

Pre Harvest Food Safety PDG

Attendees: Peyman Fatemi (Chair), Issmat Kassem (Vice Chair), Achyut Adhikari, Bassam Annous, Martin Appelt, Uma Babu, Adam Baker, Alexandra Belias, Briana Burke, Kellie Burris, Michelle Carter, William Chaney, Vijay Chhetri, Shannon Coleman, Sean Craig, Maeve Cushen, Diane Ducharme, Kevin Edwards, Kevin Edwards, Savana Everhart, Oscar Galagarza Angulo, Samantha Gartley, Austin Gast, Rachel Goeriz, Lisa Gorski, Jiewen Guan, Yun-Yun, Diana Hao, Dennis Harp, Linda Harris, Jani Holopainen, Katy Holzer, Dwayne Irvin, Calloway Jamerson, Shivaramu Keelara, Alyssa Kelly, Sung-Youn Kim, Vanee Komolprasert, Mahipal Kunduru, Pushpinder Litt, Amanda Manolis, Claire Marik, Karl Matthews, Jessica Meisinger, Mark Moorman, Tg Nagaraja, Amber Nair, Shivasharanappa Nayakvadi, Alexis Omar, Jitu Patel, Esa Puntch, Brendan Ring, Robert Roe, Robert Sakata, Rodrigo Santibanez, Brad Taylor, Theresa Thompson, Phillip Tocco, Veerachandra Yemmireddy, Guodong Zhang, and Yifan Zhang.

Number of Attendees: 60.

Meeting Called to Order: 9:07 a.m., Sunday, July 21, 2019.

Welcome and Introductions:

- PDG attendees were welcomed to the meeting.
- The Chair, Peyman Fatemi, and Vice Chair, Dr. Issmat Kassem were introduced.
- Attendees were introduced.
- The Association Antitrust Guidelines were read over.

Old Business:

- Minutes from IAFP 2018 were approved.

Presentation – “Improved *Salmonella* Detection from Primary Production Samples (PPS) Using Multiplex PCR Methodology” – Jani Holopainen – Sr. R&D Manager, Molecular Food Protection – Thermo Fisher Scientific.

New Business:

- PDG members should ensure their company is allowing external emails from the PDG. Members should also ensure their email addresses are current.
- Around 50% of members voted for the new Vice Chair position.
- Webinars are being sponsored by the IAFP Foundation; therefore, if anyone has webinar ideas, please send them to the Chair and Vice Chair. The Pre Harvest PDG is planning on having 1 – 2 webinars between the 2019 and 2020 Annual Meetings.
- There are 5 symposia/roundtables at IAFP 2019 that are being sponsored or co-sponsored by the Pre Harvest PDG.
 - S38 – When the *Enterobacteriaceae* Hits the Fan: Wind and Particulate-associated Distribution of Foodborne Pathogens. Tuesday, July 23, 10:45 a.m. – 12:15 p.m. Ballroom B.
 - S67 – Antibiotic Reduction, Alternatives, and

the Relationship to Food Pathogen Outbreaks. Wednesday, July 24, 1:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. Ballroom B.

- T1 – Technical Session 1 – Pre Harvest Food Safety and Produce. Monday, July 22, 8:30 a.m. – 12:15 p.m. Room M104.
- RT19 – Improving Post-mortem Inspection of Beef for Human Health Protection – Wednesday, July 24, 8:30 a.m. – 10 a.m. Room M108.
- RT2 – Today’s RTE Redefined – Managing Environmental Controls and the Risk of the “Reasonably Foreseeable”. Monday, July 22, 1:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. Room M100.
- If another PDG is co-sponsoring a roundtable or symposia, submitters need to ask and confirm their sponsorship before adding them as a co-sponsor on the submission.
- October 1, 2019 is the deadline for submitting roundtables or symposia.
- Savana Everhart (sleverh2@ncsu.edu), the Pre Harvest Student Liaison, went over Student PDG updates. She also went over ways the PDG can get involved with the Student PDG.
- There was an open discussion for roundtables/symposia. The following topics were brought up:
 - Rodrigo Santibanez (rodrigo.santibanez@merck.com) – Perceived animal welfare and how that relates to food safety (ex. Cage-free eggs and increase in *Salmonella* prevalence).
 - Issmat Kassem with University of Georgia – *Campylobacter* spp. in the pre-harvest environment and the international impact, especially in children.
 - Kevin Edwards with SGS – Microbiological/chemical concerns with spices (allergens, pesticides, pathogens).
 - Kevin Edwards with SGS – Cross-interest with Seafood PDG for aquaculture with antibiotic/anti-viral stewardship and consumer, perception, and policy.
 - Peyman Fatemi (peyman.fatemi@achesongroup.com) – information on low- and middle-income countries as related to pre-harvest food safety.
 - Rodrigo Santibanez expressed interest in helping with this topic.

Recommendations to the Executive Board:

1. Approval of Dr. Issmat Kassem for the Vice Chair of the PDG.

Next Meeting Date: August 2–5, 2020, Cleveland, Ohio.

Meeting Adjourned: 10:02 a.m.

Chairperson: Bassam Annous, Outgoing Chair; Peyman Fatemi, Incoming Chair.