

Food Fraud Prevention PDG

Attendees: Steven Gendel (Vice Chair), Alia Blais, Takiyah Ball, Jonathan Basha, Bertrand Emond, Tara Fandrich, Enrique Zuniga, Tracey David, Teresa Fox, Deepa Thiagarajan, Weilin Shelver, Nicole Prentice, Fred Soderstrom, Akhila Vasani, Richard Jacobs, Cameron Parsons, Manpreet Singh, Ron Sarver, Jacqueline Cordova, Jani Holopainen, Susan Teegardin, Neal Fredrickson, Kolawole Banwo, Rachel Stiening, Lone Jespersen, Adeniyi Odugbemi, William Lachowsky, Sara Mortimore, Rafael Ferreira, Steven Sklare.

Number of Attendees: 30.

Meeting Called to Order: 1:00 p.m. Eastern Time, Sunday, July 31, 2022.

Old Business: The PDG Approved the minutes of the previous meeting and reviewed the list of scientific sessions co-sponsored by the PDG in the 2022 Annual Meeting.

New Business: In the absence of the PDG Chair, the meeting was led by the Vice Chair.

The PDG reviewed IAFP conflict of interest policies and received an update from the Board.

The PDG discussed ideas for sessions and workshops to be proposed for the next Annual Meeting. There was agreement that there are many people new to fraud mitigation who would benefit from an information session that defined the technical terminology and outlined how to build a fraud mitigation program. There was broad agreement that a pre-meeting workshop would be valuable to provide hands-on experience with available tools for vulnerability assessment.

Several participants raised the issue of how difficult it can be to find and implement cost-effective testing methods to identify adulterated ingredients and products. Methods developers find that this lack of clarity prevents them from being able to meet industry needs. It was also pointed out that some very effective testing methods do not require sophisticated equipment (for example, microscope evaluation).

The international nature of food fraud vulnerability and prevention was discussed.

One participant suggested that the focus of the IAFP program should be on the safety consequences of food fraud.

Members of the PDG agreed to work toward developing a pre-meeting workshop proposal and to organizing at least one webinar before the next Annual Meeting/

Recommendations to the Executive Board: None.

Next Meeting Date: July 16, 2023, Toronto, Ontario, Canada.

Meeting Adjourned: 2:45 p.m. Eastern Time, Sunday, July 31, 2022.

Chairperson: John Spink.