

Journal of Food Protection Management Committee

Members Present: Margaret Hardin (Chair), Julian Cox, Michelle Danyluk, Atin Datta, John Bassett, Tong-Jen Fu, Santos Garcia, Leon Gorris, Kendra Nightingale, Tim Jackson, Mangesh Palekar and Manan Sharma.

Editors Present: Michael Davidson, Joseph Frank, Elliot Ryser and John Sofos.

Board and Staff Present: Stan Bailey, Lee-Ann Jaykus, Vickie Lewandowski, Katie Swanson, Isabel Walls, David Tharp, Lisa Hovey and Didi Loynachan.

Visitors/Guests Present: Jinru Chen, Michelle Danyluk and Mark Harrison.

Meeting Called to Order: 10:00 a.m., Saturday, July 31, 2010.

Recording Secretary of Minutes: Kendra Nightingale.

Old Business: The agenda was reviewed and approved. The minutes of the 2009 meeting were reviewed and approved.

Report from IAFP President: The recent focus on international activities increased and international members increased two fold since 2004. In 2009, two European Symposia were held in Germany and Ireland along with an International Symposium for Food Safety in Korea. Currently, 21% of IAFP members reside outside the U.S., and total membership is approaching 3,500 with membership in the United States remaining constant. There are 105 Sustaining members, 19 Gold, and 13 Silver. The IAFP Foundation currently has close to \$735,000 in its account. The 2011 Annual Meeting will mark the 100th anniversary for the association and members are encouraged to submit ideas for activities to the executive board for planning purposes.

Report from IAFP Office: David Tharp thanked the four editors and the committee members. Approximately \$400,000 of IAFP's net reserve funds were used in the ending August 2009 year for operating costs, Web site development or diminished through investment losses. Tamara Ford left IAFP and has been replaced by Terri Haffner who has assumed her duties with Programs. Didi Loynachan has assumed more of the *JFP* responsibilities.

Report from the *Journal of Food Protection Scientific Editors:* (The complete report for Vol. 72 can be found in the January issue of the *JFP*.) Briefly, Vol. 72 of *JFP* contained 2,688 pages and 375 articles (365 research papers), compared to 2,636 pages and 369 articles in Vol. 72. So far, Vol. 73 (2010) contains 1,404 pages and 172 papers, compared to 1,592 pages and 194 papers in Vol. 72. The journal had excellent international (outside the US) contributions, with 61.6% of authors in Vol. 72 from outside the U.S. The editorial board in 2009 consisted of 148 members. Individuals interested in becoming a reviewer should submit a letter to the editors to show their interest.

New Business: A motion for the Executive Board to reappoint Elliot Ryser as scientific editor for another four-year term was approved. A motion to elect appoint Kendra Nightingale as Vice Chair of the *Journal of Food Protection (JFP)* Management Committee was made, seconded and approved.

There was a lengthy discussion about making an effort to increase the number of publications on chemical hazards associated with food in the *Journal of Food Protection*. Results of this discussion included promoting publication of articles on chemical food hazards by the Food Chemical Hazards and Food Allergy PDG through (i) announcements through AOAC meetings, (ii) incorporating sessions in IAFP Annual Meetings on chemical contamination, (iv) solicitation of submissions by the PDG and the PDG to provide co-editors with names of active researchers in the field of chemical hazards such as allergens for inclusion on the Editorial Board, and (v) delivering invitations to write review articles to leaders in the chemical hazard research field.

Didi Loynachan delivered an update on the IAFP Plagiarism Policy and the incorporation of this policy into the *JFP* Instructions for Authors. She also delivered updates on the journal impact factor and subscription (print and electronic) statistics. Specifically, the journal impact factor increased to 1.960 in 2010 from 1.763 in 2009. Details on subscriptions status were circulated in a separate document. In addition, Didi notified the group that *JFP* ranked in the top 10 titles at Ingenta Connect in full-text downloads for the months of March – June, 2010. Information was also mentioned about the 5 most popular *JFP* articles in 2009. The committee asked Didi to obtain information on the top 10 most popular articles and post the information on the IAFP Web site.

There was a lengthy discussion about open access to *Journal of Food Protection*. Based on a recommendation to the Executive Board from last year's discussion, the Board decided to set-up a mechanism to provide open access to for certain articles on an as needed basis, such as for NIH funded research that requires publication in open access journals. The fee for online access will be provided by the contributing authors. The rationale for the additional fee stemmed from revenue that would be lost from purchases on individual articles from non-subscribers and loss of print and online subscribers. It was requested that the IAFP staff further investigate the additional page charges for open access. Based on the results of this trial over the next year, the option may then be added for all articles submitted to *JFP*. In addition, the Editors discussed publishing 3–4 general interest papers per year and waiving the open access charges. In the final analysis, open access should increase the number of citations for the Journal. There was a discussion about the mechanism of reprint orders and it was determined that although hard copies of reprints are not commonly but are still requested; making reprints available to authors

(regardless of the mechanism) does not accrue costs to the journal. The consensus was to keep allowing authors to purchase reprints at anytime.

There was a discussion on establishing an award for high-impact articles and a recommendation will be made to the Executive Board to establish this type of award.

There was also a discussion about making accepted, but not published papers, available online prior to publication. It was thought that prepublication access might help increase the impact factor by providing more access to articles. However, the question of accepting a publication but not receiving payment for the page charges was raised. IAFP staff agreed to investigate a system to implement prepublication access to reviewed and accepted manuscripts.

The submission of microarray data, gene sequence data, and strains of microorganisms used in studies was discussed. The raw data from microarray studies and gene sequences should be deposited in the appropriate database (e.g., GEO), and guidance to authors to state this in the Materials and Methods section of papers will be issued. A checkbox on the submission form or added language to the instructions to authors will be used. Also, authors will be strongly encouraged to make strains available to other investigators.

A sub-committee was reappointed (pending Executive Board approval) to examine membership attitudes about modifying subscription rates, page charges, and feasibility of making *JFP* completely online. This sub-committee, if approved, will consist of Mark Harrison, Kendra Nightingale and John Bassett. Julian Cox will facilitate this effort by providing a similar recently completed survey to assess *Food Protection Trends'* readers attitudes.

Information Items to the Board:

1. The policy on plagiarism reviewed by the Committee in spring 2010 has been added to the Instructions to Authors.
2. Instructions to authors will be modified to address the following issues: (a) deposition of microarray data and gene sequences into appropriate database catalogs, and to include accession numbers in the materials and methods of submitted manuscripts, (b) authors will be encouraged to make available and share microorganisms in their studies to requesting parties.
3. The subcommittee, originally appointed in 2009, should develop and implement a survey this year to assess the attitude of journal readers regarding journal publication avenues (e.g., print vs. online, online access, and electronic publication ahead of print).

Recommendations to Executive Board:

1. Reappoint Elliot Ryser as Scientific Editor for another four-year term.
2. Approve the election of Kendra Nightingale as Vice Chair.
3. The journal should establish a mechanism for allowing online prepublication access of accepted manuscripts ahead of print through *JFP* online and should develop an appropriate mechanism to bill page charges for online publication ahead of print.
4. A mechanism for providing open access should be established for manuscripts to be supported by funds from the contributing authors. Over the next year the process will be tested for manuscripts requiring publication in open access journals, such as NIH funded research. The IAFP staff will investigate the additional fees necessary for open access. In addition, the journal should consider providing funds to allow open access for a limited number (3–4 per year) of general interest, high merit/impact papers selected by the co-Editors.
5. A Top Publication award should be developed for the most cited articles.

Next Meeting Date: IAFP 2011 Annual Meeting.

Meeting Adjourned: 12:05 p.m.

Chairperson: Margaret Hardin.