

IAFP 2025 Pre-Conference

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IAFP 2025 PRE-CONFERENCE

What to Expect at the International Association for Food
Protection 2025 in Cleveland, Ohio

IAFP WELCOME COMMITTEE

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Day-to-Day at the Conference

Welcome to IAFP!

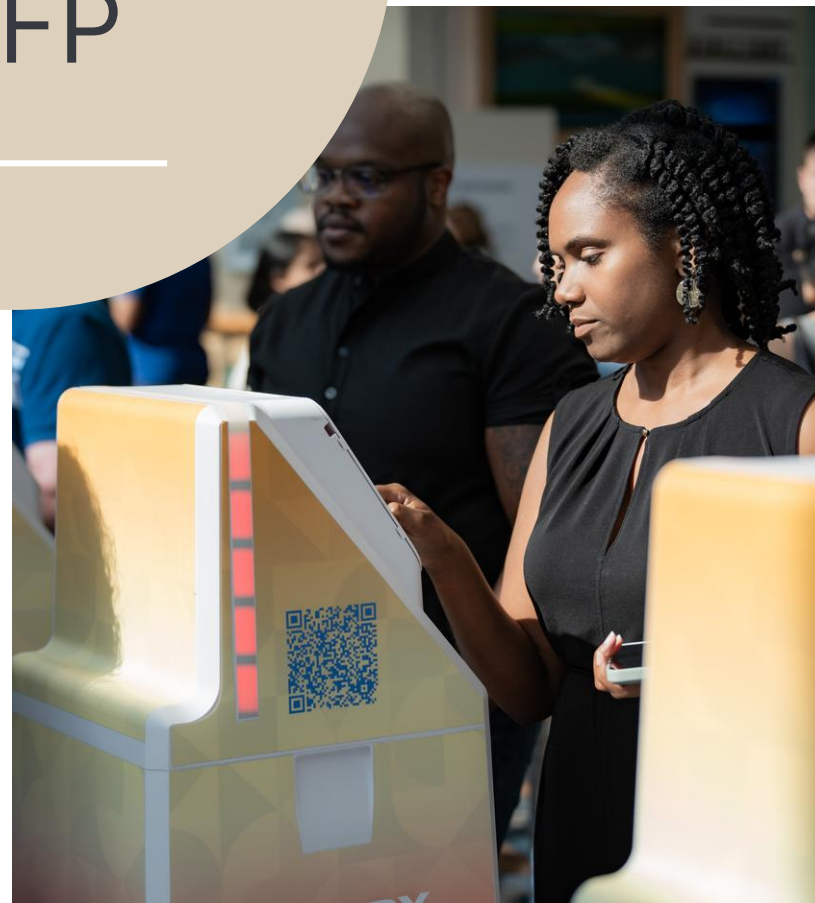
We are so excited that you're joining us.

Let's break down what to look forward to from Saturday through Wednesday.

Never be shy to attend an event or session, they are all open to everyone!

SATURDAY - WEDNESDAY





WELCOME
TO
IAFP

A DAY IN THE LIFE AT IAFP



Your First Day

Stop by the **Registration Booth** to pick up your nametag and materials. Add some “flair” to help others identify you (e.g. attendee badge, pronouns)



Attend Sessions

Consider attending different sessions from the general sessions, to symposiums, to roundtables, and even technical talks! Check out the Posters!



Walk the Exhibit Hall

Take a break with some coffee, snacks, lunch, and receptions at the **Exhibit Hall**. Visit vendors, bid on **Silent Auction** tabs, check out the **Job Postings**.



Evenings & Last Day

In the evenings, attend an **Affiliate Meeting**, check out the **Exhibit Hall Receptions**, and enjoy time in Cleveland. On the Last Day, make sure you attend the **John H. Siliker Lecture** and the **Awards Banquet Reception** to celebrate food safety



first time ATTENDEE?



Welcome Booth

STOP BY & SAY "HI"

Stop by the **Welcome Booth** to ask any questions or directions. Members at the **Booth** have been with IAFP for awhile and can fill you in on what-to-do, where-to-go, and be a guide for you!



Peer-to-Peer

PARTICIPATE IN THE PROGRAM

The Peer-to-peer program is for new members to be paired with an existing IAFP member *before* the Conference. There are PtP for students, young professionals, and the general attendee.



Welcome Mixer

SUNDAY (7/26) FROM 4:30 - 5:30

Attend the **Welcome Mixer** located in **Room 10** and meet other IAFP members. This is a low-stress way to meet folks and find out more about the conference!



EXHIBIT HALL

The Exhibit Hall is open to **all attendees**. Check out solutions and opportunities from support vendors across the field.

Morning Coffee Breaks, Lunch (every day), Afternoon Snacks, & Receptions are ALL SERVED IN EXHIBIT HALL!

SESSIONS & PROGRAMS

Attend sessions to learn about all the up-and-comings happening in the food safety world right now. There are Symposiums, Roundtables, General Sessions, Professional Development Groups, and so much more! Connect and learn!

OPEN TO
everyone



Types of Scheduled Events

Symposiums

Symposiums are lecture-style discussions where there will be anywhere between 2 - 5 speakers. This is timed and scheduled accordingly.

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Roundtable

Roundtable sessions are a group of individuals (3 - 6 speakers) who will discuss a topic for 1.5 - 3 hours long. These are engaging and lively discussions at one time.

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Technical Talks

Technical Talks are sessions that are focused on the technical aspects of a specific food safety topic. Each talk is 25-min and presents research data and current findings.

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General Sessions

General Sessions are for the entire conference and often include updates to the food safety space. There are the **Opening Session - Ivan Parkin Lecture, U.S. Regulatory Update on Food Safety, IAFP Business Meeting, & John H. Silliker Lecture.**

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Poster Sessions

Poster sessions are where posters of the science or current events (academia, government, industry) are presented to discuss various topics in food safety. There are 3 poster sessions across the three days with a range of topics.

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Sunday (July 27)

Professional Development Groups (PDGs)

Are you:

- Looking to expand your network in a particular topic
- A Subject Matter Expert
- Become a Subject Matter Expert

Attend the PDG meeting in a chosen topic on Sunday!
There are over 30 topics from which to choose from!
Open to everyone! Drop in, participate, come learn!



Opening Session: Ivan Parkin Lecture *Less is More: Ditching Distractions and Focusing on Value* with Alejandro Mazzotta (Chobani)

- Sunday July 27 in Grand Ballroom AB
- 6:00 - 7:30 pm ET



Cheese and Wine Reception in Exhibit Hall

- 7:30 - 9:30 PM (right after the lecture)
- Exhibition Hall is open to all



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all students



Join the **Student Professional Development Group Luncheon** on
Sunday (July 27) at 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM
in Room 1

student rate
\$20

- Student rate increases to \$30 (July 3 onwards).
- All tickets **must** be purchased by **July 14**.
- No tickets are available on-site.

CELEBRATE AT THE FREE STUDENT MIXER ON TUESDAY (JULY 29) FROM 7:00 - 9:00 PM ON ROOFTOP TERRACE (CONVENTION CENTER)

- If you're a student, attend to network and let loose with fellow students
- No signup needed
- Students get delicious food and two (2) drink tickets



Relax on
THE EXHIBIT FLOOR

IAFP 2024
Long Beach
California

Student PDG Lunch

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ARE YOU A STUDENT?

Monday 7/28

08:30 AM - 12:15 PM - Morning Sessions

- Symposiums 1 - 11
- Roundtables 1 - 6
- Technical Sessions 1 - 4

- Food Allergens
- Packaging
- Epidemiology
- Seafood
- Low Water Activity Foods
- Meat, Poultry and Eggs
- Dairy



12:30 - 1:30 PM - U.S. Regulatory Update on Food Safety

Kyle Diamantas, J.D. (FDA)

Dr. Denise Eblen (USDA)

- Grand Ballroom AB
- Open to everyone

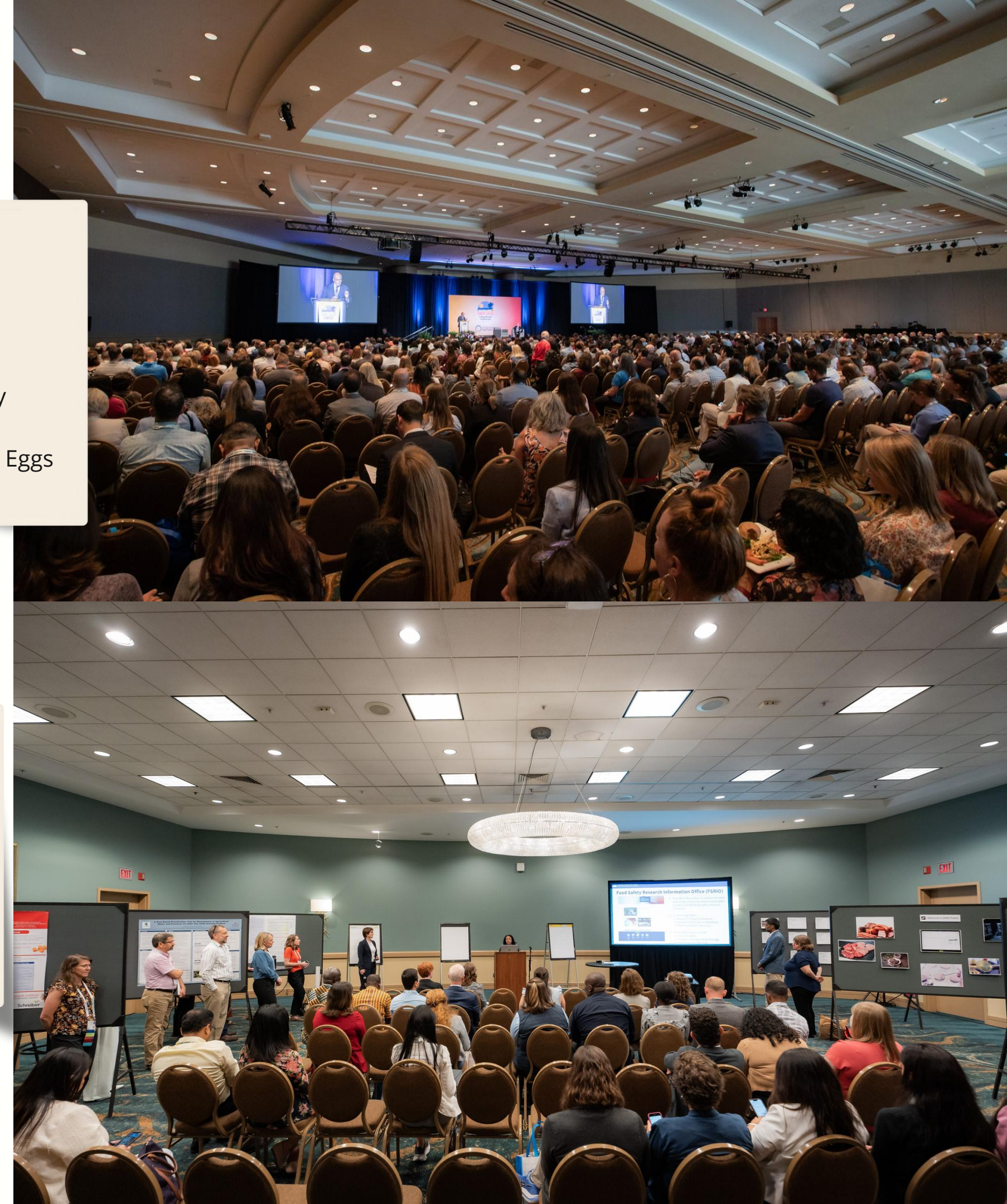
1:30 PM - 5:15 PM - Afternoon Sessions

- Symposiums 12 - 21
- Roundtables 7 - 11
- Technical Sessions: 5 - 8
 - Developing Scientists Finalists

- Sanitation & Hygiene
- Antimicrobials
- Developing Scientists Competition

All Day - Poster Session 1

Antimicrobials, Dairy, Data Management and Analytics, Food Allergens, Food Chemical Hazards, Low-Water Activity Foods, Microbial Food Spoilage, Packaging, Physical Hazards and Foreign Materials, Produce, and Water



Tuesday (July 29)

08:30 AM - 12:15 PM - Morning Sessions

- Symposiums 22 - 32
- Roundtables 14 - 16
- Technical Sessions 9 - 12

- Preharvest Food Safety
- Data Management & Analytics
- Beverages & Acid/Acidified Foods
- Communication, Outreach, and Education



12:30 - 1:30 PM - IAFP Business Meeting

- **Open to EVERYONE!**
- Room 4
- All IAFP Committees present a report of their annual happenings. The minutes are published.

1:30 PM - 5:15 PM - Afternoon Sessions

- Symposiums 33 - 43
- Roundtables 17 - 22
- Technical Sessions: 13 - 15

- Laboratory, Detection Methods, and Molecular Analytics
- Genomics & Microbiome
- Retail and Food Service Safety
- Food Safety Management Systems

All Day - Poster Session 2

Animal and Pet Food Safety, Communication, Outreach and Education, Food Defense, Food Fraud, Food Law and Regulation, Food Processing Technologies, Laboratory and Detection Methods, Pre-Harvest Food Safety, Retail and Food Service Safety, Sanitation and Hygiene, Seafood, and Viruses and Parasites



Wednesday 7/30

08:30 AM - 12:15 PM - Morning Sessions

- Symposiums 44 - 55
- Roundtables 23 & 24
- Technical Sessions: 16 - 19

- Produce & Water
- General Microbiology
- Food Safety Systems
- Food Law & Regulations

1:30 PM - 3:30 PM - Afternoon Sessions

- Symposiums 56 - 64
- Technical Sessions 20 & 21

- Food Processing Technologies
- Modeling and Risk Assessment

4:00 PM - 4:45 PM - John H. Siliker Lecture

Of Poultry, Pathogens, and People: Perennial Passions
with Julian Cox (UNSW Sydney, New South Wales, Australia)

All Day - Poster Session 3

Beverages and Acid/Acidified Foods, Epidemiology, Food Safety Systems, Food Toxicology, General Microbiology, Meat, Poultry and Eggs, Modeling and Risk Assessment, Molecular Analytics, Genomics and Microbiome, and Plant-Based Alternative Products





Join us John H. Silliker Lecture, Awards Reception & Banquet

Join us for the **Closing Session with the John H. Silliker Lecture** (4:00 - 4:45PM) followed by the Awards Reception and Banquet (6:00 - 9:30 PM).

This year's John H. Silliker Lecture will be presented by Julian Cox of UNSW Sydney, New South Wales, Australia.

Attend the reception and banquet afterwards:

- Enjoy a fabulous meal with other amazing food safety professionals
- Come and celebrate your peers and colleagues at the awards ceremony



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vendors



- Monday - Wednesday, **lunch served in the exhibit hall** between 11:45 AM - 1:30 PM
- Morning Coffee Break
- Afternoon Snacks Break
- Monday Exhibit Hall Reception: 5:15 PM - 6:15 PM
- Tuesday Exhibit Hall Reception: 5:15 PM - 6:15 PM
- No exhibitors on Wednesday



EXHIBIT HALL

Open to All Attendees
from **Sunday - Wednesday**



check out the
**SILENT
AUCTION**

Explore the Floor

Open to All Attendees (Sunday - Tuesday)

>250
vendors

- Play the Game by visiting booths
- Drawing Prizes:
 - 1 iPad
 - Three (3), \$100 cash prizes
- Visit vendors on the floor, collect stamps, turn in and win!

Play the
GAME





TWO MARKETPLACES

Monday (July 28) from 10:45-12:15 ET. Room 6 & 7. Focus on Asia

Tuesday (July 29) from 10:45-12:15 ET. Room 6 & 7. Focus on Food Safety in General

- Enables attendees to explore a range of food safety topics.
- Marketplace Room will only have posterboards act as market stands on which the marketers display their discussion topic or ideas.
- At the start of the meeting, every marketer will be given 30-60 secs to pitch their market stand, informing attendees what they wish to share and why.
- The Marketplace browsers walk around, stand and listen to marketers, engage in discussion, or just chat with other browsers.
- Connects food safety professionals to meet and discuss mutual interests or even differences of opinion, raising awareness, and extending networks.



Conference Services

IAFP offers a variety of **Conference Services** to ensure the ease and accessibility of all attendees and exhibitors.

Definitely check out the **Welcome Booth** when you arrive to say “hi” to one of our greeters. If you have any questions, ask anyone with a Lay; we’re here to help!



If you like what we’re doing, check out the **Foundation Booth**

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*Look for the
Hawaiian
Lei*

- Welcome Booth members
- Welcome Committee Members
- IAFP Staff Members
- Any IAFP Member with Hawaiian Lei is a Welcome Committee Member



Welcome Booth

Are you wondering where the restrooms are? Need help navigating the crazy large space?

Trying to find which room you're supposed to go to for a session?

Need a meeting place for you and your mentor (or friends)?

Want to find out other cool things you might not have seen?

Stop by the
**WELCOME
BOOTH**

OPEN TO
everyone

Welcome Receptions

Saturday - Opening Welcome Reception

- 5-6:30 pm
- Grand Ballroom C
- Light refreshments and a time to mingle

Sunday - Welcome Mixer

- 4:30 - 5:30 PM
- Room 10:
 - Come ask questions and meet folks
 - The group will travel to the opening session together

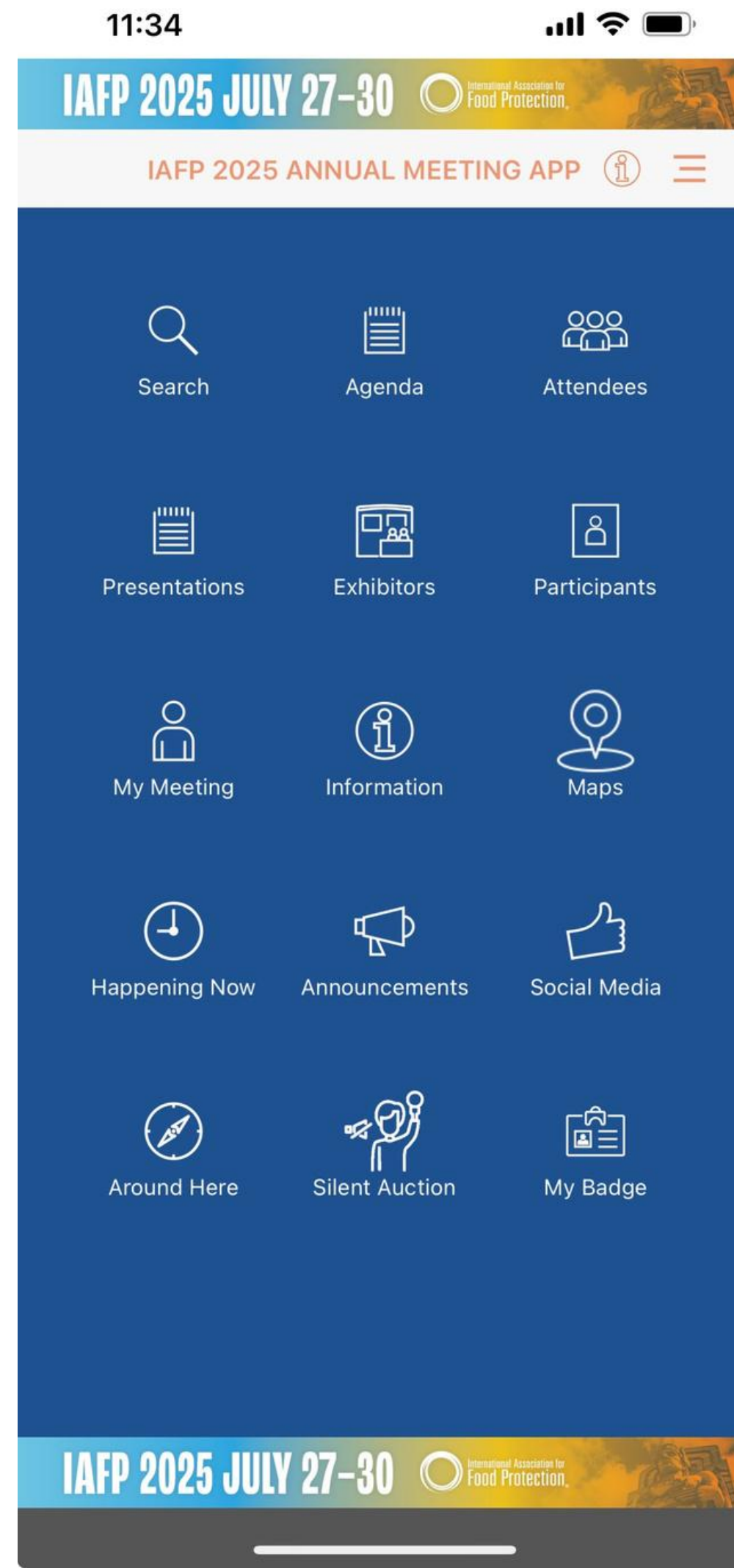
Sunday - Cheese and Wine Reception

- 7:30 - 9:30 PM *right after Ivan Parkin Lecture*
- In the **Exhibit Hall**:
 - Chat with friends and enjoy delicious snacks
 - Stop by the vendors for freebies and discussions

come & go



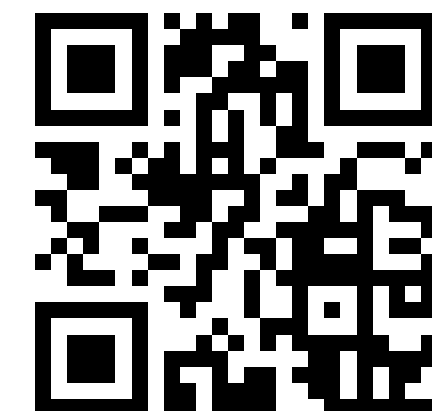
- Plan your day(s)
- Look up Attendees by Name
- Find where sessions and exhibitors are located
- Stay up-to-date with any on-demand happenings



Conference App

Download the app prior to arrival

The app will provide a day-to-day (hour-by-hour schedule) that syncs to your calendars



don't forget your
COMMEMORATIVE COIN



FOUNDATION BOOTH

"Supporting the IAFP Foundation gives me an opportunity to further the mission of IAFP and contribute to the continuing education of our members. Education is paramount to the success and growth of our members, as well as all Food Safety Officials globally. No other organization gives back to its members better than IAFP and our Foundation"

- Zeb E. Blanton, Jr. SGS – North America, Inc.

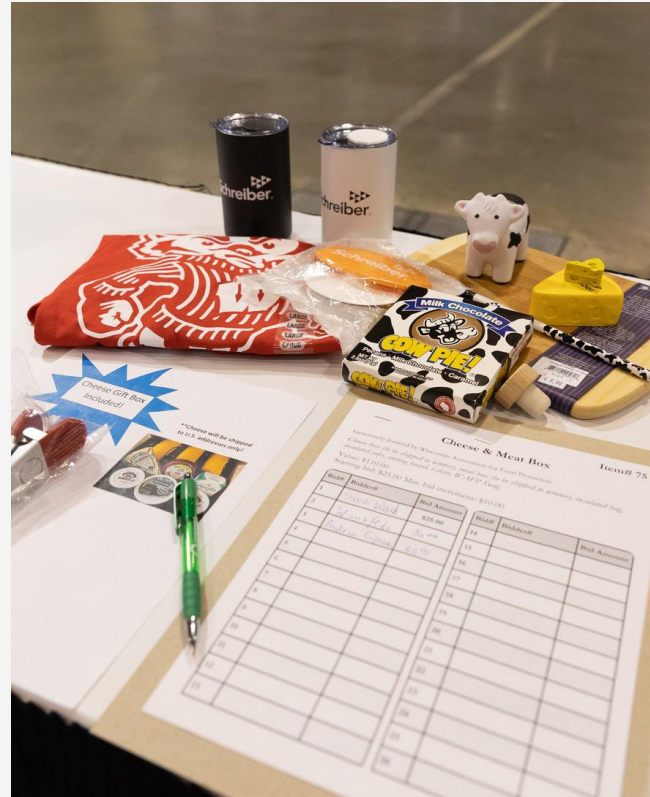


SILENT AUCTION

All proceeds from the Silent Auction benefits the **IAFP Foundation**.

Everyone is encouraged to donate to the auction.

Anyone (and everyone) can participate in bidding



THE SILENT AUCTION IS OPEN TO ALL ATTENDEES

SUNDAY 7:30 - 9:30 PM;
MONDAY 10 AM - 6:15 PM;
TUESDAY 10 AM - 3:30 PM
AUCTION CLOSSES TUESDAY AT 3:30 PM

LOCATED ON THE **BALLROOM FOYER**

WINNER TAKES ITEM HOME AND PAYS AT MEETING





Quiet Room

Do you need a breather?

Need a quiet place to silence the low-level background buzz that is milling through a conference hall?

Want to rest your feet in a “no judgement” space?

IAFP will have a “Quiet Room” available. Furnished with lounge chairs in a calm setting for supporting those wishing to “take a moment”, the Quiet Room is for anyone and everyone who needs a moment of peace in the hectic day.

Refer to the Conference App or ask at the Welcome Booth for its location!





Lactation Pods

Lactation Pods are available throughout the Conference Center for parents and children who need the space.

Please refer to the Conference App and/or ask at the Welcome Booth for directions!



ACCESSIBILITY REQUEST

IAFP believes in increasing accessible options for all attendees. At this conference, we strive to:

- Utilize microphones at all times
- Encourage accessible presentations and exhibits
- Facilitate conversation and learning between all attendees.
- Coordinate with the Cleveland Event Center for accessibility needs
- **NEW** AI-generated transcripts will provide closed captioning with all recordings

UNFORTUNATELY, WE DO NOT HAVE DIRECT INTERPRETATION SERVICES. HOWEVER, MANY IAFP AFFILIATE GROUPS ARE AVAILABLE TO SUPPORT WITH LANGUAGE NEEDS



Plan Ahead

There's so many things to think about...let's break it down 😊

Use the **Online Program** or the **Conference App** to plan your days.

There are also available resources for local recommendations that are available!

Otherwise, come to **Welcome Booth** and talk to someone!

TIPS & TRICKS

FOOD TIME

Although breakfast is not served, water, tea, and coffee stations are placed throughout **Convention Center** and in **Exhibit Hall**. Snacks & ice-cream are also available!

Attend the **Awards Banquet** on Wednesday Evening

Enjoy dinners in Cleveland and after the evening receptions



BUFFET LUNCHES

Provided on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday in **Exhibit Hall**

Open seating & networking are encouraged



RECEPTIONS & SNACKS

Free hors d'oeuvres and drinks hosted in the **Exhibit Hall** in between sessions, after daily activities end, and during poster presentations

Open to all

Session Etiquette

Silence your phones

So as not to be disruptive, please silence or turn cell phones on vibrate during your session.

Use the Microphone

To ensure accessibility for our diverse audience, **please make sure to always use a microphone** when speaking and/or asking a question in a session. Microphones are in all rooms and some sessions have runners!

Refrain from Pictures or Videos

Please do not take pictures of slides or record videos during presentations.

Do approach the speaker following their talk to see if they will provide you with a copy of the slide(s) you are interested in.



Maximizing Your Time

Look at List of Events

Download the **Conference App** and use it (or the book) to plan out who you'd like to see.

DOWNLOAD THE APP

Team Approach

There's so much to learn; if you're coming as a group, consider "dividing and conquering" to participate in the sessions to maximize learning/outcome

PRE-PLAN YOUR SCHEDULE

Recorded Sessions

Many sessions will be recorded. Recorded sessions are accessible after the conference (within two weeks).

IAFP HAS YOU COVERED





TRAVEL TIPS

Book your travel ASAP (if you haven't now, do it **right now**).



Hotel Reservation Platform

Use the IAFP Hotel Reservation platform for best pricing of room blocks



Travel to-from-Conference

By Air: **Cleveland International Airport (CLE)**

- Taxis (Carousel #11): \$40 - 60
- Rideshare: 30 - 45 minutes; \$25 - 50
- Metro Rail: 30 minute ride (every 15 minutes), single day: \$5
- Rental Car: parking fees apply



- Be comfortable.
- Be you.
- Business casual.
- Expect to **walk a lot** (bring shoes for walking).
- Bring a sweater; it gets cold!

WHAT TO PACK

Make space in luggage for goodies & a reusable water bottle (IAFP gift)





Attending with Family Members or Children?



Registered Children

Registered children, as long as they're accompanied by an adult, have access to the **Exhibit Hall**.

Lunches are provided for them

Companions

Individuals who are signed up as **companions** have access to the **Exhibit Hall**.

Lunches are provided for them



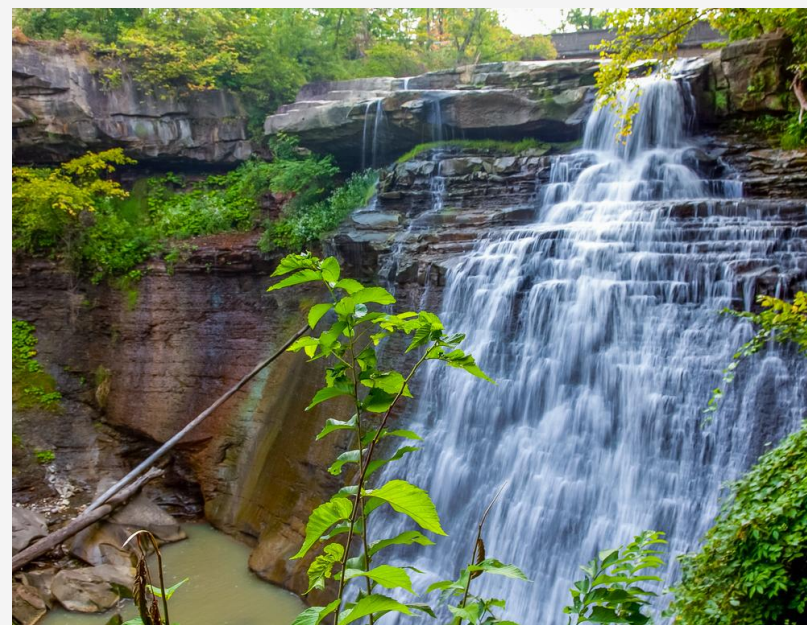
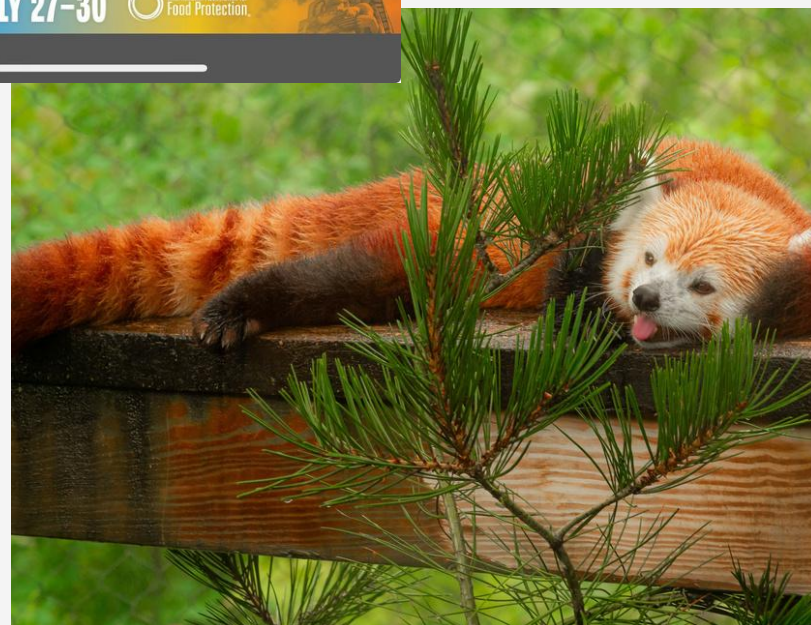
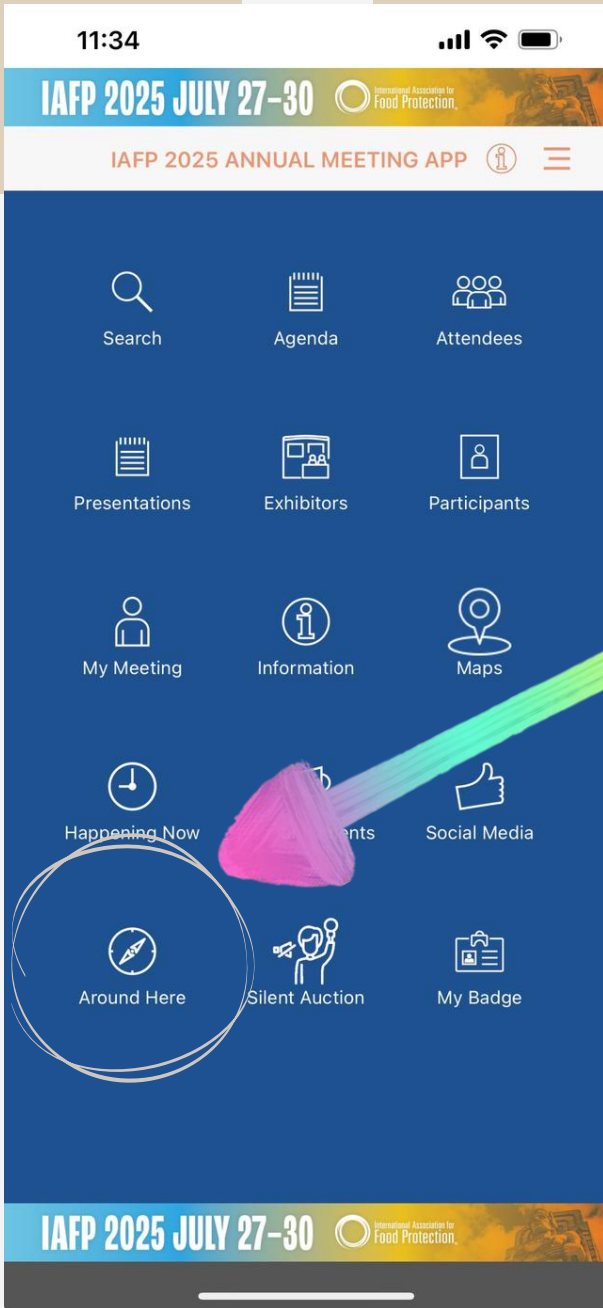
NEED FURTHER TIPS?

There are downloadable **"Tip Sheets"** made by the IAFP Ad Hoc Welcome Committee and/or check out the **Conference App** under **"Around Here"**.

Tip Sheets will have ideas and tips for surviving the Conference. The Sheets are an accumulation of "best practices" and "helpful kernels" from members who have been with IAFP for awhile.

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THANK YOU & QUESTIONS

Questions?

IAFP Offers Open Access to Webinars During June 2025!



Scan to link

World Food Safety Day is June 7, 2025

In recognition of this day to increase awareness about food safety, IAFP will provide
open access from June 1–30, 2025
to all recorded webinars in the IAFP archives for non-Members.

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Not a Member? We encourage you to join today.

For more information go to: www.FoodProtection.org/membership/

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