



## **Teleconference Minutes – January 14<sup>th</sup> 2011 2:00-3:00pm (EST)**

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*Mission: To provide a forum for the exchange and sharing of information related to the development and use of Laboratory methods for the analysis of food and related commodities.*

**“Don’t Be a Benefiter. Be a Contributor!” Pat Rule**

### **MEETING ATTENDEES:**

Present: Jackie Glover, Shanker Reedy, Jeff Kornacki, Purnendu Vasavada, Phil Coombs, Sun K. Kim, Yvonne M. Salfinger, Christine Aleski, Doris D’Souza, Wendy McMahon, George Wilson, Yvonne M. Salfinger, Molly Mills, Patrice Arbault, Mary Lou Tortorello, Omar Oyarzabal, Leslie K. Thompson, Vanessa Cranford

**MINUTES:** Vanessa Cranford, Leslie Thompson

**STARTED:** 2:00 pm EST

The PDG was informed that based on communication with IAFP that the program “tentatively accepts” symposia proposal when they are submitted in October and at that time requests can be made to the organizers for revisions of the proposals. The February Program Committee meeting, the second round of review occurs and the Committee reviews that their recommendations have been followed. At this time the presentations should be firmed up and speakers confirmed but still on a tentative basis awaiting final approval. Therefore, if the Committee’s instructions have been followed the symposia will be accepted. Very rarely is the symposia rejected or recommended for modification at that point. If the Committee’s recommendations have not been followed, the Committee may request the organizers to once again modify the proposal or may opt to reject the symposia at the February meeting, should the changes not have been implemented to the symposia/roundtables.

Our PDG had submitted 10 symposia and 2 roundtables and the Program Committee communicated that 6 symposia and 2 roundtables were accepted for further development, by the Jan 19<sup>th</sup> deadline. Thank you to all symposia/ roundtable content developers for your dedication and active participation within the PDG. Great job, on your collaborative efforts, hard work and success!

I Discussion of 2011 Revisions to Accepted IAFP Symposium/ Roundtable:  
(Revised **Symposia/ Roundtable Submission due Jan 19<sup>th</sup> 2011**)

- a) Symposia Planning 2011 Update
  - i. **From Serotyping to Molecular typing of Pathogens-Characterizing the needle in the Haystack (Purnendu Vasavada, Patrice Arbault)**
    - i. The Program Committee approved this topic as full symposia for 3.5hrs but recommended that the STEC topic be removed from the symposia to avoid overlap with other symposia being developed on STEC. The change was incorporated.

- ii. Dr Vasavada indicated that Robert Mandrel was contacted as a possible speaker on Salmonella typing based on CRISPR Polymorphisms or Bruce Appelgate as another possible speaker for phage typing.
  - iii. Dr. Oyarzabal personally knew both speakers and recommended either for selection and that it would enable a broader scope to strengthen the symposia.
  - iv. Upon final acceptance by the program committee funding will be requested for Patrick Fach- France.
  - v. Vanessa will re-submit symposia for IAFP Jan 19<sup>th</sup> deadline.
- ii. *Campylobacter* for poultry regulation and methodology (Patrice Arbault, Pat Rule & Omar Oyarzabal)**
- i. This symposium was accepted as short symposia for 1.5 hrs with no recommended changes by the Program Committee.
  - ii. Dr Oyarzabal updated that speakers are confirmed with the exception of Daniel Engeljohn- USDA.
  - iii. Pat was unable to attend the call but emailed that she had confidence that he will be confirmed.
  - iv. Dr Vasavada indicated that Daniel has been in high demand.
  - v. One participant questioned if an EU perspective would be included and it was indicated that the length of the symposia only allowed for focusing on USDA.
  - vi. Dr. Vasavada questioned if methods would be discussed and Dr. Oyarzabal indicated that he would cover and Tim Frier would be covering the industry perspective.
  - vii. Pat will re-submit symposia for IAFP Jan 19<sup>th</sup> deadline with no modifications.
- iii. *S.Enteriditis* specifically for methodology of eggs (Amy Smith, Tim Freier, Siddhartha Thakur)**
- i. The Program Committee accepted this topic as a full symposia 3.5 hrs with no recommended changes.
  - ii. Amy emailed change of speaker to Vanessa for sharing with the PDG-the first speaker was changed for the symposia to John Sheehan –FDA CFSAN with the topic FDA’s Egg Safety Rule.
  - iii. A participant from Life Technologies did question if a speaker and topic could be added to this symposia and it was mentioned that the outline has already been developed, please contact Amy Smith but the outline already meet the 3.5hrs program committee limit.
  - iv. Amy will re-submit for the IAFP Jan 19<sup>th</sup> deadline.
- iv. Method equivalence and the regulatory requirements for method acceptance (Wendy McMahon, Michael Brodsky, Mark Carter, Patrice Arbault, Pat Rule)**
- i. The Program Committee accepted this topic not as a debate but as a roundtable also increasing the time limit from 1.5hrs to 2hrs.
  - ii. Wendy updated that 8/10 panelist were confirmed.
  - iii. The format will be a list of questions that will ask the major stumbling blocks and then how can it be overcome.
  - iv. It was recommended to add Julian Cox for an additional international perspective, Patrice to confirm Julian.
  - v. Dr Vasavada expressed concern for the time frame given the number of panelist to respond to the questions and was informed that the roundtable time was already increased by the program committee.
  - vi. Wendy will re-submit for the IAFP Jan 19<sup>th</sup> deadline.
- v. Global Food Safety- What should we focus on today for tomorrow’s results? (Keith Lampel, Pam Wilger)**

- i. The Program Committee accepted this topic as a full symposium for 3.5hrs with no recommended changes.
    - ii. George Wilson updated the PDG on behalf of Pam Wilger that there were no changes to the symposia and the first speakers indicated in the outline will be the speakers re-submitted.
    - iii. Possible funding request for Pensri Rodma-Thailand.
    - iv. Pam will re-submit for the IAFP Jan 19<sup>th</sup> deadline.
  - vi. **The Molecular Mechanism and Scientific Advancement of Norovirus Gastroenteritis (Vanessa Cranford, Jennifer Cannon, Kirsten Mattison)**
    - i. The Program Committee accepted this topic as a full symposium for 3.5hrs with no further recommendations.
    - ii. Vanessa updated that Kirsten will not be able to speak or attend IAFP and her presentation will be replaced by Leen Baert-Ghent University for the same topic: Market surveillance of norovirus in fresh fruit and vegetables.
    - iii. This is a joint symposia between the Applied Lab Methods and Viral and Parasitic Foodborne Disease PDG.
    - iv. The other speakers have been confirmed.
    - v. Dr Vasavada commented that the symposia had a good blend of basic and applied topics.
    - vi. If final approval is obtained request of funding for Leen Baert.
    - vii. Vanessa will re-submit for the IAFP Jan 19<sup>th</sup> deadline.
- b) Roundtable Planning 2010 Update
  - **Testing Tales Tall but True: From the Real World (Julian Cox, Patrice Arbault, Jeff Kornack)**
    - i. The Program Committee accepted this roundtable for 90 minutes with no recommendations.
    - ii. The speakers will speak for 20 minutes followed by 50 min open discussion.
    - iii. Vanessa will re-submit for the IAFP Jan 19<sup>th</sup> deadline.
  - **Technological Challenges in Detecting Virus in Produce: Where are We and How do We Move Forward? (Vanessa Cranford, Kirsten Mattison, Jack Guzewich)**
    - i. The Program Committee accepted this roundtable for 90 minutes with no recommendations.
    - ii. Kirsten Mattison will not be able to attend IAFP so Vanessa Cranford will take her place as convener with Doris D'Souza.
    - iii. All speakers are confirmed.
    - iv. If final approval Efi Papafragkou will be requested for funding.
    - v. Vanessa will re-submit for the IAFP Jan 19<sup>th</sup> deadline.
- c) Speaker Travel Funding
 

After the final acceptance of symposia/roundtables (March 2011) funding request may be submitted to IAFP via symposia organizers. Requests are reviewed on a first-come-first-serve basis. The maximum funding grant will be \$750 and \$1,250 if speaker is outside North America. IAFP has recommended that organizers are welcome to seek funding from other sources and the Association will provide recognition for these groups through the program material. Organizers are required to inform IAFP if outside funding is obtained.

  - i. Patrice recommended that if outside funding is obtained for symposia that the organization's logo is visible possibly on the screen prior to the presentation session.
  - ii. George Wilson mentioned that increased visibility may promote sponsorships and recognition aiding in obtaining funding.

- iii. Vanessa discussed that it will be suggested to IAFP prior to the meeting; but as a PDG we can definitely include this suggestion at the IAFP 2011 Committee Meeting in Milwaukee as a PDG board recommendation.
- d) 100 Year Celebration
- A microbiology exhibit of scientific instruments and tools through the years (Mary Lou Tortorello)**
- i. The 100yr Planning Committee approved Mary Lou's suggestion for a display of scientific instruments through 100 years.
  - ii. In the Jan issue of IAFP Report, Susan Smith with IAFP included a request for historical scientific instruments and apparatus through the past 100 years. Old or antique instruments can be loaned/donated (all items will be secure).
  - iii. Christine Aleski suggested a game at IAFP, similar to a TV show about guessing what the instrument is or was used for.
  - iv. Mary Lou to create an additional notification be sent through the PDG for requesting instruments to follow-up on Susan's request.
  - v. Vanessa suggested that the request also be shared with the Chairs and Vice Chairs of other PDG's to spread the request.
  - vi. Vanessa to send out additional request to PDG and to other PDG Chairs/Vice Chairs.
  - vii. This event can only occur if there are items to display, please contact Susan Smith at IAFP [ssmith@foodprotection.org](mailto:ssmith@foodprotection.org) to make this thought a reality! We need you!

## II Article for Food Protection Trends

- a) Roundtable Discussion on USDA FSIS method expectation for non-O157 STEC testing of raw ground beef and manufacturing trim with compilation of existing methodologies (Denise Eblen, Vanessa Cranford Leslie Thompson).
  - i. Vanessa updated the PDG that 10/1/10 the USDA FSIS added MLG 5B.00 to their Laboratory Guidebook for Detection and Isolation of non-O157 Shiga-toxin Producing *Escherichia coli* Strains (STEC) from Meat Products.
  - ii. On Dec 8<sup>th</sup> the FSIS, Leslie and Vanessa had a call to discuss the request for compilation of methods whether FSIS would issue a formal request or the Applied Lab Methods would compile the existing commercially available methods.
  - iii. The Applied Lab Methods PDG will issue a request for existing methods.
- b) Pet Food general paper including animal feed methods for both indicator and pathogens (Erdal Tuncan and Pat Rule).
  - i. Erdal was not available to attend the call but had requested that the PDG steer suggestions on the direction of the paper development.
  - ii. Yvon suggested sample preparation for pet food, and cross reactivity.
  - iii. PC suggested that a general interest paper is necessary to highlight the challenges and need for future topics related to pet food safety.
  - iv. Phil questioned the route for sharing this paper.
  - v. Vanessa reminded the PDG that at the Committee Meeting in Anaheim, in addition to our symposia, our PDG discussed two papers for publication in Food Protection Trends through the Applied Lab Methods PDG.
  - vi. A one page general interest paper to be moved forward.

## III IAFP 100 Food Safety Tips

The creation of a comprehensive list to sent to IAFP from the Applied Lab Methods PDG. Email suggestions to Leslie Thompson [lhompson@aegisfoodlabs.com](mailto:lhompson@aegisfoodlabs.com) for compiling.

- i. The Applied Lab Methods PDG is trying to compile a list of food safety tips for IAFP. If EACH member could submit a food safety tip for the following categories:-  
Manufacturing, Laboratory, Consumers, Restaurants
- ii. Your participation is needed! Please email Leslie.

#### IV Other Business

- a) Vice Chair position for the coming two year term
  - i. Vanessa informed the PDG that at IAFP 2011, Leslie Thompson will become Chair and the Vice Chair position will be available. This is a two- year volunteer position that is an opportunity to grow, be involved and serve the members of the PDG. It is a rewarding and enriching opportunity. In addition this is an active PDG and the incoming Vice Chair can be copied on emails and included in the preparation for IAFP 2011 Committee Meeting prior to their term for a seamless transition.
  - ii. Phil Coombs was suggested by Patrice and Dr Vasavada supported the suggestion.
  - iii. Phil indicated that he needed to think about the commitment of the position and will respond soon.
  - iv. George Wilson expressed an interest if Phil Coombs was not interested.
  
- b) Georgia Tech- Workshop on Novel Sampling and Sensing for Improved Food Safety.
  - i) Registration opens Feb 21<sup>st</sup> 2011, abstracts should be 750 words or less and submitted electronically by March 15<sup>th</sup> to [foodsense@me.gatech.edu](mailto:foodsense@me.gatech.edu).
  - ii) The purpose of this workshop is to bring together a group of individuals with an interest in food safety and sensing, including scientist and engineers and research in academia, industry and government, as well as graduate students.
  - iii)The conference website is [www.foodsensing.gatech.edu](http://www.foodsensing.gatech.edu)
  
- c) Texas A&M University 2011 Hands-On Workshop in E-Beam and X-ray Irradiation Technologies
  - i. April 3<sup>rd</sup> –April 8<sup>th</sup> 2011
  - ii. Texas A&M University Campus, College Station, TX
  - iii. Registration fee covers 5 night hotel, food, workshop material and local transportation
  - iv. This is a hands-on workshop on a variety of E-beam and X-ray topics including the use of these technologies for fresh produce pasteurization, phytosanitary applications, waste water treatment, pharmaceutical and medical product sterilization.
  - v. For further details please contact: Prof Suresh Pillai at [s-pillai@tamu.edu](mailto:s-pillai@tamu.edu)
  
- d) Food and Indoor Mycology Workshop
  - i. April 6-8<sup>th</sup> 2011
  - ii. BCN Research Laboratories Rockford, TN
  - iii. This course is designed to give fungal identification skills to corporate, plant and contract manufacturing microbiologist. Emphasis will be placed on beverage and food manufacturing processing environments.
  - iv. Registration deadline March 1<sup>st</sup> 2011 Fee: \$1250
  - v. Please email Dr Emilia Rico if interested: [Emilia.Rico@bcnlabs.com](mailto:Emilia.Rico@bcnlabs.com)

**Concluded: 2:55pm EST**