

## **International Food Protection Issues PDG**

**Members Present:** Bobby Krishna (Chair), Leon Gorris (minutes), Bassam Annous, Patrice Arbault, Leslie Bourquin, Julia Bradsher, DeAnnBenesh, Bob Buchanan, Roger Cook, Maria Teresa Destro, Emilio Esteban, Jeff Farber, Tong-Jen Fu, Judy Greig, John Guzewich, Li Ma, Charles Muyanja, Linda Leake, Ravinder Reddy, James O'Donnell, Jenny Scott, Lee-Yan Sheen, Xianming Shi, Christopher Snabes, Keng Ngee Teoh, Ewen Todd, Pamela Wilger, Ian Jenson and Deon Mahoney.

**Board Members Present:** Tim Jackson, Alejandro Mazzota, Mickey Parish and Linda Harris.

**New Members Present:** Sally Hasell, Ken Davenport, Karim-Franck Khinouche, Jamuna Bai Aswathanarayan, Yanying Pan, Eb Chiarini, Douglas Abbott, Weilin Shelver, Luz Alzate, Suzanne Mailman, Amarat Simonne, Katie Swanson, Amie Minor, Marcos Sanchez, Teressa Lopez, Alex Wladyszewski, Pratheeba Yogendrarajah, Terence Lau, Peter Hibbard, Lori Hodge, Isaac Rukundo, Olivier Kamana, Desmond Mugadza and Alvin Lee.

**Visitors Present:** Becky Thompson, Janeth Luna, Angelica Monarrez, Brenda Keavey, Clare Narrod, John Heller, Rick Barney, David Swanson, Philip Gurman and Katherine Mieszkowski.

**Meeting Called to Order:** 2:33 p.m., Friday, July 24, 2015.

**Recording Secretary of Minutes:** Leon Gorris.

Bobby Krishna, Chair, opened the meeting welcoming members, new members and visitors. He reminded the participants of the purpose of the meeting and presented the proposed agenda, which was accepted.

On behalf of the Board, Tim Jackson welcomed the attendees. He noted the significant increase in IAFP membership and encouraged the PDG to think of opportunities to stage webinars.

**Old Business:** The minutes of the 2014 PDG Meeting were adopted as written.

### **New Business:**

1. The meeting voted Leon Gorris into the vacant position of Vice Chair of the PDG. Leon is with Unilever, based in The Netherlands.
2. The Chair identified relevant IAFP 2015 Program Highlights and encouraged members to attend those sessions.
3. Updates from International Organizations. On behalf of Sarah Cahill (FAO) and Peter Ben Embarak (WHO), the Chair informed the meeting of recent activities: food safety and food security, antimicrobial resistance, Codex and food safety work on scientific advice, capacity development and Emergency Prevention and Response. Some specific work includes: ranking of low moisture foods from a microbiological food safety perspective (a paper in *JFP* is forthcoming), hazards in animal feed, shellfish sanitation systems, the mycotoxin sampling tool and the FAO/WHO Chronic Individual Food Consumption Data summary statistics (details are available at [www.fao.org/food/food-safety-quality/home-page/en/](http://www.fao.org/food/food-safety-quality/home-page/en/) or via email: [foodquality@fao.org](mailto:foodquality@fao.org); [sarah.cahill@fao.org](mailto:sarah.cahill@fao.org)). Also, communication products related to the World Health Day dedicated to Food Safety (7 April 2015) are available at [www.who.int/foodsafety](http://www.who.int/foodsafety) and the FERG initiative to estimate the global burden of Foodborne disease is in its final phase of publication with a seminar planned in the

Netherlands ([www.rivm.nl/fergsymposium](http://www.rivm.nl/fergsymposium)).

4. Leon Gorris updated on ICMSF activities, noting that ICMSF is finalizing the revision of ICMSF book 7 on risk management metrics and useful testing; seeking members' support for the relevance of new work of ICMSF on establishing a practical guide to the ICMSF sampling plan tool.
5. Roger Cook updated the attendees on regulatory advances in New Zealand. Promulgation into law of a new risk-based Food Act styled on the successful Animal Products Act (1989). To be implemented March 2016. Development of a Food Reform Bill that addresses traceability, electronic records and legal accessibility to records held by organisations not under the various food Acts. Passing into law of new requirements for manufacture and sale of raw drinking milk, designed to minimize hazard levels and exposure, while providing access to those that would otherwise still seek out raw drinking milk.
6. Developments in Australia were noted by Deon Mahony (new food labelling scheme; COOL triggered by incidents; raw milk policy decisions) and Ian Jenson (Australian Food Microbiology Congress end of Aug. 2015).
7. Bobby Krishna provided an update on the recent developments and initiatives in the Middle Eastern region. The recent changes in the policy on shelf life and the impact on food safety and security was highlighted. Bobby also introduced the 10<sup>th</sup> Dubai International Food Safety Conference that would be held from the 25–28 of October, 2015.
8. Affiliate updates. Lee-Yan Sheen represented the Taiwan Food Protection Association affiliate. He noted the new Food Safety Act under development in Taiwan (4<sup>th</sup> revision) and TFPA hosting the 6<sup>th</sup> international conference on nutrition and physical activity ([www.napa2015.org.tw](http://www.napa2015.org.tw)). Keng Ngee Teoh represented the new Singapore Food Protection Association and alerted the PDG about the Asia Pacific Food Safety Symposium co-organized by SFPA and ILSI-SEAr (12–14 Sept. 2016). An update from Brazil was provided by Eb Chiarimi who used to be on the Board of the Brazil Food Protection Association affiliate; she discussed new regulations being issued for allergen labeling and being considered for product recalls.
9. IAFP student travel awardees update. Isaac Rwomushana Rukundo (Uganda) informed the meeting about food safety capability building being considered as a priority in the country, targeting basic hygiene/safety of food services and food manufacturers. Phillip Gurman (Australia) talked about his PhD work on *Salmonella* in pigs risk assessment modelling. Pratheeba Yogendrarajah (India) presented on her work on fungal growth and mycotoxin risk assessment; Olivier Kamana (Rwanda) noted that for his home country recently established an FDA function and upped academic technical training in food processing and safety. Jamuna Bai Aswathanarayan (India) gave a brief overview of recent food safety developments in India, focusing on the responsibilities of the Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) and the work at the University of Mysore.

#### **Suggestions for Symposia at IAFP 2016:**

- “Big data: the collection of, maintenance and use in the regulatory context.” A lot of data is being collected but data context not preserved, with actual value being lost. Need for setting criteria at international level. Contact person: Roger Cook.
- “Traceability for the global food market.” Increasingly traceability requirements are being established by countries around the globe without the regulatory and technical coordination that would be required in the globalized food economy. Risks and opportunities to mitigate will be discussed in the session. Contact person: Leon Gorris.
- “Learnings of the global burden of foodborne disease project.” With the FERG initiative getting into the final stage, a session sharing key outcomes (international, geographic

insights) and, importantly, learnings (do's/don'ts; challenges; gaps remaining) would be of value. Contact person: Ian Jenson.

- “Regulatory approaches to data collection and holding.” Different jurisdictions use a variety of approaches for collecting and holding/using regulatory information. The sessions aim to sharing practices and learnings. Risk Analysis & Predictive Modelling PDG supports the session idea. Contact person: Clare Narrod.
- “Food safety training and education basics for developing countries.” Basic food hygiene and safety capability building of food operators and food service staff required by many developing countries as are improvements in food safety infrastructure at governmental levels. Training/education often are sector (government, industry, academia) specific, whilst cross section approaches would be required as well. A session bringing together successful initiatives and resources. Contact persons: Julia Bradsher and Charles Muyanja.
- “Harmonizing regulatory food safety limits internationally.” Regulatory limits are being established across a range of parameters (pathogens, pesticides, chemical contaminants, etc.) following different approaches/rationales. What are the initiatives taken to achieve more harmonization; what are the challenges; case studies. Contact persons: Tim Jackson and Bobby Krishna.
- “International perspective on food adulteration.” EMA is increasingly recognized as a problem in many countries. Case studies from around the world. Contact person: Bobby Krishna
- “International perspective on food safety litigation.” Litigation is going global. Across jurisdictions product liability is approached very differently. A session with the Food Law PDG would be of interest to discuss this. Contact person: Bob Buchanan.

**Recommendations to the Executive Board:**

1. Approve Leon Gorris as the new Vice Chair, with the term of Chair to begin in 2017.

**Meeting Adjourned:** 4:30 p.m.

**Next Meeting Date:** July 30, 2016.

**Chairperson:** Bobby Krishna.