In my inaugural column, I want to thank IAFP’s Affiliate Delegates for electing me as Affiliate Council Chair for the coming year. It is an honor, and I hope I will represent all Affiliates with dignity and effectiveness. IAFP is growing, and every year we seem to charter a new Affiliate, or at least hear of groups interested in becoming an IAFP Affiliate. This indicates to me that as an association, IAFP is successfully sending the message throughout the world that food safety is a major component of our well-being.

I also want to encourage all Affiliate members to become IAFP Members. IAFP is the world’s largest food safety organization, with four standing meetings organized every year in four major regions of the world. In addition, most of our 55 Affiliates organize their own meetings each year. We have Affiliates located on six continents. This means that every year there are dozens of food safety conferences around the world linked to IAFP! This definitely makes an impact!

The multinational participation in IAFP is relevant because food trade is also international. Please allow me to present relevant data on food imports in the U.S. The value of food imports in the country increases every year. For example, accord-

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ing to the USDA’s Economic Research Service, the total value of food imports in 2014 was nearly $120 billion. Of this, 35% ($41 billion) was shared between Canada and Mexico, whereas the rest was split between 62 other countries. The proximity of the U.S. with Canada and Mexico explains the largest amount of foods imported from these countries. In fact, of all agricultural imports in the U.S., 42% were fruits and vegetables, which are perishable commodities that need rapid transport. When focusing on fruits and vegetables, the greatest supplier is Mexico.

While the U.S. has established mutually beneficial relationships for food trade with many countries, there are also food safety incidents related to such trade. As I write this column, people are suffering from salmonellosis resulting from eating papayas contaminated with Salmonella. Interestingly, the involved papayas came from three different areas of Mexico, one of them being so far away from the others that this incident may not be related to the other papayas.

Over the past few years, 11 multi-state outbreaks of foodborne disease have been linked to foods imported from four different countries, with Latin America at the top of the list. Since large amounts of produce come from Latin America, consumers may think that avoiding imported fruits or vegetables will protect them. Well, think again! The FDA is conducting testing of cucumbers, both imported and domestic, and according to the preliminary results published in https://www.fda.gov/Food/ComplianceEnforcement/Sampling/ucm473115.htm#cucumber, Salmonella tested positive in 3.2% of the samples of cucumbers grown in the U.S., and in 1.4% of the samples of imported cucumbers. Furthermore, according to the CDC, of the foodborne diseases reported between 1998 and 2008, the majority (more than 2 million) of these illnesses were linked to eating contaminated leafy greens, most of which were grown in the U.S. In the same period, eating contaminated poultry resulted in nearly 3,000 deaths. It seems fair to assume that food safety issues affect every country, and that we all should be concerned about each others’ issues since, at this time in history, countries are eating each others’ food.

This is where IAFP becomes important. I see our Association as a bolt that keeps all countries united in a single effort, protecting people from foodborne illness.

In future columns of this newsletter, I will talk about food safety management and how to apply it at every step of the food supply. As the slogan states: ‘From Farm to Fork.’

Please take a few minutes to note various upcoming deadlines (listed on page 16), including for Affiliate Annual Reports. It is a requirement under IAFP Bylaws to submit your Affiliate Annual Report each year. And don’t forget to apply for one or more of the Affiliate Awards. We had a great increase in applications for 2017 awards, and we’d like to see even more Affiliates apply in 2018!

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You may think your Affiliate’s efforts are insignificant, but know that ALL efforts to engage your Members and provide valuable food safety information are worthy of self-recognition. And remember, all Affiliate Annual Reports, including those vying for awards, can now be submitted electronically.

Until next time....

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The second Argentine Symposium on Food Safety took place June 23–24 at ISALUD University in Buenos Aires, Argentina. Supported by IAFP and the Argentine Food Safety Commission (CAIA), the meeting drew 150 attendees representing industry, academia, regulatory agencies, and research.

Under the IAFP Executive Board Speaker Program, Alejandro Mazzotta (left), Past President of IAFP, was invited to represent the Association. He opened the conference with a brief overview of IAFP and its benefits, then spoke about “Trends in the USA and the Impact on Industry and Food Safety.”

Four roundtable discussions took place throughout the two-day conference. Day 1 included “Food Safety: Prevention Through Hygienic Design and Critical Control Points;” and “New Challenges in Food Safety.” Day 2 included “Allergen Management;” and “Spoilage Microorganisms and Their Relationship with Food Safety.”

The one-day NZFSRSC Conference kicked off with welcoming addresses, followed by presentations on each of four research themes, including: Markets and Perceptions; Risk Landscape; Risk Mitigation; and Advance Diagnostic Tools and Analytics. Each topic included speakers from across academia, industry and government. Input from industry-based speakers added tremendously to the success of the day.

The 3-Minute Student Thesis Competition proved a highlight as 11 students faced the challenge of presenting their research in three minutes with only a single slide for support. All students did a fantastic job and, after much deliberation from our expert international judging panel, Sabrina Greening, a student at Massey University, was declared the winner. Aswathi Soni, a student at the University of Otago, took second place. (Aswathi also won the student poster competition for her food safety poster on the “Development of a Means to Control Bacillus cereus.”)

A feast of food microbiology was promised with the combined inaugural New Zealand Food Safety Science Research Centre (NZFSSRC) Conference held July 3 in conjunction with the New Zealand Institute of Food Science and Technology (NZIFST) Meeting July 4–6 in Nelson, New Zealand.

Another session consisted of members of the Centre’s International Science Advisory Panel (ISAP), including Arie Havelaar from the Uni-
The NZIFST Conference opened on Day Two with food safety featured prominently in the opening plenary session, providing a great overview of foodborne disease and presented by Arie Havelaar and Rob Lake with ESR. A concurrent stream of food safety followed, including those by NZFSSRC ISAP members on their research interests, including “The Relevance of Food Safety Risk Management Metrics for Industry” by Dr. Gorris and “Digital Disruption, Big Data and 21st Century Food Safety” by Dr. Astin.

Two additional sessions featured a “who’s who” of food safety researchers in New Zealand, informing participants of the latest ways to detect microorganisms or validate control regimes, and providing updates on the status of foodborne microorganisms of concern to the NZ food industry.

At day’s end, the New Zealand Association for Food Protection (NZAFP) held its Annual General Meeting. Attendees congratulated Roger Cook, Delegate, on his appointment as IAFP Executive Board Secretary and thanked him for organizing our new banner that proudly states that NZAFP is comprised of members from the Food Safety SIG of NZIFST, food microbiologists from the New Zealand Microbiology Society (NZMS), and members of NZFSSRC. The following were elected officers of NZAFP:

President: John Fam
Secretary: Marion Castle
Past President: Phil Bremer
Delegate: Roger Cook

Roger Cook and Phil Bremer indicated to Affiliate meeting attendees the desire for the Affiliate to host the Asian-Pacific Food Safety Conference, possibly in 2021.

NZAFP was proud to announce that one of the winners of the 3-Minute Student Competition was student member Aswathi Soni, capping a whirlwind few days for her in which she won two first place awards and placed second during three student competitions. This is a great accolade for Aswathi and a tremendous reflection on the quality of New Zealand’s food safety science. (NOTE: Aswathi was also a recipient of this year’s IAFP Student Travel Scholarship and received first place in the 3-Minute Student Competition held at IAFP 2017 in Tampa, Florida.)

The leadership of NZAFP is delighted that their encouragement of research collaboration and camaraderie between the food safety and microbiology groups of NZIFST and NZMS and their supporting organizations in industry, government, and research/education is producing a stronger food safety environment in New Zealand. We are encouraged that this will be enhanced through NZFSSRC – an exciting future is ahead!

Australian Association for Food Protection: “Food Safety – The Golden Years?”
Reported by Duncan Craig, AAFP President

The partnership between the Australian Association for Food Protection (AAFP) and bioMérieux continued with 70 attendees at the 9th Food Safety Symposium held on 17 July at the International Convention Centre in Sydney. The symposium’s theme was “Food Safety – The Golden Years?” The meeting was held in conjunction with the Australian Institute of Food Science and Technology’s (AIFST) 50th Anniversary Convention/FoodPro.

Through the generous support of the IAFP Executive Board Speaker Program, Neil Bogart (above), Red Diamond, Inc. and Affiliate Council Chair, presented “From Artillery Shells to FSMA: Where are We Headed?” Neil used a series of real world examples to demonstrate the advancement of food safety management globally.

Dr. Craig Shadbolt, New South Wales Food Authority, spoke on “Stories

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from the Frontline – Investigating Causes of Foodborne Disease in Australia.” He provided an overview of the changing nature of salmonellosis in Australia and the initiatives underway to meet the NSW government’s foodborne illness reduction targets.

**Dr. Kapil Chousalkar**, University of Adelaide, followed with “Salmonella: Keeping Ahead of the Game.” With poultry and eggs considered major contributors to human salmonellosis, Dr. Chousalkar presented some of his research on the dynamics of Salmonella infection within laying flocks, and observations on the genetic response of Salmonella to exposure to stress when raw eggs are used in various food products such as mayonnaise and aioli.

Wrapping up the quartet of speakers was **Dr. Roger Collin**, Fonterra NZ, who presented on advancements in laboratory methods using a case study of Fonterra’s experience with the GENE-UP PCR system. A brief Q&A followed after the sessions.

The AAFP Annual Business Meeting immediately followed the symposium. **Sandy Hume**, Affiliate Delegate, provided an overview of the Affiliate Council Meeting in Tampa, Florida. Elected positions in AAFP are held for two years; thus no elections were held. Items of discussion included exploring possibilities for further sponsorship, and working with our IAFP affiliate counterparts to possibly align respective meetings to enable better utilization of international speakers.

The AAFP Executive Board thanks AIFST for their support of Neil Bogart’s local costs and administrative assistance with organizing the Food Safety Symposium session.

**African Continental Association for Food Protection: Restructuring with New Name**

**Reported by Peter Kennedy, ACAFV Vice President and Delegate**

The **African Continental Association for Food Protection (ACAFP)** met on July 10 during IAFP 2017 in Tampa, Florida. Approximately 15 members/potential members were in attendance, including **Peter Kennedy**, Vice President and Delegate, and **Charles Muyanja**, Treasurer.

The meeting began with a discussion of the restructuring and reincorporation of the Affiliate formerly known as the **Africa Association for Food Protection**. Over the past year, members have worked hard on rebuilding the organization to become more sustainable by incorporating ACAFV in the U.S. and making it a U.S. 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. At the time of the meeting, paperwork had been submitted to apply for this. We are pleased that we can now announce ACAFV as an officially recognized non-profit organization in the U.S., putting the Affiliate in a better position to secure funding and accept member donations.

Our revamped website was also discussed. Member **Siobhan Egan**, who has worked with the African Affiliate since its inception, designed the new ACAFV website. She walked the group through its new features and updated design. Our new website can be found at: [www.acafoodprotection.org](http://www.acafoodprotection.org)

Conversation continued with our webinar series. ACAFV has been working with an individual from Ontario, Canada, with an extensive food safety background about making his food safety webinar library accessible to ACAFV Members. It is the Affiliate’s goal for our website to have space where members can view these webinars, learning more about good food safety practices.

Other topics discussed include:

1. **Membership dues/Sponsorships:**
   - We are working on being able to accept membership dues and
5. Donations: ACAFP continues to accept donations through our website via credit card and PayPal. Hopefully, this will streamline the donation process and allow ACAFP to begin generating revenue to support our efforts. Membership dues and suggested donation amounts will be announced soon.

2. Member commitment and participation: Member commitment and participation remain a challenge as we continue to look for ways to get members to be actively involved in our Affiliate.

3. Communication: ACAFP still struggles with communication issues. Officers have a standing conference call each month, helping keep communication open, but our members need better communication. We are not presently equipped to hold large conference or video calls with all of our members. ACAFP continues to hold monthly officer meetings and is currently exploring ways to better engage members and generate donations.

The joint Annual Meeting of the Chinese Association for Food Protection (CAFP) and the Chinese Association for Food Protection in North America (CAFPA) took place during IAFP 2017 on July 10 in Tampa, Florida. Nearly 60 members from North America, mainland China, Taiwan, and Hong Kong were in attendance, with representation from professionals in academia, industry and government, as well as many U.S. and international students.

Dr. Xiuping Jiang, CAFPA President, and Dr. Zhinong Yan, CAFP Member, welcomed attendees. Dr. Kali Kniel, IAFP Secretary, gave a brief welcome on behalf of IAFP, stating appreciation for our work over the past year and reminding members of the upcoming 11th China International Food Safety & Quality Conference in Beijing, November 1–2, 2017. She encouraged attendees to continue making progress towards professional development and to volunteer in IAFP’s programs, especially with food safety in China.

Dr. Keith Lampel, U.S. FDA, presented “Some Not-So-Common Facts About What’s in Your Food.” The presentation revealed various perspectives of food safety in unconventional areas, such as smuggling game products, and exotic food products transported through international travel.

Dr. Jiang reported on the growth of our Affiliate, with 251 current Members, up from 222 Members last year. He thanked the board and committee members for their support throughout the past year. CAFPA activities and major accomplishments achieved over the past year were also presented. Three webinars were offered to and well-received by our members using the facility provided by Past President Dr. Ruiqing Pamboukian. The webinars include:

- Investigating Food and Environmental Reservoir of Antibiotic Resistance, by Dr. Yifan Zhang, Wayne State University (April 24, 2017; http://cafpna.org/www/search/node/webinar)
- FDA Import Operation, by Dr. Samuel Chan, FDA (June 12, 2017)

Ms. Yue Cui, Student Committee Chair, reported on activities and suc-
cesses regarding the Mentor-Mentee Program, as well as challenges faced by the committee. The Mentor-Mentee Program provides insight and guidance on career planning and development, building connections, and strengthening professional relationships by sharing best practices and experiences among professionals and students.

To sustain continued growth of our Affiliate and provide more services to our members, Board Members spent significant time last year discussing ways for fundraising. Starting this year, we are implementing collection of membership dues ($20 professional/$10 graduate students/ $200 lifetime professional). A total of $250 was collected in membership dues during our Annual Meeting.

In addition, Professor Xiumei Liu donated a new book to our Affiliate, “Microorganisms in Foods 8: Use of Data for Assessing Process Control and Product Acceptance” (International Commission on Microbiological Specifications for Foods) 2011, which she had translated into Chinese.

Election of board officers was conducted for the 2017–2018 term and include:

President: Luxin Wang
President-Elect: Zengxin “Scott” Li
Past President: Xiuping Jiang
Secretary: Wen Zou
Treasurer: Guodong Zhang
and Xiaonan Lu
Delegate: Xiuping Jiang

Led by President Luxin Wang, a final discussion among all attendees regarding activities for 2017–2018 closed out the meeting. Future activities discussed included continued improvement of the Affiliate website; more utilization of webinars as a tool to connect members and provide educational opportunities; and working closely with CAFP to improve communication and enhance collaboration between the two affiliates in the future.

Indian Association for Food Protection in North America: 38 Attendees Meet in Tampa
Reported by Abani Pradhan, President

Thirty-eight attendees met during IAFP 2017 on July 11 in Tampa, Florida for the Annual Meeting of the Indian Association for Food Protection in North America (IAFPNA). Dr. Vijay Juneja, then-Affiliate President, welcomed attendees before introducing Dr. Mickey Parish, IAFP President-Elect, who provided updates on IAFP, then thanked Vijay for his work and congratulated him on receiving one of this year’s Fellow Awards.

Attendees participated in discussions on various topics including IAFP webinars, symposium proposals, and involvement of people from the India subcontinent to promote food safety. Drs. Manpreet Singh, Manan Sharma, and Purnendu Vasavada provided valuable suggestions based on their experiences related to webinars, symposiums, and student participation.

The current IAFPNA board includes:

President: Abani Pradhan
Vice President: Jitu Patel
Past President: Vijay Juneja
Treasurer: Sadhana Ravishankar
Secretary: Bala Kottapalli
Delegate: Harshavardhan Thippareddi

Ohio Association for Food Protection: Summer Meeting and Tour
Reported by Christina Wilson, Delegate

The Summer Meeting and Tour for the Ohio Association for Food Protection (OAFP) took place July 18 at the Norwich Township Safety Services Building in Hillard, adjacent to the Franklin County Fairgrounds.

The following speakers were on the agenda:

Roger Tedrick, R.S., Chief, Dairy Division, Ohio Department of Agriculture, who presented “Dairy Regulation, Farm to Consumer.” He shared information about how milk is regulated for safe production and transport.

Elizabeth Denardo, Ph.D., GOJO Industries, spoke about “Breaking the Chain of Infection Through Clean Hands and Surfaces.” Dr. Denardo shared data demonstrating the efficacy of GOJO hand sanitizers and hard surface sanitizers, showing kill rates of different pathogens on different surfaces.

Hannah Windle, R.S., Ohio Department of Health, presented “Food Safety within Temporaries & Mobiles.” She highlighted licensing and inspection concerns with these unique operations, particularly portable and wastewater handling, using approved food-grade hoses, backflow prevention, properly-sized greywater tanks, etc.

Howard Call, Executive Director, Ohio Fair Managers’ Association, introduced the Franklin County Fair
Queen and talked about “Food Protection Arena and Ohio Fairs.”

After the meeting’s conclusion, the group toured the Franklin County Fair, hosted by the Franklin County Fair Board.

**News Briefs**

Newly-elected officers for the Southeast Asia Association for Food Protection (SEA AFP) include:

- **President:** Ratih Dewanti-Hariyadi
- **Vice President:** Lay Ching Chai
- **Treasurer:** Alonzo Gabriel
- **Secretary:** Kitiya Vongkamjan
- **Delegate:** Alvin Lee

**Congratulations to Number 55!**

IAFP is pleased to announce the newest addition to the Affiliate family. The application to establish the Chilean Corporation for Food Protection (CAFP) was recently approved by the IAFP Executive Board. The Affiliate will help to improve food safety in Chile and throughout Latin America. CAFP becomes our 55th Affiliate and will receive its Charter at both INOFOOD 2017, taking place October 23–24 in Santiago, Chile, and at IAFP 2018 in Salt Lake City, Utah. Officers include:

- **President:** Monica Galleguillos
- **Vice President:** Lidia Vidal
- **Secretary:** Paula Acevedo
- **Treasurer:** Andrea Zaror
- **Delegate:** Monica Galleguillos

Attendees from the Southeast Asia Association for Food Protection (SEA AFP) Affiliate meeting pose at their meeting during IAFP 2017 in Tampa, Florida.

Members of the Korea Association of Food Protection (KAFP) Affiliate met during IAFP 2017 in Tampa, Florida.
Affiliate Council Welcomes 2017–2018 Secretary James O’Donnell

James O’Donnell was elected by acclamation of the IAFP Affiliate Council as Secretary for the 2017–2018 term on July 9th. His term commenced at the close of IAFP 2017. He will succeed Dr. Alejandro “Alex” Castillo as Chairperson for the 2018–2019 term.

James is the Sustainability and Food Safety Leader for Hussmann Corp. in St. Louis, MO. He wears many hats at Hussmann, working as a cross-functional resource with New Technologies Development, Environmental Health, Risk Assessment and Safety, and Reliability and Durability groups. He also serves as the Regulatory Liaison, working with all levels of regulatory food safety.

Before joining Hussmann, James worked at Huvepharma Inc. as the Microbiology Laboratory Manager, conducting and managing research and quality control of veterinary pharmaceuticals in feed animals. He has had a highly eclectic career path, ranging from pastry chef to pressman and sailor to middle school science teacher.

James frequently speaks at professional conferences and to community groups on a variety of topics such as Retail Food Safety, Urban Agriculture, Industry and Regulatory Relations, Food Ingredients, Organic vs. GMO, and Alternative Career Paths.

James joined IAFP in 2007. He is Past President of the Missouri Milk, Food and Environmental Health Association. He served as a member of the Managerial Board for the Journal of Food Protection from 2015–2017 and was Chair of the Local Arrangements Committee for IAFP 2016.

Welcome, James!

Annual Meeting Run Smoothly Thanks to Local Arrangements Committee

IAFP can depend upon our Affiliates within the locale of its Annual Meeting to volunteer people and services before and throughout the conference. This year, the Florida Association for Food Protection (FAFP) and its hard-working team of volunteers served as this year’s Local Arrangements Committee. Co-Chairs Zeb Blanton, Michelle Danyluk and Peter Hibbard supervised dozens of volunteers who were invaluable in helping organize, direct traffic, advise, load, stuff materials, and perform necessary tasks to keep IAFP 2017 running smoothly – all the time with smiles on their faces! Thank you, FAFP!

Affiliate Receives Charter at IAFP 2017

Congratulations to IAFP’s 54th Affiliate, the Colorado Association for Food Protection (CAFP), who officially received its Charter during the IAFP 2017 Opening Session on July 9 in Tampa, Florida.

(From left): Linda Harris, IAFP President, presents the Affiliate Charter to Colorado Association for Food Protection officers Juliany Rivera Calo (President), Laurel Weilage (Vice President), Mark Caudel (Delegate), and Tom Black (Member), at the IAFP 2017 Opening Session on July 9.
2017 Affiliate Award Recipients

IAFP annually presents five awards to Affiliates based upon efforts and achievements recorded in their Annual Reports. The IAFP 2017 Affiliate Award Recipients shown below were honored in Tampa, Florida. Deadline for submitting your calendar year 2017 Affiliate Annual Report is February 13, 2018.

C.B. Shogren Memorial
Food Safety Consortium (Hong Kong)
Neil Bogart, Nelly Lam and Terence Lau

Best Affiliate Overall Meeting
Mexico Association for Food Protection
Norma Heredia, Vickie Nevarez Moorillon, Neil Bogart, Nydia Azenedh Orué A and Santos Garcia

Affiliate Membership Achievement
Minnesota Food Protection Association
Dave Blomquist, Kelly Stevens, Pam Wilger and Neil Bogart

Affiliate Communication Materials
Florida Association for Food Protection
Peter Hibbard, Neil Bogart and Sherrod Bostocky

Affiliate Member Education
British Columbia Food Protection Association
Justin Falardeau and Neil Bogart
Foundation Benefits from Affiliate Donations

The IAFP Foundation depends on generous donations through the annual Silent Auction and direct monetary gifts to fund ongoing programs toward food safety education and resources worldwide. This year’s Affiliate cash contributions to the Foundation were donated by the Florida Association for Food Protection (FAFP). (Other Affiliates donating toward student activities include the Capital Area Food Protection Association and the Carolinas Association for Food Protection.) And once again, FAFP’s much anticipated skit at the Annual Business Meeting provided much comic relief.

Official business was interrupted by members of the Affiliate who, as a jury of IAFP President Linda Harris’ “nutty” peers, were ready to place her on “trial” for being “nuts or not nuts.” Debate ensued, a guilty verdict was determined, and President Harris was “sentenced” to accept a generous Foundation donation from the Affiliate. Meeting attendees were also encouraged to pose for a photo with the ‘court room characters’ after the Business Meeting for a $5 Foundation contribution, resulting in more than $200 in additional donations. Also, more than $300 in tips was donated by FAFP musicians Peter Hibbard, Ron Schmidt, and Tim Westbrook who, along with a few guest musicians, provided entertainment for several hours near the Foundation Booth.

Thanks once again, FAFP, for your generous contributions and for the entertaining antics that always amuse audience members.
2017 Affiliate Council Meeting Minutes

The Affiliate Council met on July 9 at IAFP 2017 in Tampa, FL. Following are the official minutes as published in the November-December issue of Food Protection Trends.

Affiliate Delegates Present:
North America
Alabama Neil Bogart
Arkansas Brian Umberson
Capital Area Jenny Scott
Carolinas Linda Leake
Colorado Mark Caudel
Florida Peter Hibbard
Georgia Tori Stivers
Missouri James O’Donnell
New Jersey David Reyda
New York Steve Murphy
Ohio Christina Wilson
Oklahoma Li Maria Ma
Ontario Katherine Di Tommaso
Pennsylvania Peggy Good
Quebec Julie Jean
Texas Alex Castillo

International
Africa Peter Kennedy
Australia Sandy Hume
Colombia Nury Alvarez Lara
Korea Kun-Ho Seo
Mexico Norma Heredia
New Zealand Roger Cook
Southeast Asia Hyun-Gyun Yuk
Taiwan Chai-Yang Chen
United Arab Emirates Bobby Krishna

IAFP Board/Staff Members Present: Linda Harris, Kali Kniel, Alejandro Mazzotta, Mickey Parish, Tim Jackson, David Tharp, Lisa Hovey and Susan Smith.

Representatives/Visitors/Guests Present: Frederick Adzitey (Africa), Stephanie Barnes (CT), Tom Berry (MN), Dave Blomquist (MN), Sherrod Bostocky (FL), Phil Bremer (NZ), Byron Chaves (NE), Carl Custer (Capital Area), Leanne Ellis (UK), Ellen Evans (UK), Justin Falardeau (BC), Santos Garcia (Mexico), Anne Gerardi, Fabiana Guglielmone (Argentina), Sanjay Gummalla (Capital Area), William Huntley (Southern California), Xiuping Jiang (Chinese in NA), Nelly Lam (Hong Kong), Alvin Lee (SE Asia), Juan Leon (CO), Jing Ma (Capital Area), Deon Mahoney (Australia), Zahra Mohammad (TX), Amit Morey (AL), Charles Muyanja (Africa), Vickie Nevarez-Moorillon (Mexico), Nydia Orue (Mexico), Dawn Raymond (Upper Midwest), Amy Rhodes (NY), Juliana Rivera Calo (CO), Diego Romuo (Argentina), Allen Sayler (Capital Area), Brandy Sheehan (MO), Lee-Yan Sheen (Taiwan), Kelly Stevens (MN), Gloria Swick-Brown (OH), P.C. Vasavada (Indian in NA), Luxin Wang (Chinese in NA), Laurel Weilage (CO), James White (WA), Pam Wilger (MN), and Zhinong Yan (Chinese in NA).

Review of Minutes 2016: Minutes from the 2016 Affiliate Council Meeting were amended with the addition of Julie Sundgaard from the Minnesota Food Protection Association and Tom Berry from the Upper Midwest Dairy Association to the list of “Affiliates Present.”

Approval of 2016 Minutes: The amended minutes were then approved and seconded.

Report from Affiliate Chairperson: Neil Bogart provided the following updates:
1. Recognition of new Affiliate: Colorado Association for Food Protection.
2. Affiliates with milestone anniversaries were recognized:
   Oklahoma: 1 year

Meeting Called to Order: 7:05 a.m., Sunday, July 9, 2017.

Recording Secretary of Minutes: Alex Castillo.

Agenda: The agenda was reviewed and unanimously approved.

Delegate Roll Call: Conducted at 7:07 a.m. by Susan Smith.

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Report from IAFP Executive Director: David Tharp welcomed the Delegates to Tampa and IAFP 2017. He commented on:
1. Increase of nearly 200 participants at IAFP 2017 over IAFP 2016.
2. Provided a brief report on IAFP that includes a $2.5 million balance in the General Fund.
3. Increase in number of Affiliates.
4. Support for Affiliate meetings includes the IAFP Executive Board Speaker Program.

Report from IAFP Staff Liaison: Susan Smith reported the following: IAFP had 42 of 53 (79%) active Affiliates file an Annual Report, up 3% from 2016. Additionally, more Affiliates are encouraged to submit for awards. This year we had 16 submitted, up from 6 in 2016. However, you cannot win if you do not apply. Delegates and Presidents are required to be IAFP Members to meet compliance so double check before applying for any award(s). If you create a new website, let Susan know. If you have a website, keep it updated at least twice a year. Some sites contain outdated information or are no longer active. For your Affiliate meetings, take advantage of meeting materials, membership certificates, the IAFP slide show, and the updated Affiliate pop-up exhibit booth. Please submit briefs/photos on your Affiliate meetings if you would like to be included in the Affiliate View. We lost the North Dakota Affiliate during the past year but gained Colorado as a new charter in 2017. Several other areas have expressed interest, with a couple in the developmental stages.

Affiliate Web sites: Neil Bogart reminded attendees about the template option, SquareSpace, on building websites.

Roundtable Discussion: Fifteen minutes were devoted to the roundtable discussions about the topic of “How can Affiliates support small manufacturers under the Food Safety Modernization Act (FSMA) in our respective regions?” One person from each table briefly relayed their respective group’s discussion, as summarized below:
1. Representatives from China, Chinese in North America, Hong Kong and Taiwan: Food exporters in Asia-Pacific area are mostly small to mid-size companies, with items such as seafood and spices. It’s hard for small manufacturers to send personnel to the U.S. to get FSPCA PCQI training for preparing Food Safety Plans. In addition, language proficiency is an issue. Good strategy would be that a local Affiliate can have Lead Instructors for PCQI so training can be delivered in local languages, and the industry can save money in travel costs. For example, Taiwan Affiliate has two Lead Instructors and began PCQI training in Taiwan in June 2017.

2. Representatives from Quebec, Colorado and UK: Hold webinars; provide free or partially-funded help; clarify confusion and inform SMEs; include FSMA information in college course.

3. Representatives from Africa: Focus has been on the growers so small manufacturers end up being the processors who want to have web-based training (a webinar series started out of Canada). Simplify the standards so all levels of the organization can understand. Have trainers come into the facilities to train for more ‘real life knowledge.’ Stress the ‘why’ you are doing something to garner better understanding (explain the benefits). Provide different ways of receiving information out of full-day and hour-long meetings with speakers; provide food or serve at a common place like a bar or facility that offers tours to entice participants.
4. **Representatives from Argentina, Mexico and Colombia**: Help certify small manufacturers to be more informed. Small manufacturers need to request lots of money to even get to a baseline. Colombia Affiliate sought experts (SGS) to place purchases and reduce costs in helping all the certifications, which have become a business in that auditors don’t have experience, yet find the wrong thing. Perhaps create an SOP on how to certify so the Affiliate can help provide coaching, especially on research. The FDA ‘practiced’ with other countries outside the U.S. Advantage now in U.S. is that the businesses have to fulfill two requirements for national and international certifications. Support manufacturers on the limits of what FDA can and cannot answer. Help businesses form coalitions to subsidize (decreasing costs), especially auditors.

5. **Representatives from Minnesota and Southeast Asia**: SQF certification vs. FSMA: Is the gap larger than we think? Local Affiliate websites: create searchable links to resources to help; link into sites like the FSPCA, PQI training or more broad; local extension through universities; local outreach to invite small organizations to Affiliate meetings. Connect small manufacturers with available training through various groups, local, national and international. Cover awareness at Affiliate meetings, involve state regulatory, etc.

6. **Representatives from Ohio, Carolinas, Georgia, Australia and New Zealand**: List and poll small manufacturers; ask regulators within Affiliate groups to help with a list, then create a special event to invite them. Australia Affiliate has annual food safety meeting to which small manufacturers are invited; workshops are held on various topics, including for dual operator butchers who slaughter and process sausage, etc. Australia Affiliate developed templates/codes of practice for this industry. Listen to media and the ‘skuttlebutt’ of what food safety issues people are struggling with, then develop related educational materials that are quick and easy to read at no charge.

7. **Representatives from British Columbia, UAE and Washington**: Hold FSMA workshop at Affiliate meetings, focusing on small manufacturers; Dubai giving simple intro at this point; Washington is working with larger companies (as mentors) to provide small companies with training (large companies can provide space for FDA to conduct training); connecting with trade groups to get information out there; team with local universities, agricultural and local public health departments; create an Affiliate ‘specialist.’

8. **Representatives from Florida, etc.**: Identify the small manufacturers (with help from trade associations?) and the challenges they face; Affiliates can help support and provide PCQI training. Do the small manufacturers have to comply or are they exempt? Help guide them to find best resources to hold discussions (is there a website or some kind of template?).

9. **Representatives from Oklahoma, Arkansas, etc.**: Facilitate interaction between “Food Innovation Center/Incubator” (at state level) and small manufacturers by a) encouraging small manufacturers to join Affiliate Annual Meeting/Conference with free registration and exhibition booth to be provided to manufacturers and b) soliciting funds (by Affiliate) from local government to help small manufacturers to build up website; involve graduate students in FSMA training by designing “case study” course using selected small manufacturers (including site...
visits); partner with representatives of small manufacturers to hold FSMA information sessions.

10. **Misc. Representatives (Affiliates unidentified):** Learning from large companies’ experiences; coaching/mentoring – sending this option out to the membership by special invitation; take the foundation pieces and create training/tools to share; connect with universities/extension offices such as sponsoring workshops and/or webinars; make them aware of the resources available, especially from FDA and/or FSPCA by putting links on Affiliate websites, pamphlets, etc.

**Election of Affiliate Council Secretary:**
Neil Bogart announced that James O’Donnell, Delegate from Missouri, was willing to stand for election, and asked if there were any nominations from the floor. Having no additional nominations, the nomination was moved and seconded to elect James, who was voted by acclamation.

**Presentation of the Affiliate Awards:**
Neil highlighted the achievements of the award winners and presented the 2017 Affiliate Awards to the following:

- **Affiliate Membership Achievement:** Minnesota Food Protection Association
- **Affiliate Communication Materials:** Florida Association for Food Protection
- **Affiliate Member Education:** British Columbia Food Protection Association
- **Best Affiliate Overall Meeting:** Mexico Association for Food Protection
- **Food Safety Consortium (Hong Kong)** received the **C.B. Shogren Memorial Award**, which will be presented at the Awards Banquet on Wednesday, July 12, 2017.

**Old Business:**
Neil Bogart reported that, since no recommendations were made to the Executive Board in 2016, no discussions were necessary.

**New Business:**
Neil Bogart and Susan Smith reported on the benefits of possible electronic only submission of Affiliate Annual Reports in 2018 (for the year 2017). After group discussion, all reports, including from those Affiliates applying for awards, can now be submitted electronically to save time and costs due to shipping. Discussion also took place on making all submitted annual reports available on the IAFP website, which will be a recommendation to the IAFP Executive Board. Neil also spoke about holding Affiliate training sessions and encouraged involvement, including speaking opportunities, at local universities.

**Annual Reports for the most recent active years on the IAFP Website for viewing, eliminating the need to display at Annual Meeting.**

**Affiliate Reports:**
Delegates/Representatives gave two-minute oral summaries of their respective Affiliate activities for the 2016 year. Reports included the number of active members, number of general membership meetings hosted in 2016, biggest challenges, biggest successes, and topics of interest to other Affiliates.

**Final Comments:**
Neil commented that the IAFP Executive Board encourages all Affiliates to reach out to more students, a good way to increase membership for both IAFP and for respective Affiliates. He thanked all Affiliates and the IAFP Staff throughout his term as Affiliate Council Chair.

**Passing of Gavel:**
Chairperson Neil Bogart passed the gavel to Alex Castillo,signifying the beginning of Alex’s term as Affiliate Council Chair.

**Next Meeting Date:** July 8, 2018, Salt Lake City, Utah.

**Meeting Adjourned:** 10:17 a.m.

**Chairperson:** Neil Bogart.
IAFP Headlines

Upcoming Deadlines

Annual Reports
The deadline has now been established for submitting your IAFP Affiliate Annual Report for 2017 activities. Affiliate Annual Reports are due Tuesday, February 13, 2018. Affiliate officers will be E-mailed the updated Annual Report forms in October, as well as periodic reminders to submit your respective Affiliate Annual Report, including those from Affiliates vying for awards, will now be accepted electronically. Please consider applying for one or more of the 2018 Affiliate Awards.

Also, before submitting your Annual Report, please update your Website for accuracy and verify IAFP Membership of your Affiliate President and Delegate. Both positions are required to be active IAFP Members during term(s) of service.

IAFP 2018 Deadlines

The deadline for submitting symposium, roundtable and workshop proposals for IAFP 2018 is Tuesday, October 3, 2017. Abstract submission deadline is Tuesday, January 16, 2018. No late submissions will be accepted. More information can be found on our Web site.

February 20, 2018 is the deadline for IAFP 2018 Award nominations and the Travel Award and Student Travel Scholarship applications. Award and scholarship recipients will be honored at this year’s Annual Meeting in Salt Lake City, Utah, July 8–11.

Updated award and scholarship criteria and instructions to nominate/apply will be available on our Web site in October. Please take time to read all instructions carefully to avoid errors. Contact Susan Smith in the IAFP office with questions.

International Meetings

IAFP continues to help spread the food safety message internationally with our support or sponsorship of three upcoming conferences in October and November.

First, INOFOOD 2017 takes place in Santiago, Chile, October 23–24. Held every two years, INOFOOD is a high-level discussion forum in Latin America, covering the most relevant issues related to safety, quality and technologies in the food sector.

Shortly after, the China Food Safety & Quality Conference will be held in Beijing, China, November 1–2. Each year, this conference offers an unparalleled opportunity for food safety professionals from around the world to address key challenges and explore viable solutions for strengthening food protection. More than 900 food safety leaders are anticipated to take part in an outstanding educational networking experience.

Closing out November is the Dubai International Food Safety Conference and IAFP’s Middle East Symposium on Food Safety, November 19–21, in Dubai, UAE. Organized by the Food Control Department of Dubai Municipality and supported by IAFP, this conference draws more than 1,700 attendees taking part in more than 200 presentations throughout its entirety. A food safety exhibition is also part of this key meeting.

For more information on these international conferences, visit our Web site at www.foodprotection.org.

Plan now to attend IAFP’s European Symposium on Food Safety, scheduled for 25–27 April 2018 in Stockholm, Sweden. Since 2005, IAFP’s European Symposium has been shaping the future of food safety by providing a forum for the exchange of ideas with colleagues from across Europe working in industry, government and academia.

The deadline for submitting symposium and roundtable proposals for this meeting is Tuesday, 3 October 2017. The abstract submission deadline is Tuesday, 16 January 2018. No late submissions will be accepted.

Students residing in Europe and enrolled full-time in a college or university food safety-related degree program in Europe are encouraged to apply for the 2018 European Student Travel Scholarship to attend the IAFP European Symposium on Food Safety. Deadline for applications is Tuesday, 9 January 2018.

For more information on the 2018 European Symposium, including applying for the European Student Travel Scholarship and submission instructions, visit our Web site.
**Affiliate Calendar**

Let IAFP help advertise your meetings on our website and in our publications. Submit your event details directly to our online calendar, or E-mail to ssmith@foodprotection.org.

### Affiliates in Action

#### Third Quarter 2017

**July**
- New Zealand Association for Food Protection (in conjunction with the Institute for Food Science & Technology Annual Conference)
- African Continental Association for Food Protection
- China Association for Food Protection and Chinese Association for Food Protection in North America (combined)
- Indian Association for Food Protection in North America
- Korea Association of Food Protection
- Southeast Asia Association for Food Protection
- Australian Association for Food Protection
- Ohio Association for Food Protection

**September**
- Upper Midwest Dairy Industry Association
- New York State Association for Food Protection
- Arkansas Association for Food Protection
- Georgia Association for Food Protection
- Quebec Food Protection Association
- Indiana Environmental Health Association
- Colombian Association of Food Science & Technology
- Washington Association for Food Protection

### October 2017


10: Iowa Association for Food Protection, 2017 Annual Meeting, Ames, IA. Contact Lynne Melchert at lynne.melchert@swissvalley.com.


### November 2017


9–11: Korea Association for Food Protection, 2017 Symposium, Seoul, South Korea. Contact Kun-ho Seo at bracstu3@konkuk.ac.kr.

16: Alabama Association for Food Protection, 2017 Annual Meeting, Montgomery, AL. Contact G.M. Gallaspy at ggallaspy@adph.state.al.us.


### IAFP Support for Affiliate Meetings

Whether to complement the mission and promotional materials of your Affiliate, or to show your relationship with the International Association for Food Protection, we offer the following supplies for use or distribution at your meetings:

- **IAFP pop-up display.** This updated and attractive pop-up display shows attendees that you are affiliated with IAFP.
- **IAFP 2017–2018 Presentation.** A PowerPoint slide show with a suggested 15-minute script. This is the same presentation used by members of the IAFP Executive Board when invited to speak at Affiliate meetings.
- **Promotional materials box.** Contents include a complimentary IAFP Membership certificate and brochures, current issues of FPT and JFP, and IAFP Annual Meeting flyers. Additional complimentary resources are available upon your request.

To request these items for your next meeting, call or E-mail Susan Smith at the IAFP Office.

To be featured in the next issue of Affiliate View, send your news and photos by December 1 to Susan Smith at ssmith@foodprotection.org.
IAFP Executive Board Speaker Program
for Affiliates

1. Mickey Parish, Ph.D., U.S. Food & Drug Administration - CFSAN/OFS
   President
   - Science and Policy in Government
   - Microbiology of Juices and Beverages
   - Salmonella and Spices

2. Tim Jackson, Ph.D., Driscoll’s
   President-Elect
   - Food Safety Management
   - Food Microbiology
   - Regulatory Food Safety

3. Kali Kniel, Ph.D., University of Delaware
   Vice President
   - Pre-Harvest Food Safety Risks
   - Norovirus and Foodborne Viruses
   - Current/Contemporary Food Science Issues

4. Roger Cook, Ph.D., New Zealand Ministry for Primary Industries
   Secretary
   - Foodborne STECs – An International Perspective
   - Regulatory Food Control Plans – A Practical International Perspective
   - The Future: Culture Independent Confirmation & Qualitative Chemical Hazard Characterization

5. Linda J. Harris, Ph.D., University of California – Davis
   Past President
   - Tree Nuts: Food Safety Risks and Intervention Strategies
   - Low-Moisture Foods: Food Safety Challenges and Opportunities
   - Microbial Food Safety and Culinary Herbs

6. Alex Castillo, Ph.D., Texas A&M University
   Affiliate Council Chair
   - Food Safety and Its Impact on International Trade
   - How Should I Validate My Process-based Preventing Controls?
   - Antimicrobial Interventions and Treatments in Food: When and How Do They Work and How Can I Make Them Work Best?

7. James O’Donnell, Hussmann Corporation
   Affiliate Council Secretary
   - Food Safety Challenges in the Retail Space
   - Working with Regulators – How Industry Can Collaborate to Advance Public Health
   - Using Small Format Stores to Bring Fresh to Food Deserts

How It Works

1. IAFP Board Members are available to speak at Affiliate meetings on numerous topics involving food safety.

2. Each Affiliate may request one Executive Board speaker for one Affiliate meeting within a 12-month calendar year.

3. A minimum of 15 minutes should be allowed for the Board Member to deliver information about the International Association for Food Protection in addition to their main subject(s) (see #1).

4. IAFP will pay the Board Member’s expense to travel to the Affiliate meeting location.

5. The Affiliate covers local expenses, including meals, lodging, and local transportation for the Board Member.

6. The Board Member makes their own travel reservations and will submit an expense report to the IAFP office within 10 days of completion of their travel to the Affiliate meeting. Any local expense (see #5) will be billed to the Affiliate.

7. A two-month advance notice is required.

8. To invite a Board Member to speak at your Affiliate meeting, contact Susan Smith, IAFP Affiliate Services, at +1 800.369.6337 or +1 515.276.3344; or E-mail ssmith@foodprotection.org.
IAFP Speaker Program (expanded)

Gary Acuff, Ph.D.
Texas A&M University
♦ Addressing Risk Using Performance Objectives
♦ Proper Use of Pathogen Surrogates in Process Intervention Validation
♦ What is Really Achievable in Pathogen Reduction for Beef?

Michael Brodsky, Ph.D.
Brodsky Consultants
♦ Managing Food Safety and Security in the 21st Century
♦ Emerging Issues in Food Safety
♦ The Fallacious Fecal Coliform or What is a Fecal Coliform Anyway?

Jim Dickson, Ph.D.
Iowa State University
♦ Foodborne Pathogens In Meat: Progress and Challenges
♦ Interventions to Control Foodborne Pathogens in Meat
♦ Food Safety Issues with Pet Food
♦ Process Validation for Food Safety

Jeff Farber, Ph.D.
University of Guelph
♦ Overview of Raw Milk Cheese Issues in Canada
♦ Risk Assessment and Risk Management of Foodborne Listeriosis in Canada
♦ A Dummy's Guide to Free Online Predictive Modelling Tools
♦ Emerging Foodborne Pathogens

Kathy Glass, Ph.D.
University of Wisconsin – Madison
♦ Opportunities and Limitations of Clean Label Antimicrobials
♦ Strategies to Maintain Microbial Food Safety in Reduced-sodium Foods
♦ Intervention Strategies to Control Listeria monocytogenes in Ready-to-Eat Foods

Alejandro Mazzotta, Ph.D.
Chobani, Inc.
♦ Dairy Food Safety and Spoilage
♦ FSMA and Regulatory Compliance
♦ Food Safety and Quality Systems

Gale Prince
Retired/Consultant
♦ So You Chose Food Safety as a Career Choice
♦ Food Safety Culture Drives Excellence
♦ Food Safety Modernization Act (FSMA)

Katie Swanson, Ph.D.
KMJ Swanson
Food Safety, Inc.
♦ Useful Microbiological Testing for Food Safety Management
♦ Preventive Controls for Human Foods Training Curriculum Development

Don Schaffner, Ph.D.
Rutgers University
♦ Understanding and Managing Food Safety Risks
♦ Quantitative Microbial Risk Assessment of Foods
♦ Development and Application of Predictive Models for Food Microbiology

Don Zink, Ph.D.
IEH Laboratories & Consulting Group
♦ FSMA Implementation – Foreign Supplier Verification and Preventive Controls
♦ Environmental Pathogen Monitoring
♦ Controlling Listeria and Salmonella
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IAFP 2019, July 21–24, Louisville, KY
IAFP 2020, August 2–5, Cleveland, OH
IAFP 2021, July 18–21, Phoenix, AZ