, 2021, (8 am-5 pm) for networking purposes. While CCFI values in-person meetings and looks forward to an in-person meeting in Pittsburgh 2022, there is interest in moving committee meetings to a hybrid format in the future. Future in-person CCFI meetings will continue to be 2-hours in length.

An approved survey of IAFP Members led by Ian Young and Ben Chapman to determine their food safety habits has been deferred again due to COVID-19 delays.

CCFI members discussed the student mentoring program and were encouraged to sign up. Here is a link the link to enroll as a mentor: <https://connect.foodprotection.org/mentoring/enroll-mentor>. There is a one-year commitment and topic sheets are provided to facilitate discussions. A mentor can have a maximum of three mentees per year. Each mentee can have only one mentor per year. Nine symposia and roundtables sponsored or co-sponsored by CCFI will be presented at the IAFP 2021 Annual Meeting.

New Business: CCFI members were pleased that former Vice Chair Judy Greig received Honorary Life membership and Carl Custer the President's Award.

Approved symposia for the 2021 meeting were discussed. Many convenors and organizers noted challenges with scheduling due to the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic. Program ideas for the 2022 meeting are due on October 5, 2021. Future symposia on outbreaks, the impact of COVID on South Africa, the handling of the pandemic (what worked,

what didn't work, and recommendations for a change), and the impact of climate change and natural disasters on food safety were discussed.

Recommendations to the Executive Board:

1. CCFI recognizes that a virtual option for the conference as a whole creates a tremendous burden but offering virtual participation in committee meetings during the in-person conference could increase participation and be more inclusive to members that are unable to travel. Thus, CCFI recommends to the Executive Board that a virtual option be provided for all future committee meetings, especially in view of disabilities restricting attendance in person.
2. CCFI continues to request that IAFP publications should be available freely on request to be competitive with other food safety and foodborne disease sources.

Next Meeting Date: July 31–August 3, 2021, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

Meeting Adjourned: 11:50 a.m. Eastern Time.

Chairperson: Ewen Todd.