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3,800+ Attendees*

Over 1,000 science-based presentations*

More than 175 exhibitors*

*Based on IAFP 2019
WELCOME TO CLEVELAND

The International Association for Food Protection’s Executive Board invites you to register for IAFP 2020, the Association’s Annual Meeting, to be held October 25–28 at the Huntington Convention Center of Cleveland, Cleveland, Ohio.

IAFP offers the leading global food safety conference each year. The latest results of research from around the world will be presented in more than 90 sessions* on areas such as pathogen characterization, survival, and detection in foods and in food production environments, whole genome sequencing and other advanced methodologies, advances in metagenomic studies, implementation and development of new governmental policies and regulations, industry solutions and risk management in sanitation and supplier controls, and a myriad of other enticing topics.

This meeting also provides numerous opportunities for networking with global food safety leaders from industry, government and academia. Each session provides new prospects to share with and learn from world authorities.

Don’t miss this chance to be among the thousands of dedicated food safety professionals who attend this conference each year. Make plans to attend the world’s leading food safety conference at IAFP 2020! This venue offers something for everyone including beautiful lakeside views. We are counting on your participation and look forward to seeing you in Cleveland!

*based on IAFP 2019

Kali Kniel
IAFP President

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Contributions at the Annual Meeting are crucial to the programs supported by the IAFP Foundation. During IAFP 2020, be sure to drop by the IAFP Foundation Booth and help fill the “Ping Pong Contributions Tube” through your donations. You’ll also receive the latest in a series of IAFP commemorative coins!

The Silent Auction is another entertaining and fun way to contribute to the Foundation while taking home a great keepsake from the conference. Know that your contributions go toward valuable programs such as (in part):
- Student Travel Scholarships and Student Competitions;
- Travel Awards;
- Travel Support for IAFP Conference Speakers and other support in helping to advance food safety worldwide.

IAFP FOUNDATION CONTRIBUTIONS COUNT!

THE IAFP 2020 PRELIMINARY PROGRAM CAN BE VIEWED ONLINE AT THE IAFP WEBSITE FOODPROTECTION.ORG

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Twitter: twitter.com/IAFPFood #IAFP2020

IAFP APP
Attendees can create individualized schedules of sessions to attend, exhibits to explore and people to meet. Powerful search engine, meeting information and interactive maps are also included!
SCHEDULE

WORKSHOPS

Using Data and Statistical Analysis to Guide Food Safety Decision Making
1 day – Friday, October 23 (8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.)
Genomics 101 for Food Safety and Quality Professionals
1 day – Saturday, October 24 (8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.)
Whole Genome Sequencing: A Tutorial and Hands-on Workshop to Understand and Implement
This Breakthrough Technology
15 days – Friday, October 23 (1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.) and Saturday, October 24 (8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.)
Advanced Sanitation and Hygienic Design Workshop
2 days – Friday, October 23 and Saturday, October 24 (8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.)
Developing Environmental Monitoring Programs for Small and Midsize Processors
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2 days – Friday, October 23 (1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.) and Saturday, October 24 (8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.)

COMMITTEES AND PDGS

MAKE CONNECTIONS BASED ON YOUR INTEREST

IAFP’s Professional Development Group
Meetings are Open to All!

If you plan to attend IAFP 2020, make sure to participate in one or more of IAFP’s Professional Development Group (PDG) meetings. These groups give food safety professionals the opportunity to be part of open and in-depth discussions in 27 topic areas related to keeping our food supply safe.

Sharing your ideas and experiences in these meetings prior to IAFP 2020’s symposia and technical sessions will bring questions to the forefront and link your participation in these groups to the hundreds of presentations at the world’s leading food safety conference.

No matter your level of experience – student in food safety, novice food safety professional or seasoned expert – come ready to provide valuable input that benefits everyone in attendance. There is no fee to join our PDGs, and we welcome all perspectives on existing topics and issues to help others learn and share among their peers.

For a complete schedule of all PDG and Committee meetings, visit the IAFP 2020 website.

Plan now to arrive at IAFP 2020 in time for our PDG meetings on Saturday and Sunday. Don’t miss out on this additional Annual Meeting benefit!

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24

Committee and PDG Meetings • 2:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Welcome Reception • 5:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. – Sponsored by Eurofins

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25

Affiliate Council Meeting • 7:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.
Committee and PDG Meetings • 8:00 a.m. – 5:15 p.m.
Student Luncheon (ticket required) • 12:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.
Editorial Board Reception (by invitation) • 4:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.
Opening Session and Ivan Parkin Lecture • 6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.
Cheese and Wine Reception • 7:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m. – Cheese provided by Land O’Lakes
Exhibit Hours • 7:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 26

Symposia & Technical Sessions • 8:30 a.m. – 5:15 p.m.
Poster Sessions • 8:30 a.m. – 6:15 p.m.
Exhibit Hours • 10:00 a.m. – 6:15 p.m.
Exhibit Hall Lunch • 12:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.
U.S. Regulatory Update • 12:30 p.m. – 1:15 p.m.
Exhibit Hall Reception • 5:15 p.m. – 6:15 p.m. – Sponsored by Merck Animal Health

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 27

Committee and PDG Chairperson Breakfast (by invitation) • 7:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.
Symposia & Technical Sessions • 8:30 a.m. – 5:15 p.m.
Poster Sessions • 8:30 a.m. – 6:15 p.m.
Exhibit Hours • 10:00 a.m. – 6:15 p.m.
Exhibit Hall Lunch • 12:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.
Business Meeting • 12:30 p.m. – 1:15 p.m.
Exhibit Hall Reception • 5:15 p.m. – 6:15 p.m.
President’s Reception (by invitation) • 6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.
Past President’s Dinner (by invitation) • 7:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.
Student Mixer • 7:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 28

Symposia & Technical Sessions • 8:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.
Poster Sessions • 8:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.
Networking Lunch • 12:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.
Closing Session – John H. Silikker Lecture • 4:00 p.m. – 4:45 p.m.
Awards Reception and Banquet • 6:00 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.
WHO SHOULD ATTEND:

Food safety professionals in government, industry, academia and research focused on food microbiology; quality control; regulatory inspections; food safety consulting; risk assessment; HACCP and plant management; technical services; sanitation; food processing, packaging and distribution operations; toxicology; food safety auditing; microbiological research; and retail food service. Students are encouraged to fully participate.

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

MEETING VENUE

All IAFP 2020 sessions will take place at the Huntington Convention Center of Cleveland. Attendees will enjoy the central downtown location with exceptional restaurants, theater district, the Rock N' Roll Hall of Fame and the naturesque Lake Erie.

HOTEL INFORMATION

IAFP has arranged special rates at five conveniently located hotels surrounding the Huntington Convention Center of Cleveland. For the best value, be sure to book your room within the IAFP hotel room blocks by visiting the IAFP website. Please note: IAFP will not phone you with hotel offers — BEWARE OF HOUSING PIRATES!

CANCELLATION POLICY

A full refund will be processed if your written request is received by the end of the day on Friday, October 9, 2020. Registration fees, less a $200 administration fee, will be refunded for written cancellations received after October 9, 2020. No refunds will be made for cancellations received on or after October 25, 2020. Optional items purchased are NOT refundable.

Other: Modifications to payment method will incur a $25 processing fee.

REGISTRATION FEES

Late Registration fees after September 25, 2020

Other

Student Luncheon, Student Rate — Sunday $ 10 ($ 15 late)
Student Luncheon, Professional Rate — Sunday $ 25 ($ 30 late)
IAFP 2020 Abstracts (citable publication) $ 40

STUDENT ACTIVITIES

STUDENT LUNCHEON
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12:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.

STUDENT MIXER
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 27
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JOB FAIR

Attention Job Seekers and Employers!
Job announcements will be posted on the career board at the Student PDG booth.

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Support the Students of IAFP

Order your Student t-shirt when you register for IAFP 2020 or plan to purchase a t-shirt at the Student PDG Booth.

ATTENDING THE IAFP ANNUAL MEETING

Attending the IAFP Annual Meeting is on my "MUST GO" list each year. The camaraderie among the IAFP members from academia, industry and government sets the tone that we can improve food safety and that we are in this fight together. I value the high quality presentations of cutting-edge research and the subsequent discussions. At the IAFP Annual Meeting, I have found new collaborators, found new research directions, and recruited high-caliber members of my research team.

Monica Ponder
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Weber Scientific
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Zee Company
Zymo Research Corp.

EXHIBIT HOURS

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IAFP's Statement on COVID-19

IAFP remains committed to planning responsibly for IAFP 2020. We continue to monitor guidance issued by various health departments and organizations. Our highest priority remains the health and safety of our attendees, staff, and the community of Cleveland.