

Low Water Activity Foods PDG

Attendees: Gary Acuff, Jennifer Acuff, Nurul Hawa Ahmad, Pablo Alvarez, Keith Amoroso, Angela Anandappa, Nathan Anderson, Jianfa Bai, S. Balamurugan, Kannan Balan, Pierre-Olivier Béal, Junia Beaubrun, Tamrat Belete, Thomas Bell, Yige Bima, Ann Bontempo, Richard Brouillette, Cigdem Caban, Sarah Cahill, Joanna Carroll, Marion Castle, Long Chen, Angel Conde, Frederick Cook, Sally Crowley, Carl Custer, Xiaohong Deng, James Dickson, Andrew Do, Teri Ehlinger, Mariem Ellouze, Martin Escamilla, Laura Ewing, Michelle Falorio, Jeff Farber, Francisco Garces-Vega, Gopal Gopinath, Michele Gorman, Chin Gouk, Elizabeth Grasso-Kelley, Karen Gregory-Williams, Joshua Gurtler, Brenda Halbrook, Margaret Hardin, Ian Hildebrandt, Sunee Himathongkham, Atef Idriss, Keith Ito, Lauren Jackson, Sanghyup Jeong, Rhoma Johnson, Alex Josowitz, Kent Juliot, Trey Kampeter, Julie Kase, Susanne Keller, Karim-Franck Khinouche, Yasu Komoto, Jeffrey Kornacki, Young Seok Kweon, Elisabetta Lambertini, John Larkin, Soon Kiat Lau, Yingqun Lei, Gerald Lekan, Pushpinder Litt, Siman Liu, Shaunti Luce, Lisa Lucia, Lisa Lucore, Sahar Malekmohammadi, Patricia Marden, Bradley Marks, Sandra McCurdy, Nooshin Moradi, Gerardo Morantes, Nadia Narine, Amechi Okereke, Ynes Ortega, Samet Ozturk, Mickey Parish, Vera Peterson, Monica Ponder, Laurie Post, Gale Prince, Eric Puente, LI QIAN, David Rasmussen, Frank Ridgley, Juliany Rivera Calo, Evan Rosen, Sarah Sanderson, Sofia Santillana-Farakos, Michele Sayles, Renee Schwartz, Anthony Shaw, Arlette Shazer, Tracey Sinclair, Philip Steinbrunner, Jeyamkondan Subbiah, Quincy Suehr, Stefania Tagliapietra, Ben Tall, Juming Tang, Aparna Tatavarthy, Dimitri Tavernarakis, Abdullatif Tay, Hung King Tiong, Aaron Uesugi, Tushar Verma, Isabel Walls, Can Wang, Wenqian Wang, Xinyao Wei, Christopher Wells, Pamela Wilger, Edith Wilkin, Tamara Wood, Jian Wu, Xingning Xiao, Zijing Zhang, Chee Zheng, and Meijun Zhu. **Number of Attendees:** 123.

Meeting Called to Order: 2:04 p.m., July 9, 2017.

Minutes Recording Secretary: N/A.

Old Business: Laurie Post's election to Vice Chair was approved by the board and communicated to the membership. 2016 PDG meeting minutes were approved by the membership. The PDG submissions for the 2017 program and the ones that were accepted for this annual meeting were reviewed.

New Business: An idea session was facilitated by Gary Acuff and James Dickson focusing on factors that impact validation of low water activity foods. Several subjects surfaced, some of which were already previously covered or currently on the 2017 program. However, a few topics were selected and will be presented to the PDG Chair/Vice Chair group. These are included in the addendum to these minutes.

As a way to bring some structure to internal workings of the PDG and to enhance membership involvement, the following changes are planned to be implemented:

1. A webinar organizing committee was proposed to provide some structure to the PDG's developmental webinars. The following members volunteered to work on this committee: Josh Gurtler (lead), Elizabeth Grasso-Kelley, Edith Wilkin, and Laurie Post. If any other members would like to volunteer, please let Edith know.
2. Leverage our 3 Student Liaisons to work on technical facilitation of webinars and membership meetings.
3. Leverage Student Liaisons to help develop program topics and delivery as part of their professional development.

Four webinars are planned for the next year beginning with a discussion of the science behind use of chlorine dioxide gas for decontamination of food contact surfaces. We will invite the Food Hygiene & Sanitation PDG.

Recommendations to the Executive Board: None.

Next Meeting Date: July 8, 2018, Salt Lake City, UT. Conference Call on August 23, 2017.

Meeting Adjourned: 4:00 p.m.

Chairperson: Edith Wilkin.