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Tori Stivers, *Affiliate Council Chair*

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View from the Chair: *New Year Brings Changes*

Happy New Year, y'all! I'm hoping that 2013 brings positive changes in your career, personal life, Affiliate and within IAFP.

Speaking of changes, you may have noticed by now that substantial changes (hopefully you'll consider them improvements) were made to the Affiliate Annual Report form and the awards criteria/descriptions. After reviewing more than 40 submitted reports last March to determine Affiliate Award recipients, the Selection Committee decided there must be an easier and less subjective way to select award-ees! Some Affiliates submitted elaborate reports with minutes of all

their executive board meetings, E-mails and other nonessential materials which made it difficult to identify information pertinent to award criteria. Other Affiliates submitted the bare minimum without any background information, which made it nearly impossible to evaluate them.

Realizing that everyone has limited time to work on Affiliate Annual Reports, it was decided to minimize the amount of information required (anticipating that more Affiliates would submit them) and let Affiliates decide which – if any – award(s) to pursue. This should aid Affiliates in

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50 Affiliates Across the Globe

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Hungary Korea Lebanon Mexico New Zealand Portugal Spain Taiwan Turkey United Arab Emirates
United Kingdom United States | Alabama Arizona Arkansas California California/Southern Capital Area Carolinas
Connecticut Florida Georgia Idaho Illinois Indiana Iowa Kansas Kentucky Michigan Minnesota/Upper Midwest Missouri
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recognizing areas in which they need improvement and help them plan and implement efforts with that goal in mind. The award selection methods were also clarified to make them more transparent for Affiliates and less subjective for the selection committee.

Please note that the deadline to submit both your Affiliate Annual Report for the calendar year 2012 (required under IAFP Bylaws) and Affiliate Award applications (optional) is **February 14, 2013**. No award applications will be considered after that date, so please don't wait until the last minute! If you want to apply for an award, we strongly recommend that you not 'dump' this task on only one person within your Affiliate, which might seem a bit overwhelming for him/her. Instead, rely upon the input from all officers and board members to help evaluate the success of your Affiliate activities for January through December 2012, which will make for a more complete – and likely more inclusive – Annual Report.

Thank you for your understanding and constructive crit-

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icism during this transition period. We hope these changes will make it easier to submit your Annual Report and determine the awards for which you are applying. My sincere appreciation goes to our IAFP Liaison **Susan Smith**, Affiliate Council Past Chair **Gloria Swick-Brown** and Affiliate Council Secretary **T.J. Fu**, who provided valuable input to and persevered through this arduous revision process. If you have questions or comments, please contact Susan at: ssmith@foodprotection.org or 800.369.6337; or me at: tstivers@uga.edu or 770.460.2506.

Last but not least, we encourage you to nominate a worthy candidate or colleague for one of the many IAFP awards to be presented at **IAFP 2013**, July 28–31 in Charlotte, North Carolina. Applications are also being accepted for the Travel Award for State or Local Health or State Agricultural Department Employees (U.S. only). And **NEW** this

year is the Travel Award for a Food Safety Professional in a Developing Country. Students studying in a food safety-related field may also apply for one of the IAFP Student Travel Scholarships to attend the 2013 Annual Meeting. Please relay this information to your Affiliate members and encourage them to nominate or apply for one of IAFP's more than 40 awards.

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All award and scholarship descriptions, criteria and forms are posted on the IAFP Web site (www.foodprotection.org). **The deadline for all award nominations and applications is Tuesday, February 26, 2013.**

Best wishes for a prosperous and healthy 2013!



Tori Stivers

Affiliate BioBrief

Michelle Danyluk

Past President, Florida Association for Food Protection



Visiting the Grand Bazaar in Istanbul, Turkey

OCCUPATION | Assistant Professor, Department of Food Science and Human Nutrition, Citrus Research and Education Center, University of Florida, Lake Alfred.

QUALIFICATIONS | B.S. in Biological Sciences, Specialization Microbiology, University of Alberta, Edmonton, Canada; M.S. in Food Science and Technology, University of Georgia, Griffin; Ph.D. in Food Science, University of California–Davis; Post Doctoral Researcher, University of California–Davis.

CAREER HIGHLIGHTS | Michelle was born and raised in Alberta, Canada and after completing her undergraduate degree, looked to move south away from the cold and snow. She began her position at the University of Florida in early 2007, fulfilling her life-long dream of living with palm trees.

As an Assistant Professor, Michelle has developed a research and extension program focusing on the microbiological safety and quality of fruit juices, fresh fruits and vegetables, and tree nuts. Her research primarily focuses on *Salmonella* in produce, along with produce production and processing environments, and the subsequent implications for public health. Michelle’s extension appointment includes involvement with teaching HACCP, CAPS and other specialized food safety, security or beverage processing programs. She has presented and published approximately 170 reports, book chapters, publications and abstracts throughout her career, and holds a patent on probiotic bacteria.

PORTFOLIO | Michelle joined IAFP as a Student Member in 2001 and attended her first Annual Meeting in San Diego, CA that year – she was hooked! She went on to serve as Vice Chair, Chair and Past Chair of IAFP’s Student Professional Development Group.

Upon moving to Florida, Michelle was excited and quick to join the ‘infamous’ Florida Association for Food Protection (FAFP) in 2007, the same year as IAFP’s Annual Meeting in Lake Buena Vista, FL. Her initiation into FAFP involved donning “Mickey Mouse gloves” and pointing attendees to the registration desk. She has served on the FAFP board, including as President-Elect, President and Past President, and is proud that FAFP received IAFP’s C.B. Shogren Memorial Award during her presidency.

Her wider IAFP involvement includes serving as Vice Chair and Chair of the *Food Protection Trends* Management Committee, judging the Developing Scientist Award Competition, and serving on the 100-Year Anniversary Committee. Michelle received the Larry Beuchat Young Researcher Award in 2010 and the President’s Recognition Award in 2011.

PERSONAL ENDEAVOURS | In her spare time, Michelle enjoys knitting, gardening and traveling, including a recent trip to Australia.

This department is reserved exclusively for article contributions by IAFP Affiliates. We invite your perspective on topics of interest to organizations and professionals dedicated to the advancement of global food safety. Send to Susan Smith at ssmith@foodprotection.org.

Affiliate *WorldView*

contributor's column



Idaho Environmental Health Association

Idaho Environmental Health Specialists Play Important Roles in Food Safety

By Jami Delmore, President

Established by the state of Idaho in 1971, the Idaho Health Districts are comprised of seven districts covering from four to eight counties each. The county sizes range from 410 square miles to 8,502 square miles. Since that time, the state's population has more than doubled, growing from 713,000 in the 1970s to 1,567,582 today. However, Idaho remains predominantly rural; its stunning geography includes high elevation desert land, thick forests, majestic mountains and canyons, and numerous rivers.

In 1973, a group of environmental health specialists and sanitarians located within the seven health districts formed the **Idaho Environmental Health Association (IEHA)**, which became an official affiliate of the **International Association for Food Protection** (then **IAMFES**) in 1979.

In the 1970s, environmental health specialists were required to be licensed, and the Board of Examiners could boast that its majority included IEHA Members. By 2000, licensure was switched to a national certification obtained through the National Environmental Health Association (NEHA).

Today, the majority of IEHA's 55 active members continue to be employed within the seven district health departments.

Today, the majority of IEHA's 55 active members continue to be employed within the seven district health departments. Though now retired, many of IEHA's original members remain active in the association. Their environmental health commitment is inspiring to those who continue to work in the field. IEHA focuses on offering programs related to food protection, sewage, solid waste and swimming pools.

Drinking water, daycares, vector control, surface water and air quality are also important topics in our organization.

IEHA strives to help educate specialists in a variety of programs. While environmental health specialists in urban areas can specialize in a main program, most health districts are in need of specialists who can work multiple programs. It is not uncommon for one specialist to handle all the food, septic and swimming pool inspections for an entire county. This same specialist is frequently called upon to also inspect solid waste sites, check daycares for food safety and basic sanitation, follow up on animal bite complaints regarding rabies, and review plans for new sub-divisions.

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Environmental and public health programs are offered through several of Idaho's educational institutions. Boise State University has an Environmental and Public Health program; Idaho State University (southeastern Idaho) provides a Public Health program; and the University of Idaho (northern Idaho) offers Environmental Science programs. We are proud that IEHA awards an annual \$500 scholarship to a worthy student in the Environmental Health or Sciences field.

We have been privileged to have an average of three or four students present their respective graduate projects each year.

This scholarship is presented during IEHA's Annual Education Conference (AEC) in Boise every March. Environmental Health students may also attend sessions at this conference free of charge for extra credit in their classes and to network with participants. We have been privileged to have an average of three or four students present their respective graduate projects each year.

During the AEC, IEHA also holds its annual business meeting, where the Environmental Health Specialist of the Year is announced and presented with an award. Retiring members are also recognized and presentations of their contributions are made. Executive Board Members, including three area repre-



sentatives (north, southwestern, and south-central/eastern Idaho), are voted into office every two years. Area rep posts are frequently held by district health members; however, one position this year is held by the Onsite Wastewater Coordinator at the Idaho Department of Environmental Quality. Area reps may hold a fall meeting in their respective areas that can include educational sessions. The Affiliate's President-Elect serves a two-year term and coordinates the following year's conference before moving up on the board to serve another two years as President.

IEHA encourages vendors, those working in state and federal government and all others working in areas of environmental health to join our association for the opportunity to learn, share and network.

This year's current President-Elect, **Patrick Guzzle**, is the Food Program Coordinator for the State of Idaho (under Health and Welfare).

The IEHA 2013 Annual Education Conference is scheduled for March 13-14 at Boise State University. This year, the Idaho Solid Waste Association will offer a special two-day composting session in concurrence with the regular IEHA conference. If you are a current member or are in the area, we invite you to attend.

IEHA encourages vendors, those working in state and federal government and all others working in areas of environmental health to join our association for the opportunity to learn, share and network. Details on and registration for our Annual Education Conference, online donations for our annual scholarship award, and membership registration can all be completed on the IEHA Web site at: www.ieha.wildapricot.org. We also have a link to our Web site's home page listed on the IAFP Web site.

Feel free to visit us and read more about IEHA!



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Affiliates in the Spotlight

Featuring your communications with IAFP



Take the spotlight!

To be featured here in the next issue, send your news and photos by March 15 to: ssmith@foodprotection.org.

Contributors

Chinese Association for Food Protection in North America: Members Helping Members

Reported by Zhinong Yan, Past President

The **Chinese Association for Food Protection in North America (CAFPNA)** held its Annual Meeting on July 24 during **IAFP 2012** in Providence, Rhode Island. Approximately 60 attendees were welcomed by (then) President-Elect



The Chinese Association for Food Protection in North America held its Annual Meeting on July 24 during IAFP 2012 in Providence, Rhode Island.

Katie Swanson and IAFP Executive Director **David Tharp**. On behalf of IAFP, both encouraged CAFPNAs to help build the bridge for food safety professionals in China and to continue to improve the growth of membership within the Association.

President **Zhinong Yan** reported activities from the past year and briefly introduced the new structures of CAFPNAs, consisting of student, academia, government, and industry committees. He also discussed the WebEx for communication and education among the members, co-hosting the symposium and roundtable session of the 2012 **China International Food Safety and Quality Conference + Expo**, and offered the Affiliate's assistance to form an IAFP Affiliate in China.

Wang Haiqiang and **Tang Silin**, Student Committee Chairs, summarized the survey conducted online with student members regarding their needs for professional development, including current research directions, preference of job locations, and necessary knowledge and skills required for job searches and interviews. The survey provoked an active discussion among members who work in industry, academia and government in North America and China, and provided students with valuable suggestions, including a mentor plan which echoed enthusiastically among those in attendance. Several members, including a few recent postdoctoral associates and/or students now employed as assistant professors and industry research scientists, volunteered to act as mentors, which was well received.

With respect to next year's plan, members would like to see education programs offered such as workshops, webinars, expertise awareness, and Web site designing. These programs will provide better communication among members and more exposure to those interested in CAFPNAs.

The new slate of officers includes:

- President: **Tong-Jen (T.J.) Fu***
- Vice President: **Li Ma***
- Past President: **Zhinong Yan***
- Secretary: **Ruiqing Yang***
- Treasurer: **Zuoxing Zheng***
- Delegate: **Zhinong Yan***

Newly-elected officers will be approved by members through E-mail communications within the next few months. Further conversation and communication took place among 50 Members dining at a local Chinese restaurant.

Brazil Association for Food Protection: Symposium Provides Wealth of Information

Reported by Maria Teresa Destro, President & Delegate

With support from the Advanced Research Center in



Food Science and Nutrition (NAPAN), the **Brazil Association for Food Protection (BAFP)** organized the **XI ABRAPA (BAFP) International Symposium on Food Safety**. The event was held at the Faculty of Pharmaceutical Sciences of the University of São Paulo (FCF-USP) on September 17. Renowned national and international

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al professors and scientists who delivered presentations throughout the day on the following topics include:

- ◆ *The Importance of Animal Health Control in Microbiological Safety* – **Luis Nero**, University of Vicosa, Brazil;
- ◆ *Quality: What, Where and How? Intelligent Control of Multiple Barriers for the Efficient Conservation of Foods* – **Mikhail Chikindas**, State University of New Jersey, USA;
- ◆ *Identifying the Enemy: The Use of Molecular Sub-Typing to Solve the Puzzle of the Microbiological Safety of Food* – **Atin Datta**, FSAN/FDA, USA;
- ◆ *Detection of Outbreaks of Foodborne Diseases – Today’s Reality and the Promises of the Future* – **Don Zink**, FSAN/FDA, USA and IAFP Vice President; and
- ◆ *Food Safety in the Dairy Industry* – **Ana Fonseca** and **Paula Pimenta**, Danone, Brazil.

The high-quality and interesting presentations were in front of more than 70 participants, who had the opportunity to discuss relevant issues and ‘doubts’ on the different areas. The Symposium was supported by bioMérieux, SFDK Laboratory, Eurofins and 3M do Brasil.

New York State Association for Food Protection: Celebrating 89 Years!

Reported by Janene Lucia, Secretary/Contact



The 89th Annual Meeting for the **New York State Association for Food Protection (NYSAFP)** was held September 18–20 at the

Double Tree Hotel in East Syracuse. Approximately 150 members, spouses and guests were in attendance to hear various speakers in numerous sessions, including a Thursday morning concurrent breakout session for Food, Field and Laboratory.

The meeting opened with a welcoming address by **Mike Cambridge**, NYS Department of Health, followed by the presidential address from **Marsha Koerner**. **Philip McMichael**, Cornell



Kathryn Boor received the Emmett R. Gauh Memorial Award from David Bandler. The Association’s highest award is given to a member in good standing who has made a significant contribution to NYSAFP or in their field of endeavor.



Jeffrey Hassan, Undergraduate, Cornell University, College of Agriculture & Life Science, received one of two scholarships awarded by NYSAFP. Robin Waite made the presentations.

University, discussed “Why and How is Agriculture Now Central to the Sustainability Question.” **Ron Gardner**, also from Cornell, followed with “Overview on Integrated Pest Management.” **Joseph Corby**, Association of Food & Drug Officials, presented the “International Food Protection Training Institute – Training Resource; Food Safety Integration.”

After lunch, the General Session continued with “Catastrophic Loss Scenarios in Food Processing – How to Bulletproof Your Plant, Your Brand & Your Job,” presented by **Carl LaFrate**, ProCheck Food Safety. “Kosher Compliance – Orthodox Union” was presented by **Rabbi Heimowitz**. **Kim Bukowski**, Randolph Associates, Inc., discussed differences between SQF 7th vs. the 6th edition. **Steve Murphy**, Cornell University, closed out the afternoon session with an overview of the Cornell Foods Science Dairy Extension Certificate Program.

The Awards Banquet was held that evening. Award recipients were:

- Kathryn Boor:** Emmett R. Gauh Memorial Award
- John Luker:** William Hickey Memorial Award
- Leslie Ball:** Theodore H. Reich Memorial Award
- Robin Waite:** Education and Professional Improvement Meritorious Service Award
- Kennedy “Skip” Wilson:** Howard B. Marlatt Memorial Award
- Western New York Association of Sanitarians:** George “Sid” Miller Memorial Affiliate Award
- Jeffrey Hassan and Jordan Marzouk:** Students at Cornell University: NYSAFP Scholarships

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Newly-elected officers for 2012–2013 include:

President: **John Luker**

President-Elect: **John DiBlasi**

Past President: **Marsha Koerner**

Secretary/Contact: **Janene Lucia**

Delegate: **Steve Murphy**

Washington Association for Food Protection: Various Topics Create a Full Agenda for Attendees

Reported by *Shane Erickson, President*

The Washington Association for Food Protection



(WAFFP) held its Annual Meeting September 19–21 at Camp-

bell's Resort at Lake Chelan. This year's meeting was packed with great topics and information, from probiotics to Washington distilled spirits – something for everyone who battle bacteria! The agenda included a segment presented by **Bruce Clark** from the Marler Clark, LLP law firm about the legal ramifications associated with a foodborne illness outbreak. Updated information included outbreaks associated with Jack in the Box and with 2012's foodborne illness outbreak from contaminated cantaloupe. After this segment, it became quite clear why meetings like this are important to hold every year!

Other speakers touched on allergen prevention plans, bed bugs and pantry pests, and antimicrobial application in the meat and vegetable processing industry. With *Listeria* contamination continuing to be an issue for everyone in the food industry, the timely update on this bacteria and effective environmental monitoring was provided by a panel of food safety experts.

Representatives from the FDA, WSDA and the Washington State Department of Health also presented a great overview of issues and projects currently in process to address food safety in the state.

Newly-elected WAFFP officers for the 2012–2013 term are:

President: **Kurt Larson**

President-Elect: **Cathie Farrell**

Past President: **Shane Erickson**

Secretary/Treasurer: **Stephanie Olmsted**

Delegate: **Karen Killinger**

As WAFFP begins to develop its 2013 Annual Meeting, industry specialists are invited to be a part of this meeting speaking in respective areas of expertise. Everyone learns when information is shared, and WAFFP looks forward to seeing you in Lake Chelan in 2013!

Iowa Association for Food Protection: Long-term Members Honored

Reported by *Lynne Melchert, Secretary/Treasurer, Contact*

The Iowa Association for Food Protection (IAFP) met October 9–10 at the Quality Inn & Suites in Ames for the Association's 2012 Annual Meeting.

Student scholarships were presented to **Katie Steinlage** and **Jordan Hunt**. **Randy Stephenson** was presented with the Merle P. Baker Award. Those receiving 20-Year Membership Awards were **Jimmy Clark**, **Lynne Melchert** and **Jim Mills**.

IAFP officers elected to serve in 2012–2013 are:

President: **Dave Brown**

Vice President Pro-Tem: **John Feldmann**

Past President: **Merle Bontrager**

First Vice President: **Lisa Wiley**

Second Vice President: **Kevin Hanger**

Secretary/Treasurer: **Lynn Melchert**

The 2013 Annual Meeting is scheduled for October 8–9.



Top Photo: IAFP President Merle Bontrager presents the Merle P. Baker Award to Randy Stephenson.

Center and Bottom Photos: President Merle Bontrager presents 20-Year Membership Awards to Jimmy Clark and Lynne Melchert.

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Nebraska Association for Food Protection: From Bovines to Bees...and More!

Reported by Elizabeth Burmester, President



NAFP

The 2012 Annual Meeting of the **Nebraska Association for Food Protection (NAFP)** was a tremendous success, with more than 50 members in attendance to network, learn and have some fun! Held on October 18 at the Thompson Alumni Center on the University of Nebraska–Omaha campus, attendees were welcomed by incoming President **Jeremy Lohrman**, outgoing President **Elizabeth Burmester** and Board Member **Lori Byrne**.



Don Schaffner (pictured above), Extension Specialist in Food Science, Professor at Rutgers University and IAFP President-Elect, reviewed the benefits of IAFP. He also talked about food safety risks of *Salmonella*. **Rod Johnson**, Midwest Dairy Association, and **Dale Rice**, owner of Prairie Land Dairy, spoke about food safety risks on the farm and talked about the dairy. **Margi Fletcher**, owner of "It's All About Bees!," a family-owned business specializing in creating unique recipes based on old-fashioned favorites along with new and exciting food experiences, discussed the food safety risks and preventions used in the business. **Jeyamkondan Subbiah**, a food engineer, discussed ways to

use technology to monitor food temperatures. **Lisa Leier-McHugh**, Strategic Account Manager with Roka Bioscience, gave an overview of the wide variety of testing systems that the company offers to clients.

Officers elected for the 2012–2013 term are:

President: **Jeremy Lohrman**

Past President: **Elizabeth Burmester**

Secretary: **Amy Kerby**

Treasurer: **Penny Mack**

Delegate: **Elizabeth Burmester**

Alabama Association for Food Protection: Full Lineup with Twelve Speakers

Reported by Tom McCaskey, Delegate

Eighty-three attendees participated in the Annual Conference of the **Alabama Association for Food Protection (AAFP)**, held November 15 at the Marriott Legends Hotel in Prattville. 2012 marked AAFP's 24th year as a chartered IAFP Affiliate. The conference was preceded on November 14 by the Alabama Food Supervisors Workshop, which provides a forum for state and county health professionals to discuss and receive updated information about food inspection and reporting practices. Workshop speakers included **Lindsey Leverett**, Regional Compliance Manager for Food Safety Programs for Walmart, who talked about the company's food safety programs; **Phyllis Fenn**, Training Program Coordinator for the Alabama Department of Public Health, who discussed food process variance approval for hazardous foods; and **Mark Sestak**, Director of Food and Lodging for the Alabama Department of Public Health, who presented an update on the new web-based system for food establishment inspection reporting.

AAFP's Annual Meeting featured 12 speakers. **Britton Ashmore**, AAFP President, opened the conference by welcoming new members, then introduced **Neil Bogart**, Manufacturing Quality Systems Manager for Red Diamond, Inc. Neil discussed how he transitioned the Red Diamond Coffee and Tea Company into a HACCP-based, food safety-compliant company. Coffee and tea are not considered to be potentially biologically hazardous beverages, but physical hazards such as wood, glass and metal fragments can be potential hazards. **Kate Davis**, Global Strategic Marketing Manager for Lonza Global, a multi-national company headquartered in Switzerland, discussed the different classes of sanitizers used as antimicrobials in food industries. **Ron Grimes**, Manager of Environmental Health Programs for the National Sanitation Foundation (NSF), presented the rationale and development of the new slicer design to improve sanitation of slicers such as those used in delis to prepare ready-to-eat meats. NSF International is an accredited, third-party certification body that tests

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Dorothy Westmoreland (center) received the AAFP G.M. Gallaspy Food Safety Scholarship at the AAFP 2012 Annual Meeting. Pictured with her is Jacqueline Summer Beard, AAFP Scholarship Committee Member, and G.M. Gallaspy, Milk and Food Processing Branch Director for the AL Department of Public Health and the award's namesake.

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and certifies products to verify that they meet public health and safety standards. Products that meet these standards bear the NSF mark.

Tom McCaskey, AAFP Delegate, discussed the benefits of membership in IAFFP and how AAFP has benefitted from its chartered association with it. Since its affiliation, AAFP has received two awards – in 1989 for Membership and in 2011 for Best Affiliate Overall Program. Tom emphasized how AAFP must continue to meet IAFFP’s affiliate criteria to remain in good standing.

Jacqueline Summer Beard, AAFP President-Elect and member of the AAFP Scholarship Committee, presented the G.M. Gallaspy Food Safety Scholarship to **Dorothy Westmoreland**, a senior at Auburn University majoring in food science.

Following lunch, the program continued with **Dan Roberts**, Executive Director of the Alabama Brewers Guild, discussing the growing number of startup local breweries in the state, along with best practices for tap rooms and requirements to become a licensed brewer. **Janet Buffer**, Senior Food Safety Manager at Kroger Company, spoke on “Cold ‘Train’ Management.” This



AAFP elected new officers at their 2012 Annual Meeting. Shown above (from left): Britton Ashmore, Past President; Jacqueline Summer Beard, President; Jean Weese, Vice President; and Tom McCaskey, Delegate. Not shown: Tom Lunsford, President-Elect, and Karen Crawford, Secretary/Treasurer.

informative presentation discussed the all-in personnel management training program to educate and emphasized the importance of certain principles of refrigeration to ensure food safety and reduce energy costs. Janet was a participant on the Kroger team, which received the prestigious IAFFP Black Pearl Award at **IAFFP 2012** in Providence, Rhode Island.

The Alabama Food Safety Task Force Partners presented updates on food safety initiatives in the state. Reports came from four departments of Alabama government, the Alabama Cooperative Extension System, Auburn University Food Systems Initiative and the regional FDA agency. The Task Force is a coalition of federal and state agencies and academy professionals who deliberate food safety issues and plan strategies to address the issues.

Drawings for door prizes and the IAFFP membership certificate took place. **Jeff Black**, Colbert County Health Department, received the membership certificate. The AAFP Annual Meeting concluded with a business meeting and election of the following officers for 2013:

- President:* **Jacqueline Summer Beard**
- President-Elect:* **Tom Lunsford**
- Vice President:* **Jean Weese**
- Past President:* **Britton Ashmore**
- Secretary/Treasurer:* **Karen Crawford**
- Delegate:* **Tom McCaskey**

Ontario Food Protection Association: Learning by Listening

Reported by Victoria Rosa, Contact

The 54th **Ontario Food Protection Association (OFPA)** Annual Meeting was held November 21 in Mississauga, Ontario. Attendees had the opportunity to hear several excellent speakers and were also able to visit OFPA’s Sustaining Corporate Members’ booths at the Trade Show.

The morning’s theme was “The Changing Regulatory Environment,” moderated by **Jeff Hall** from Metro Ontario, Inc. **Mark Burgham**, Canadian Food Inspection Agency, presented “Strengthened Oversight of Imports,” which focused on new guidelines and requirements for non-federally-registered companies who desire to import food products/ingredients into Canada.

Tony Amalfa, Ontario Ministry Health and Long-Term Care, spoke on “An Ontario Regulatory Update,” regarding the support provided through public health-related offices for food safety initiatives in Ontario. Recent initiatives require that training must be available for food handlers in each public health unit jurisdiction.

Surinder Saini, Canadian Food Inspection Agency, presented “CFIA’s Control Programs for STECs (Shiga Toxin-Producing *E. coli*) in Beef Products,” that discussed the risk mitigation strategies which exist in the federal food inspection system in reference to STEC in the beef industry. **Luc Bourbonniere**, Health Canada, spoke on “Novelty Determination of High-Pressure Processing (HPP)-Treated Food Products.” This presentation focused on novel foods and how claims are made regarding their validation and the risks created by using HPP.

The afternoon’s theme, “Hot Topics,” was moderated by **Richard Meldrum**, Ryerson University. **Gordon Hayburn**, SAI Canada, used his contagious Scottish humor while speaking on “Allergen Changes and Challenges.” He spoke about how major allergens are different in various countries and how the science to detect allergens can

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improve while acceptable levels and levels of detection decrease.

Ron Judge, J4 Consulting Services, gave insight with “Aftermath of a Plant Recall – People, Processes and Procedures,” explaining how various types of recalls are handled differently by various media reporting.

In her presentation, “Recovering from Disaster,” **Rita Fajardo**, Oakrun Farms, related how the 2007 fire at Oakrun led to building a better facility with improved procedures in place for food safety.

“Understanding Waste Water Treatment for the Food Industry,” presented by **Larry Kropf**, Sustainable Effluent Solutions, gave the audience a better understanding of various steps in waste water treatment options for the food industry.

During the Business Meeting, the 2013 Board of Directors was introduced and departing members were thanked for their past contributions. 2012 President **Marc Charlton** passed the gavel to **Jeff Hall**, incoming President. **Keith Warriner** presented OFPA scholarships. **Larry Taves**, Piller’s Fine Foods, received the OFPA Sanitarian of the Year Award, commenting that the term ‘sanitarian’ was considered a lower



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form of labor 20 years ago but has evolved to become an intricate science profession.

Victoria Rosa, Executive Director, received the OFPA Award of Merit for her tireless efforts to keep the Board of Directors on task, providing a consistent flow of information to Affiliate members and serving as a loyal support person at all OFPA-hosted functions and events.

Newly-elected OFPA officers include:

- President:* **Jeff Hall**
- Vice President:* **Keith Warriner**
- Past President:* **Marc Charlton**
- Secretary/Treasurer:* **Diana Bennett**
- Delegate:* **Jeff Hall**

News Briefs

Olmsted Receives IAFP Recognition



Stephanie Olmsted recently received an IAFP Certificate of Appreciation on behalf of the IAFP Affiliate Council for “14 years of consecutive service and dedication as Delegate for the **Washington Association for Food Protection** and for her numerous contributions to the IAFP Affiliate Council, including serving as Affiliate Council Chairperson (2005).” The certificate was signed by **Tori Stivers**, 2012–2013 Affiliate Council Chairperson, **David Tharp**, IAFP Executive Director, and **Katie Swanson**, IAFP President.

Since joining IAFP in 1995, Stephanie has served on several awards selection committees, including the Black Pearl Award and the Harold Barnum Industry Award.

Stephanie currently serves as WAFFP’s Secretary/Treasurer.



Three IAFP Affiliates held meetings during IAFP 2012 in Providence, Rhode Island, including the Chinese Association for Food Protection in North America (see summary and photo on page 6), the Africa Association for Food Protection (pictured above) and the Korea Association of Food Protection (pictured below).



IAFP Headlines

Upcoming Deadlines Affiliate Annual Reports

Affiliate officers now have only a few weeks to complete and submit their Affiliate's 2012 calendar year Annual Report. **Deadline is Thursday, February 14, 2013.**

By now, all officers have received several electronic reminders to comply with IAFP Bylaws by submitting their respective association's Annual Report. (*Instructions, including the updated form to make both submitting and the awards selection process easier, were E-mailed in October from the IAFP office to all Affiliate officers.*)

Please remember that each Affiliate's President and Delegate are required to be active IAFP Members while serving. Before completing and submitting your Annual Report, verify your Membership status at www.foodprotection.org. Active Membership for Delegates and Presidents will be taken into consideration by the Selection Committee when selecting recipients for the five Affiliate Awards, to be presented at **IAFP 2013** in Charlotte, North Carolina July 28–31.

Contact **Susan Smith** at ssmith@foodprotection.org with questions.

IAFP Awards and Scholarships

Do you know a worthy candidate to nominate for one of the many IAFP awards presented each year at Annual Meeting? If so, there's still time to submit a nomination.

In addition, IAFP and the IAFP Foundation are sponsoring two different

Travel Awards this year – the **Travel Award for State or Local Health or State Agricultural Department Employees** (U.S. only), and the **Travel Award for a Food Safety Professional in a Developing Country** (*NEW this year!*). Nomination and application forms and criteria for all Awards can be found on our Web site at: <http://www.foodprotection.org/about-us/awards/>.

Applications are also being accepted for the **Student Travel Scholarship**. If you know of a full-time student enrolled in a college or university food safety-related degree program, please encourage him/her to apply. Recipients will receive travel funds to attend **IAFP 2013**. Criteria and the application form can be found on our Web site at: <http://www.foodprotection.org/students/student-travel-scholarship/>.

All 2013 award nominations and applications are due in the IAFP office by the February 26 deadline.

International Meetings

IAFP maintained its high visibility and solid reputation throughout 2012 by hosting, sponsoring or participating in more than a half-dozen food safety conferences around the globe. Content and timeliness contributed to highly successful meetings held on five continents, bringing together thousands of professionals with one goal: *to protect the world's food supply.*

During the last few months of the year, four key international meetings were held. Istanbul, Turkey hosted more than 700 attendees at the **23rd International ICFMH Symposium**

(FoodMicro 2012) September 3–7. Addressing global issues in food microbiology, this symposium was organized by the Istanbul Technical University and supported in part by IAFP.

The **1st Peru Foundation International Forum on Food Safety (FIIA)** collaborated with the **3rd IAFP Latin American Symposium on Food Safety** in Lima, Peru, October 25–26. More than 400 attendees were on hand.

Two weeks later, the 6th annual **China International Food Safety & Quality Conference + Expo** brought together more than 700 food safety professionals in Shanghai. IAFP is proud to be a global partner of this two-day conference, held November 7–8.

Lastly, **MICROAL 2012**, a key international event on food microbiology, took place November 26–29 in Buenos Aires, Argentina with 450 participants. IAFP President Katie Swanson and IAFP Executive Director David Tharp attended to collaborate with Latin American food safety congress organizers.



Affiliate Calendar

Let IAFF help advertise your meetings on our Web site and in our publications. Submit your event details directly to our online calendar, or E-mail to ssmith@foodprotection.org.

Affiliates in Action Fourth Quarter 2012

October

- ◆ New Jersey Association for Food Protection
- ◆ Iowa Association for Food Protection
- ◆ Nebraska Association for Food Protection
- ◆ Associated Illinois Milk, Food and Environmental Sanitarians
- ◆ North Dakota Environmental Health Association

November

- ◆ Alabama Association for Food Protection
- ◆ Ontario Food Protection Association

December

- ◆ Southern California Association for Food Protection

IAFF Affiliates are making things happen – and we want to share it here in the *Affiliate View*! We invite your meeting articles, photos and any news that recognizes the achievements of your association or of its individual Members.

To be featured in the next issue, send your news and photos by **March 15** to Susan Smith at ssmith@foodprotection.org.

January 2013

23: *British Columbia Food Protection Association*, 2013 Annual General Meeting, Delta Burnaby Hotel & Conference Center, Burnaby, British Columbia. Visit <http://www.bcfpa.net/>.

30: *Ohio Association for Food Protection*, 2013 Winter Meeting, Ohio Dept. of Agriculture, 8955 E. Main St., Reynoldsburg, OH. Visit www.ohiofoodprotection.org/.

February 2013

19-21: *Kentucky Association of Milk, Food & Environmental Sanitarians*, 43rd Annual KAMFES Educational Conference, Griffin Gate Marriott Resort & Spa, Lexington, KY. Visit www.kamfes.com.

March 2013

7: *Georgia Association for Food Protection*, 2013 Spring Meeting, Chick-fil-A Headquarters, 5200 Buffington Rd., Atlanta, GA. Visit www.gaafp.org/.

13-14: *Idaho Environmental Health Association*, 2013 Annual Education Conference, Boise State University, Boise, ID. Visit www.ieha.wildapricot.org/.

19-22: *Michigan Environmental Health Association*, 2013 Annual Education Conference, Royal Park Hotel, Rochester, MI. Visit <http://meha.net>.

April 2013

3-5: *Missouri Milk, Food and Environmental Health Association*, 2013 Annual Education Conference, Stoney Creek Inn, Columbia, MO. Visit www.mmfeha.org.

18: *Indiana Environmental Health Association*, 2013 Spring Conference, Fort Harrison State Park Inn, Indianapolis, IN. Contact Tami Barrett at 317.797.3255.

18: *Ontario Food Protection Association*, 2013 Spring Meeting, Mississauga Convention Centre, Mississauga Ontario. Visit <http://www.ofpa.on.ca/>.

May 2013

1: *New Jersey Association for Food Protection*, 2013 Spring Meeting, Cook Campus Center, Rutgers University, New Brunswick, NJ. Visit www.njfoodprotection.org.

June 2013

4-5: *Texas Association for Food Protection*, 2013 Annual Meeting, Omni Austin Hotel Southpark, Austin, TX. Visit <http://texasfoodprotection.tamu.edu/>.

IAFF Support for Affiliate Meetings

Whether to complement the mission and promotional materials of your Affiliate, or to show your relationship with the International Association for Food Protection, we offer the following supplies for use or distribution at your meetings:

- ◆ **Tri-fold display.** This attractive table-top exhibit display shows attendees that you are affiliated with IAFF.
- ◆ **IAFF 2012-2013 Presentation.** A PowerPoint slide show with a suggested 15-minute script. This is the same presentation used by members of the IAFF Executive Board when invited to speak at Affiliate meetings.
- ◆ **Promotional materials box.** Contents include a complimentary IAFF Membership certificate and brochures, current issues of *FPT* and *JFP*, and IAFF Annual Meeting flyers. Additional complimentary resources are available upon your request.

To request these items for your next meeting, call or E-mail Susan Smith at the IAFF Office.

IAFP Executive Board Speaker Program

for Affiliates



**Katherine M.J. Swanson, Ph.D., KMJ Swanson Food Safety, Inc.,
*President***

- ◆ Food Safety Management at Retail—Practical Implications
- ◆ Norovirus – Plan, Prepare, Prevent
- ◆ Useful Microbiological Testing for Food Safety Management



Donald Schaffner, Rutgers University, *President-Elect*

- ◆ Understanding and Managing Food Safety Risks
- ◆ Quantitative Microbial Risk Assessment of Foods
- ◆ Development and Application of Predictive Models for Food Microbiology



**Don Zink, U.S. Food & Drug Administration - CFSAN
*Vice President***

- ◆ Microbial Food Safety
- ◆ Preventive Controls in Food Poisoning
- ◆ Food Safety Research Strategy and Future Needs



Isabel Walls, Ph.D., *Past President*

- ◆ Food Safety Risk Assessment
- ◆ Food Defense
- ◆ Role of Food Safety in International Trade



Alejandro Mazzotta, Campbell Soup Company, *Secretary*

- ◆ Food Safety Management Systems
- ◆ Microbial Food Safety & Thermal Processing
- ◆ Process Validation – Training Programs



**Tori Stivers, University of Georgia
*Affiliate Council Chair***

- ◆ *Vibrio* Infections and Molluscan Shellfish
- ◆ Seafood Safety Education
- ◆ Seafoodborne Illness



**Tong-Jen (T.J.) Fu, U.S. Food and Drug Administration
*Affiliate Council Secretary***

- ◆ Sprout and Fresh Produce Safety: Pathogen Detection and Intervention Strategies
- ◆ Managing Allergens in Food
- ◆ Role of Researchers Related to Science-based Food Safety Standards

How It Works

1. IAFP Board Members are available to speak at Affiliate meetings on numerous topics involving food safety.
2. Each Affiliate may request one Executive Board speaker for one Affiliate meeting within a 12-month calendar year.
3. A minimum of 15 minutes should be allowed for the Board Member to deliver information about the International Association for Food Protection in addition to their main subject(s) (see #1).
4. IAFP will pay the Board Member's expense to travel to the Affiliate meeting location.
5. The Affiliate covers local expenses, including meals, lodging, and local transportation for the Board Member.
6. The Board Member makes their own travel reservations and will submit an expense report to the IAFP office within 10 days of completion of their travel to the Affiliate meeting. Any local expense (see #5) will be billed to the Affiliate.
7. A two-month advance notice is required.
8. To invite a Board Member to speak at your Affiliate meeting, contact Susan Smith, IAFP Affiliate Services, at +1 800.369.6337 or +1 515.276.3344 or E-mail ssmith@foodprotection.org.



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- Wine Gift Sets

As you consider your donation, please keep in mind that most attendees travel by air.

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IAFP 2014, August 3–6, Indianapolis, IN
IAFP 2015, July 26–29, Portland, OR
IAFP 2016, July 31–August 3, St. Louis, MO

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