

COMMITTEE MINUTES – August 3, 2008

Applied Laboratory Methods PDG

Mission: To provide a forum for the exchange and sharing of information related to the development and use of Laboratory methods for the analysis of food and related commodities.

“Don’t Be a Benefiter. Be a Contributor!” Pat Rule

Location: Hyatt Regency Columbus, Ohio

MEETING ATTENDEES:

Members Present: Pat Rule, Pamela Wilger, Vanessa Cranford, Ruth Eden, Stan Bailey, Mary Lou Tortorello, Patrice Arbault, Reginald Bennett, Jinru Chen, Donna Christensen, Alessandra Chiareli, Rocelle Clavero, Richard Christianson, Stefano Colombo, Phil Coombs, Jeff Kornacki, Robin Kalinowski, Keith Lampel, Y. Jennifer Lee, Molly Mills, Wendy Maduff, George Wilson, Nandini Natrajan, Omar Oyarzabal, Purnendu C Vasavada, Michael Scott, Leslie Thompson, Christine Aleski, Elena Enache, Susan McCarthy, Xiangwu Nou, Peter Olsen, Michael Scott, Marcie Van Wart, David Velasquez

New Members: Tami Wood, Margaret Hardin, Emilio Esteban, James Agin, Amy Remes, Dan Belina, David Evanson, Irit Weiser, Frank Burns, Judy Lee, and Sun Kim

Total 46 in attendance

Meeting Called to Order at 9:00 AM EST

Recording Secretaries of Minutes: Pamela Wilger and Vanessa Cranford

AGENDA

1. Welcome and Introductions
2. Reading of the Antitrust Guidelines
3. Comments from Stan Bailey
4. Updates from members:
 - a. Sample Prep Working Group: M.L. Tortorello
 - b. Campy Workshop May 2008 at the University of Auburn: Omar Oyarzabal
 - c. Mold ID Wet Workshop from past two days: Pat Rule/Frank Burns
 - d. Web based discussion group
5. Symposium/Workshop ideas for 2009
6. Ideas for topics for the discussion/education teleconferences
7. Any other old business
8. Any new business
9. Determine next year's calendar for teleconferences

OLD BUSINESS

Due to the large number of ideas submitted for the 2009 meeting, the detailed updates from the members will be done by writing and sent out to the members separately.

The Sample Prep Working Group meeting held yesterday afternoon went well. The summary and actions will be sent out later by M.L. Tortorello.

The Campy Workshop May 2008 at the University of Auburn was sold out and went well with changes incorporated from the prior year's workshop. Omar Oyarzabal will summarize in writing later.

The Mold ID Wet Workshop from past two days went very well. There were 31 participants, sold out. The Beverage PDG will submit it again due to the positive comments from the participants and success this year per Pat Rule/Frank Burns.

The members decided to request IAFP host a new communication tool/discussion board from the IAFP board and our PDG members volunteered to moderate it. We need one that produces quick responses and keeps track of forgotten passwords. Everyone will need to use this tool to make it valuable.

2009 IAFP Applied Methods Program Proposals:

We had 2 workshops and 11 symposiums to discuss.

Workshops:

- We decided not to submit the wet workshop done in the 2007 meeting in Florida.
- We will submit the workshop on "The Recovery and Control of Contamination from Low Water Activity Foods: Sampling, Testing, and Remediation"

Symposiums:

- Submit a joint with the Beverage PDG on "Where Mold Detection is Today and Where it Needs to be Tomorrow"
- Submit a joint with Meat, Dairy, and Produce PDGs on "Shiga Toxigenic *E. coli*: The Bad, The Worse, and the Pathogenic"
- Submit a joint with the Fruit and Vegetable PDG "Less Recognized and Underappreciated Foodborne Pathogens – No Crystal Ball For The Next Big Bug"
- Submit the idea for the Produce detection methods working with the Fruit and Vegetable PDG.

The next three ideas will be submitted as independent ideas, but they could be scheduled throughout the meeting as a colloquium with a common idea of microbiological testing from sample to isolate.

- Submit "Enrichment media and protocols: giving detection methods the leg to stand on".
- Submit a joint with Food Law on the legal issues of confirmation and validation
- Submit Automated Sample Preparation Approaches for Food Diagnostics idea
- The Sterilant Gas idea will be submitted by the Sanitation PDG.
- The bacteriophage idea was withdrawn due to this idea was presented this year.
- Decided the idea to have a vendor session based symposium would violate the commercial rules of IAFP.

-The idea of “Next Generation Rapid Tests for the Detection of Food Pathogens - The Department of Homeland Security Food Biological Agent Detector Sensor (FBADS)” was discussed and decided it would be very hard to get the speakers to participate and open up to give valuable information since it is part of the Department of Homeland Security.

The Applied Laboratory Methods PDG Logo

Three ideas for our logo were passed out and discussed. It was decided to keep the one with our name written out next to the picture for letter head or headings and the right bottom one with the blue background as our small logo. It was also suggested to remove the bubbles and replace them with pictures of DNA, protein molecules, chemical structures, antigen/antibody structures for example. We will see what the designer can come up with and email to everyone again for comments. We are hoping to use this logo especially in the future IAFP programs by our supported symposia and workshops so it is easier to see our contributions for better planning. It will also be used in our correspondences and communication tools.

Ideas for topics for the discussion/education teleconferences:

- Current research from students – will discuss with the Student PDG
- Repeat the Produce one from June on washing and detection when all speakers are available
- Limit the teleconferences to one hour
- Tape and post the teleconferences on our IAFP website

NEW BUSINESS – none discussed due to lack of time

RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE EXECUTIVE BOARD

1. Periodically change the PDG Committee Meeting Schedule so people can get to different PDG meetings starting next year.
2. We would like a projector and screen to help improve our Applied Laboratory Methods PDG Committee Meeting next year.
3. We would like IAFP to host a discussion board/electronic communication tool for our Applied Laboratory Methods PDG to help improve member communication.
4. Continued support for yearly teleconference and web based presentations to be determined.
5. Support our taping of our Educational Series calls and webinars by posting them on our Applied Laboratory Methods PDG IAFP website.
6. Conduct and publish a member survey, which includes a salary section.
7. Reserve a one day meeting room on Saturday at the 2009 IAFP annual meeting for purpose of the Sample Prep Working Group meeting to include lunch and refreshments, if possible.

NEXT MEETING DATE:

None confirmed other than to continue conference calls and webinars.

Meeting Adjourned (Time): 11:00 AM EST (ran out of time)

Chairperson: Pamela Wilger _____