

# Hygiene and Sanitation PDG Conference Call

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January 16, 2015

A PDG Conference Call was held at 9:00 on January 16, 2015

Members on the call included:

Dave Blomquist, chair, Yale Lary, Vice Chair, Dr. Zhinong Yang Vice Chair Elect, Bob Hagberg, Fred Cook, John Merinick, Deb Henyon, Jeff Kornacki, Larry Mendes, Josh Gurtler, Patrick Embwaga, Dwayne Grassmann, Kelly Stephens, Patrick Logan, Gary Goessel, PC Vasavada. Based on “beeps” at the end of the call, several more individuals were on the call but did not report in.

## Tentative Symposia Approvals for 2015

The program committee has sent out several tentative approvals:

Title	Primary Sponsor	Convenor	Comments
To “Air” is Human: Microbiological Air Quality Considerations	Jeff Kornacki, Yale Lary	Zhinong Yan	Program committee recommended reducing to a 1.5 hour mini symposium
Sustainable Sanitation and the Use of "Green" Technologies to Protect the Public Health	Jeff Kornacki, Yale Lary	Zhinong Yan	Program committee recommended reducing to a 1.5 hour mini symposium
I Found a Positive, Now What Do I Do?	Zhinong Yan; Richard Brouillette	Zhinong Yan	Program committee recommended reducing to a 1.5 hour mini symposium

Additionally there is a shortcourse led by Allen Saylor and Bob Hagberg entitled “Advanced Cleaning Technology for Food Processing Equipment” on Saturday

## Time of the PDG meeting at IAFP

Discussion was held about the current length of time for the PDG committee. In the past it had been two hours but recently was extended to three hours to allow a speaker at the meeting. Many new PDG’s have been formed in the last few years. With a limited number of time slots, scheduling conflicts occur.

The question was asked if we should reduce our time back to 2 hours. The opinions of the group were unanimous in support of shortening the time back to 2 hours.

The chair will contact IAFP to let them know of our decision. The PDG meeting is currently scheduled for Saturday morning from 8 – 11AM. We will have that changed to 8-10 AM.

## Webinars

Dale Grinstead suggested that some of the symposia proposals that were not accepted be considered for webinars. The chair will find out current procedures from IAFP on how webinars are run. (e.g. are they still free if done only for a single PDG? Are they still posted for all to view after the webinar?)

## Dry Cleaning Practices

Fred Cook reviewed the conference call held in April 2014. Roughly 30 people were part of the call to discuss “how to dry clean wand use of steam”. Different techniques were discussed without identifying the speaker. Successes and failures were reviewed.

Possible future topics include:

- Use of ice blasting
- How to dry clean and sanitize a dryer
- How to dry clean a pneumatic line

Larry Mendez suggested we include equipment design. Deb Henyon commented on dry cleaning in a package manufacturing environment

Jeff Kornacki suggested reviewing new or novel approaches to dry cleaning as an additional topic.

Several people were interested in the new dry cleaning book that Jeff Kornacki, Josh Gurtler and Mike Doyle had edited. The title is *The Microbiological Safety of Low Water Activity Foods and Spices* published by Springer

With no further business, the call was adjourned at 10:00 Central time

David Blomquist