

## **Low Water Activity Foods PDG**

**Attendees:** Bradley Marks (Chair), Laure Pujol (Vice Chair), Shirin Abd, Aparna Tatavarthy, Gerardo Morantes, Becky Douglas, Xiyang Liu, Andrew Kearney, Ian Klug, Scott Burnett, MiKayla Mentzer, Danielle Chambers, Yawei Lin, Richard Brouillette, Kavita Patil, Manita Adhikari, Teresa Bergholz, Ian Hildebrandt, Erin Ducko, Philip Steinbrunner, Ren Yang, Yige Bima, Karina Martino, Larry Steenson, Shige Koseki, Reginald Benitez, Ben Graves, Hiroki Abe, Hardik Vyas, Kasey Nelson, Narindra Randriamiarintsoa, Kristen Hunt, Laurie Post, Yvonne Masters, Patrick Bird, Per Nielsen, Loni Rogers, Sanghyup Jeong, Elizabeth Grasso-Kelley, Christopher McNamara, Wenqing Xu, Ahnna Schulte, Julianny Rivera Calo, Pamela Wilger, Evan Rosen, Shihyu Chuang, Mrinalini Ghoshal, John Holah, Montserrat Iturriaga, Keith Ito, Anru Shen, Heather Garcia, Dharamdeo Singh, Amit Kheradia, Rico Suhalim, Leslie Thompson-Strehlow, Eric Ewert, Nate Anderson, David Rasmussen, David Legan, Nanje Gowda, Jennifer Acuff, Ashley Deaton, Anett Winkler, Lucia Anelich, Guy Tenenbaum, Erin Ramsay, Aaron Uesugi, Manpreet Singh, Shahram Ajamian, Xingchen Zhao, Chao Wang, Mari Schroeder, Katherine Kotrola, Kathy Knutson, Rocelle Grabarek, Tracie Sheehan, Wafa Birbari, Nadia Narine, Catharine Carlin, Molly Mills, Sripriya Agaram, Zhujun Gao, Hee Jin Kwon, Juming Tang, Weilin Shelver, Surabhi Wason, Long Chen, Isabel Walls, Brad Taylor, Zi Hua, Jeffrey Kornacki, Kali Siliveru.

**Number of Attendees:** 97.

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

**Minutes Recording Secretary:** Laure Pujol.

**Old Business:** Minutes of the June 29, 2021 meeting were approved by unanimous consent. Sessions supported by the PDG were reviewed.

**New Business:** Andrew Kearney, student liaison, presented update for the Student PDG. Anti-Trust Guideline were reviewed with the whole group. Julianny Riviera from Ardent Mills presented Food Safety Challenges – A Flour Industry Perspective. Based on feedback from other PDG, there was an open discussion on the frequency of meetings for this group. Two suggestions have come up, one about having a quarterly meeting for discussing the update on the symposia and roundtable and at the same time give the opportunity to students to present their work.

Another idea was given about making webinars longer to give the opportunity to student to present before the webinar itself.

Symposia/Roundtable/Workshop ideas were discussed in the whole group meeting, based on input that was collected in advance of the meeting via an online survey (12 ideas initially). Other ideas came out from the audience and were integrated in the list of ideas. Some ideas were grouped together and prioritized for discussion based on interest on the subject from the attendees. Then, 5 work groups were formed and engaged in further discussion on each topic. Broad topics include: (1) cleaning and sanitation in LWAF with a potential link to the Sanitation PDG, (2) What is the appropriate target log reduction, (3) Environmental monitoring, and (4) Clean Breaks.

**Recommendations to the Executive Board:**

1. Recommends Brad Marks for approval as Chair and Laure Pujol as Vice Chair for upcoming terms.
2. It is recommended that the IAFP Meeting App be synchronized with the web-based / online meeting program, so that individual meeting plans can be made in advance and then synchronized into the app.
3. Request: that the Low Water Activity Foods PDG and Animal and Pet Food Safety PDG meetings at the 2023 Annual Meeting be scheduled to not conflict, as there is a very common overlap in members from Animal and Pet Food Safety into Low Water Activity Foods.

**Next Meeting Date:** Sunday, July 16, 2022, Toronto, Ontario, Canada.

**Meeting Adjourned:** 3:00 p.m. Eastern Time.

**Chairperson:** Bradley Marks.