



Food Law PDG

The word “law” may sound intimidating, dry, or even boring to someone exploring professional development groups; however, the Food Law PDG is not like that – it is welcoming, vibrant, diverse, and full of opportunities for professional development, networking, meaningful dialog and action! Law, in a close tie with economics, is at the heart of almost any issue we face in our communities, society, nation, or in the global food system. Law is also one of the most effective tools for creating a healthy, safe, and ethical society.

The Food Law Professional Development Group tackles tough issues associated with how food rules, regulations, and policies impact industry, consumers, government and how they affect or are integrated with other aspects of public health like nutrition and chronic disease prevention. Food Law members also are involved with protection of the food supply from unintentional and intentional threats and address fraud, unfair trade practices and risk.

Our international, multi-sectorial, diverse membership is dedicated to providing an international forum for the exchange of information on the scientific issues associated with food laws, regulations and policy. We represent a wide range of fields and professions in the areas of law, risk management, large and small scale food businesses, fisheries, dairy, packaging, ingredients producers, sanitation, chemicals, veterinary medicine, food banks,

animal welfare, farming, marketing, communications, consulting, rural development, climate and environment, food defense, biosecurity, information management, education and training, trade, airlines, flavors, software, steel, non-governmental food protection and federal, state, and local regulatory agencies across the globe.

Food Law has history of contributions to the field of food protection and IAFFP. Recently, we’ve worked with other PDGs and partners on webinars and symposia on *Salmonella*, incentives for food safety performance, integration of food safety and food security, measuring regulatory effectiveness, safe irrigation during shortages, global burden of foodborne disease, and FSMA. We are busy working to share information and create dialog on topics such as food safety negligence, agricultural law, the definition of healthy food, food system sustainability, regulatory success in developing nations, new and emerging national food safety system similar to FSMA, lessons learned nationally and internationally implementing FSMA a year later, intersections between nutrition, food protection, and sustainability, global produce safety, making resources available and accessible, trade agreements and food protection and collaborating with international affiliates.

We invite you to explore and become a member of the Food Law PDG! **Please click here to learn more.**