Affiliate Annual Report for Calendar Year 2020
(Complete Attachment B to be considered for one or more 2021 Affiliate Awards.)

To maintain compliance with IAFP Constitution and Bylaws, Affiliates must return this completed report. Please send by email to Susan Smith at: ssmith@foodprotection.org.

Please return the following items electronically by Tuesday, March 9, 2021 (late reports will not be considered for awards):

REQUIRED:
☐ This completed form (in English).
☐ Your Association’s membership list (Item 2).
☐ Your Association’s list of current term officers (complete Attachment A).

OPTIONAL:
☐ Attachment B: Completion required only if your Association requests to be considered for one or more Affiliate Awards.
☐ IAFP now accepts all Affiliate Annual Reports electronically, including those vying for one or more of the Affiliate Awards. Affiliates seeking to present the highest quality visual presentation are encouraged to present their Annual Report in the highest quality possible for review by the Selection Committee. To avoid errors and omissions, please limit your submission to ONE email with all attachments.
☐ Digital photos (with names and descriptions) to appear in the Affiliate View quarterly newsletter.

British Columbia Food Protection Association (BCFPA)

1. Your Official Delegate to IAFP Affiliate Council and Contact

Enter in the fields below the information requested for your Association’s official Delegate to the IAFP Affiliate Council and your official Contact for IAFP correspondence. Delegate must be an IAFP Member.

Official Delegate to IAFP Affiliate Council
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Vancouver, BC, Canada V6T 1Z4
1-778-835-7868
Justin.falardeau@ubc.ca
IAFP Member? Y ☑ N ☐
2. Membership List

a. Indicate the current total number of members in your Association: 68
b. How many NEW members joined your Association in 2020? 20
c. Fax or email your current membership list. Include name, title, complete address, phone number, fax number, and email address of all active members.

3. Meetings: Annual Meeting/Conference, Educational, Workshops, Webinars, etc.

a. On what date(s) was your most recent general membership or major meeting (i.e., Annual Meeting/Conference) during the past year? Please list number of attendees.
Annual General Meeting 2020; January 28, 2021; Virtually (Zoom); 32 attendees

b. Please provide the date(s) and location of your next scheduled major meeting (i.e., Annual Meeting/Conference):
Spring Speaker Series; details TBD

c. List all other general membership meetings held in 2020 (excluding board meetings). Include title, dates and attendance numbers.

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4. Awards and Scholarships

a. List members honored with an award from your Association and/or IAFP during 2020. Include name of award and qualification for award.

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b. List scholarships awarded during 2019; include recipient and qualification for scholarship.

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5. Web Communication

Please be sure to keep the IAFP office on your mailing list for newsletters, email, and other communications to your general membership.

Please provide your existing Affiliate’s Web site address AND date last updated: www.bcffoodprotection.ca ; January 16, 2021

Did you launch a new Affiliate Web site in 2020? Y ☐  N ☒

NOTE: We updated (renovated?) our website. Same address, but completely different layout and look.
Attachment A (completion required)

Association Officers List

Provide the contact information requested below for all current officers of your Association. Please indicate if each officer is an IAFP Member (reminder: Your President and Delegate are required to be IAFP Members). The information you provide here is published on our website and in select membership materials. The information may be typed in the fields below or may be sent to our office by email, fax or regular mail.

Indicate the term dates (e.g., 2020–2021) for your current Executive Board:

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<td>Vaudreuil-Dorion, QC, J7V 8S2</td>
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Officer Title
Officer Name
Address 1
Address 2
City, State ZIP Country
Phone Number
E-mail address
IAFP Member? Y □ N □
Before continuing, please check one of the boxes below:

☑ CHECK HERE and return electronically by 3/9/21 IF YOUR AFFILIATE REQUESTS TO BE CONSIDERED FOR ONE OR MORE 2021 AFFILIATE AWARDS. (You are required to complete Attachment B.)

☐ CHECK HERE IF YOUR AFFILIATE DOES NOT WANT TO BE CONSIDERED FOR A 2021 AWARD. (You are done! It is not necessary to complete Attachment B.)
Attachment B (optional)

Affiliate Award Considerations
To be considered for one or more of the five Affiliate Awards to be presented at IAFP 2021, Affiliates are required to check the box next to the award(s) for which you wish to be considered and provide the related criteria (in English). (REMINDER: Please confirm IAFP Membership of your Affiliate President and Delegate before completing Attachment B to avoid award disqualification.) Submit your Annual Report and any attachments in ONE email to avoid errors and omissions.

☐ Affiliate Membership Achievement Award
How did your Affiliate grow AND retain members during the past year? Please provide details on:

- how new members were recruited throughout the year;
- the number of new members joining the Affiliate;
- the percent increase in membership from 2019 to 2020;
- specific efforts on how you retained existing members; and
- other methods related to helping grow and maintain your membership.

You may cut and paste copy in the space below or use a separate page if necessary; please limit your explanation to 500 words or less in 12 point type.
**Affiliate Communication Award**

How did your Affiliate communicate information to your Members during the past year? Please provide a description of the types of communication sent to your general membership and include samples with your Annual Report. Samples can be printed copies/screen shots of blast emails, Web site (include frequency of updating), electronic/print newsletters, brochures, etc., along with respective dates sent. If available, provide how effective specific communication was toward meeting your goals. You may cut and paste copy in the space below or use a separate page if necessary; please limit your explanation to 500 words or less in 12 point type.

Due to the COVID pandemic, our association has relied heavily on social media platforms to communicate information and upcoming virtual webinars, such as:

- Email
- Website
- Facebook
- LinkedIn
- Instagram

To reach out to more diverse audiences, we have also opened up an Instagram account in June 2020 which has gained 107 followers to date.

Our website has also been revamped this year. It is now easier for our members to find upcoming events and recent posts which we often give our members information on careers, virtual webinars from other organizations or academia, other local food safety-related programs and other food safety news or events that may be of interest to our members. These interesting posts and upcoming events are also shared through Facebook, LinkedIn and Instagram for our members.

Instead of doing our usual Spring and Fall Speaker’s Events, we have instead organized a series of 3 virtual webinars in the spring and 2 virtual webinars in the fall. Leading to our virtual webinar events, we frequently sent email blasts to our membership. This has resulted in a great turn out of the events.

- BCFPA 2020 Spring Speaker's Evening Webinar Series 1 - 72 registrants
- BCFPA 2020 Spring Speaker's Evening Webinar Series 2 - 29 registrants
- BCFPA 2020 Spring Speaker's Evening Webinar Series 3 - 25 registrants
- BCFPA 2020 Fall Speaker's Evening Webinar Series 1 - 34 registrants
- BCFPA 2020 Fall Speaker's Evening Webinar Series 2 - 32 registrants

As with our association's goal of exchanging information on protecting the food supply, we have reached out to our membership with various communications on upcoming virtual webinars we hosted, surveys, food safety or health-related news articles, and other academic webinars hosted by other associations. We felt we have succeeded in educating and exchanging information to our members and based on our event attendee survey responses, we felt this was properly reached out and our members were left satisfied with the information they were given. The level of educational engagement was positive and we have received positive feedback on our virtual educational webinars.

In addition, we have also kept our tradition of sending out our BCFPA newsletter, *The Grapevine*, to our members twice a year. The newsletter provides updates to our members on a snapshot of past events and what's new within the association.

- BCFPA Newsletter Vol 5 Issue 05 Mar 29 2020
Below are screen shots of examples of our communication to our members through different media platforms.

Email updates:

**BC Food Protection Association**

*Webinar Series Updates*

**Spring Speaker's Evening Webinar Series**

Hello everyone!

We hope you are able to join us as we host our Spring Speaker's Webinar Series! We have 3 webinars with 3 amazing speakers lined up just for you! Registration is open for webinar #2 and #3!

**Register today to take part in these FREE events! Our first webinar is coming up on Thursday, April 30th!**

Update: We will be sending a separate email for all registrants on how to join our webinar. If you would like to join us, please register today!

**Webinar #1:**

Food Production During a Pandemic: Lessons learned from COVID-19

Speaker: Aljoa Tirmid, Cornell University

Date: April 30, 2020

Time: 4:30-5:30 pm PT

**Sponsored by**

**SANI MARC.**

Registration:

Free for BCFPA Members

$30 for Non-Members

Note: Each webinar is a separate registration

**Webinar Series Schedule:**

**WEBINAR #1**

APRIL 30, 2020 - 4:30 pm PT

Food Production During a Pandemic: Lessons Learned From COVID-19

Speaker: Aljoa Tirmid, Cornell University

Register Here: [https://www.bcfoodprotection.ca/event-3813537](https://www.bcfoodprotection.ca/event-3813537)

**WEBINAR #2**

MAY 14, 2020 - 4:30 pm PT

Environmental Monitoring

[...]
Facebook postings:

BC Food Protection Association (BCFPA)

International Association for Food Protection (IAFP). IAFP has over 3,000 members in 50 nations.

BC Food Protection Association is an association with a diverse membership from industry, government, academia, equipment manufacturers and others...

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151 people like this
163 people follow this
https://www.bcfoodprotection.ca/

BCFPA 2020 Fall Speaker’s Evening Webinar Series 2

22 People Reached 0 Engagements

Comment as BC Food Protection Association...

BC Food Protection Association (BCFPA)

Published by Steph Chiu 1 November 16, 2020

Hello everyone! Only 3 days left until our next webinar! If you have not done so already, please register to attend our next event! It is FREE for BCFPA members!

Webinar #2: Produce Traceability. What Are Your Expectations?... See More

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BC Food Protection Association (BCFPA)

Published by Steph Chiu 1 November 16, 2020

The BC Food Protection Association is thrilled to host a series of webinars to our members in the fall. Registration is now open for webinar #2! See details below.

Webinar #2: Produce Traceability. What Are Your Expectations?... See More

Page Transparency

Facebook is showing information to help you better understand the purpose of a Page. See actions taken by the people who manage and post content.

© Page created - May 26, 2011
At the risk of COVID fatigue, it is the inevitable topic for 2020. In addition to the tragic loss of lives, SARS-CoV-2 has had an immense impact on our way of life.

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Webinar #1:
CFIA Regulatory Update - Who Does The Safe Food For Canadians Regulations Apply To Now?... See More
Using Shared Laundry Facilities During the COVID-19 Pandemic

Current research suggests that SARS-CoV-2, the virus that causes COVID-19, can live for hours to days on various surfaces, so laundry machines, countertops, and furniture need to be sanitized frequently. Health Canada has created a list of disinfectants that are safe and effective against the virus.

Although laundry from sick people should be kept bagged and separated while in your home to prevent accidental handling, there is no need to wash or dry those items separately.

DO'S

- Wash your hands before and after.
- Wipe down clothes, shoes, and handles before and after use.
- Wash with soap and hot water.
- Do not overload the machine.
- Don’t leave your laundry in the machine.
- Keep 2 m distance from others.
- Don’t keep clothes on the floor.
- Don’t leave the dryer door open when not in use.

DON'T'S

- Don’t share a dryer before drying them in the machine.
- Don’t leave wet laundry from soap or detergent.
- Don’t keep clothes in the dryer for too long.
- Don’t wash or dry clothes on noisy machine.
- Don’t keep clothes in the dryer for too long.
- Don’t keep clothes in the dryer for too long.
- Don’t leave the dryer door open when not in use.

National Collaborating Centre for Environmental Health - NCCEH-CCNSE is sharing a COVID-19 Update.
August 18, 2020

Some students will be heading back to dorms and student housing in Sept. As today’s CBC article points out (https://bit.ly/3iQ3stW), many are wary of shared spa... See More
California company likely source of North American salmonella outbreak linked to onions | CBC News
LinkedIn postings:

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bcfoodprotection.ca

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Organic impressions: 50 Impressions

Posted by Stephanie Chiu • 10/30/2020 • Sponsor now

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17th Annual & 1st Virtual Guelph Food Safety Seminars Symposium
ueguelph.ca • 2 min read

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Organic impressions: 69 Impressions

Posted by Stephanie Chiu • 10/26/2020 • Sponsor now

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Instagram postings:

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13 posts 107 followers 200 following

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Food Safety!
Missed AGM? Catch up on our website.
Renew your membership today!
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BCFPA Renewal Reminder
Don't miss out on our upcoming webinars!
Or catch up on what we discussed at our AGM
www.bfoodprotection.ca

Network from Home
28th January 2021
9.00 AM - 12.00 PM
Register Today!
https://www.bfoodprotection.ca/event-4107774

SAFE FOOD FOR CANADIANS REGULATIONS UPDATE WEBINAR
IAPP 2021
July 13-15, 2021
Toronto, Ontario
IAPP Annual Conference & Expo
Register for the webinar, and get your questions answered by our panelists.
Website postings:

BC FOOD PROTECTION ASSOCIATION

UPCOMING EVENTS

No upcoming events

RECENT POSTS

2020 AGM Report Now Available
16 Jan 2021 6:52 PM | Standard Chat

Bacteriophages Survey - Student Research Project
16 Jan 2021 4:57 PM | Standard Chat

Traceability Funding Programs Available
04 Dec 2020 12:47 AM | Standard Chat

Food Safety Specialist - BC Ministry of Health, Health Protection Branch
03 Dec 2020 11:34 PM | Standard Chat

BC Lean for Food Processors Program - Applications Open While Funding Lasts
32 Nov 2020 8:48 PM | Standard Chat

ABOUT US

We are pleased to introduce the British Columbia Food Protection Association (BCCPA), an affiliate of the International Association for Food Protection (IAFP). To become a member, visit our website.

BECOME A MEMBER

Who should join the BC Food Protection Association?

Anyone involved in food safety, whether you are a processor, retailer, or tester.
IAFP Fall 2020 Affiliate View - Now Available
Stephanie C (Administrator) | 21 Nov 2020 2:10 PM
The Fall 2020 Affiliate View is now available on the IAFP website under the Publications tab: https://www.foodprotection.org/publications/affiliate-view

Univ of Guelph Food Safety Seminars Symposium - Nov 5, 2020
Stephanie C (Administrator) | 04 Nov 2020 10:14 PM
17th Annual & 1st Virtual Guelph Food Safety Seminars Symposium
Thursday, November 5th, 2020 10:30 AM to Thursday, November 26th, 2020 12:00 PM

Our BCFPA Instagram Is Now Live!
Stephanie C (Administrator) | 23 Aug 2020 8:20 PM
Visit our new BCFPA Instagram account and don't forget to give us a follow!
You can follow our Instagram account here: https://www.instagram.com/bcfoodprotectionassociation/

August 2020 BCFPA Grapevine Newsletter Is Now Out!
Stephanie C (Administrator) | 31 Aug 2020 3:27 PM
Our newsletter is now out! You can access and read about the latest events, our fall event plans and other BCFPA-related news here - https://drive.google.com/file/d/1TnEdQw6CCeIM6u1Bt1Z7xOE1tFXQaC/view

IAFP Spring 2020 Affiliate View Now Out
Stephanie C (Administrator) | 22 May 2020 11:31 PM
The IAFP’s Spring 2020 Affiliate View is now out! The BCFPA Annual General Meeting was even mentioned!

BCFPA Spring Speaker’s Evening Webinar #1 Attendee Survey
Stephanie C (Administrator) | 04 May 2020 10:43 PM
Hello everyone!
We would like to thank you for attending our Spring Speaker’s Evening Webinar Series #1!
In our continued effort for improvement and to bring seminars and events that are interesting, we ask that you take a few minutes to complete...
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We are now accepting paid advertising on a trial basis in our newsletter. Advertising space is on a first-come, first served basis with preference to our Sustaining Members.

Advertising rates for each issue of the newsletter are:
- $40 1/4 page
- $60 1/2 page
- $80 full page

BC Food Protection Association

BCFPA Grapevine

"Providing accurate and up-to-date information on protecting the food supply"

Your BCFPA Executive Board for 2020

Bylaws and Resolutions Chair: Justin Falaradeau
Communications Committee Chair: Stephanie Chiu (Lead), David Mahoney, Claire Nolan
Past President: Stephanie Chiu
IAPP Affiliate Council Delegate: Justin Falaradeau
Student Professional Development Group Coordinator (SPDG): Ivy Li
UBC Student Representative: Yasmin Gardy
BCIT Student Representative: Ivy Li

A Message From Our Board Regarding COVID-19

Given the growing concerns surrounding COVID-19 and the precautionary measures being taken to prevent the spread of COVID-19, we have decided to put on hold any upcoming public events such as our popular Spring Speaker’s Evening. Our top priority is the health and safety of our members and volunteer executive board members. As such, we feel this is the right decision to make in these difficult times.

Since these public events are important for our continued engagement with you, our members, we are working on new ways of drawing in members and educating them through seminars and workshops.

During this global COVID-19 pandemic, we have noticed the increasing popularity of video conferencing platforms being used as solutions for keeping people connected at a time where schools and businesses have been closed to encourage social distancing. This brings us to our most exciting announcement:

For the very first time, we are thrilled to unveil our plan to "host" our Spring Speaker’s Evening as a series of webinars! More details will be provided once logistics have been finalized, so please stay tuned.

Lastly, in an effort to increase our membership, we are offering the following promotion to our current members: Refer a colleague or friend to the BC Food Protection Association today!

As a thank you, you will receive a promotional discount code of 23% which you can use towards your next event (valid through the end of 2021). More details on this promotion on page 8 of the newsletter.

We thank you for your continued support and look forward to seeing you online soon.

Sincerely,

BCFPA Executive Board
2019 Annual General Meeting Pushes Through Despite a Snow Storm - January 16, 2020

The BCFPA held its 2019 Annual General Meeting on January 16, 2020 at the Italian Cultural Centre in Vancouver. A snow storm (unusual for Vancouver) made travelling difficult, but 33 of our core members still held strong and showed up. The meeting opened up with affiliate business, moderated by (then) Vice President Justin Falaradeau. The members of the 2020 executive were ratified by the members and included:

President/Delegate: Justin Falaradeau
Past President: Stephanie Nadya
Vice President: Stephanie Chiu
Secretary: Ivy Li
Treasurer: Simon Cowell

Continuing board member David Mahoney remained on as the chair of the events committee, and we welcomed a new board member Claire Tobin who will be taking up the reigns of the membership committee. Welcome Claire!

After the affiliate business, we were treated to an engaging presentation titled Biofilms: Hunting and Dealing in the Food Industry by JAFP Affiliate Council Secretary and Professor at the University of British Columbia. Dr. Stéphane Jean, Dr. Jean outlined some of the modern challenges associated with biofilms and potential strategies for control and prevention.

After our guest speaker, the BCFPA awarded two scholarships to deserving student members. The scholarships are adjudicated based on an essay writing contest, with this year’s topics being Food safety concerns with meat alternatives, and Food fraud: detection and prevention. The 2nd place scholarship ($1,000) was awarded to MSC student Alejandro Leiva Arrona, from the University of British Columbia, for his essay titled, Process induced allergenicity of meat alternatives. The 1st place scholarship ($1,500) was awarded to PhD student Thomas Brenner, also from UBC, for his essay, Food Fraud: Detection and Prevention of Meat Adulteration by Real-Time PCR. These two essays will be published in our upcoming newsletters for 2020.

As tradition would have it, our second and final presentation of the night was given by one of last year’s student scholarship winners, Yvonne Ma, a recent MSC graduate from the University of British Columbia, presented her research work isolating and characterizing bacteriophages against Veroxyotoxogenic Escherichia coli.

Finally, the evening closed out with some door prizes, which included a complimentary first-time 1-year membership to JAFP. The lucky recipient was Sion Shing of the BC Centre for Disease Control. Congratulations Sion, and hope to see you at JAFP 2020!

A big thank you to Sasl Marc for generously sponsoring our Annual General Meeting!

Written by: Justin Falaradeau, BCFPA President, JAFP Delegate, PhD Candidate, UBC

Left: Attendees listening intently during our Annual General Meeting. Middle: Julie Jean, our first speaker, presenting her talk. Right: Yvonne Ma, our second speaker, presenting her talk.

Bottoms: Nikola Jovic of Sasl Marc explaining the benefits of the BioDetect spray for detecting the presence of biofilms.

Top left: Justin Falaradeau awarding 1st place scholarship recipient, Thomas Brenner.

Top right: Justin Falaradeau congratulating Sion Shing for winning the door prize for 1-year membership to the JAFP.
Your BCFPA Events For The Fall

Given the current situation with the global COVID-19 pandemic and the uncertainty with holding public events and workshops, your BCFPA Executive Board is working hard to ensure there is continued engagement with you, our members, on providing education through seminars and workshops. We have decided to continue holding off any future public events including our conference for the foreseeable future.

Given the success we had for our 3 virtual spring webinars, we have decided to continue with this format for the fall.

We are currently organizing our next virtual webinar for our fall event.

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2020 BCFPA Spring Speaker’s Evening Webinar Series - Apr 30, May 14 & May 28

Due to the global crisis surrounding the COVID-19 pandemic, the BCFPA held its very first virtual Speaker’s Evening Webinar Series on the Zoom platform in lieu of our usual Spring Speaker’s Evening Event which would normally be held at a venue.

On April 30, 2020, Aljoša Trrčič, an extension associate at Cornell University, was our first speaker for the webinar series. His talk was entitled, “Food Production During a Pandemic: Lessons Learned From COVID-19”. Aljoša is part of the food safety expert team addressing Covid-19 concerns of the food industry. He shared his knowledge and experiences he has accumulated as part of the COVID-19 Emergency Task Force on Food Safety & Processing at Cornell University. Aljoša brought many valuable ideas and advice to help food industry prepare and move forward along this prolonged global crisis. He introduced some useful websites that guide food industry to make proper decisions and changes, such as the COVID-19 decision tree for the food industry, risk mitigation strategies, and communication tips. At the end of the presentation, he answered various questions from attendees regarding the Covid-19 related food safety concerns and the implementation of new norms in food processing plants. He also clarified a common misunderstanding of COVID-19, which is a respiratory virus but not a foodborne pathogen.

The second webinar was held on May 14, 2020. Ana Lozano, a professional services representative at 3N, who has over 15 years of working in the food industry, gave a talk about the integrated environmental monitoring program. Her talk was entitled, "Environmental Monitoring". She provided an overview of the global food safety activity and the transition of the strategies to ensure food safety. She elaborated on the new strategies, such as risk-based sampling plan, ATP-hydration monitoring plan, and indicator organism’s verification, to explain the holistic approach to environmental monitoring and why it is a more proactive measure than the conventional methods.

The third webinar was held on May 28, 2020, and it featured Francisco Diez-Gonzalez who was our third and final speaker our webinar series. His talk was entitled, “Safety of Low Water Activity Foods”. Francisco, a director and professor at the Center for Food Safety and a Professor in the Department of Food Science and Technology at the University of Georgia, presented his recent research work with the focus on the safety of low water activity foods and novel interventions to control foodborne pathogens in low water activity foods. He described the study of the survival of different foodborne pathogens in low water activity foods through the thermal inactivation. He also introduced his research on the potential inactivation and detection methods of the foodborne pathogens in low water activity foods.

A big thank you to Sanil Marc for generously sponsoring our virtual webinar series!

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Top LEFT: Aljoša Trrčič presenting the COVID-19 numbers in Canada and the US. TOP RIGHT: Ana Lozano speaking to our members on environmental monitoring, BOTTOM RIGHT: Francisco Diez-Gonzalez giving his talk on low water activity foods.
Affiliate Education Award
What types of food safety education did your Affiliate provide to its members during the past year? Please provide the following details on all technical meetings, educational conferences, webinars, workshops, classes, and other methods pertinent to the interests of the membership:

- Background;
- Objectives;
- Agenda;
- Target audience;
- Dates held; and
- Numbers of attendees.

You may cut and paste copy in the space below or use a separate page if necessary; please limit your explanation to 500 words or less in 12 point type. (Do not submit copies of speaker Power Point slide presentations.)

The executive set an objective for 2020 to engage new groups and build our membership. Particularly, to get away from the academic-heavy events, and try to better engage industry members.

The year started with our Annual General Meeting on Jan 16. Some 33 members participated and enjoyed a presentation by keynotes speaker Julie Jean, Professor of Food Science, Université Laval, on “Biofilms Hunting in the Food Industry”. Her presentation discussed challenges of biofilms in the food industry, and various methods for their study. After, Yvonne Ma, the winner or last year’s scholarship award presented on her graduate work “Isolation and Characterization of Bacteriophages against Verocytotoxigenic Escherichia coli”.

The advent of the COVID-19 pandemic required a move an online format. With this introduction of COVID lemons, we decided to make lemonade. We saw that virtual events would allow us to have a variety of speakers, regardless of geography and travel costs.

Our Spring Speaker series consisted of three webinars covering a variety of topics.

Webinar 1: APRIL 30, 2020: Speaker: Aljoša Trmčić, Cornell University 72 participants

Food Production During a Pandemic: Lessons Learned From COVID-19

This timely webinar was targeted at private industry, with the motivation of providing answer to questions we knew many of them had about operating during the new pandemic. The event sponsor, Sani-Marc, promoted the event nationally which led to a large turnout from across Canada

Webinar 2: MAY 14, 2020: Speaker: Ana Lozano, Food Safety Division, 3M 29 Participants

Environmental Monitoring

This second webinar was targeted again at our private industry members. This “refresher” webinar was a great summary of how to conduct effective environmental monitoring, covering a range of testing. A large engagement during the Q&A showed that the audience clearly appreciated the presentation and that classic food safety never gets old.
Webinar 3: May 28, 2020; Speaker: Dr. Francisco Diez-Gonzalez, University of Georgia; 25 Participants

Safety of Low Water Activity Foods

This last webinar in the Spring Series was a general topic target at all our members, but possibly geared towards the regulatory and academic members in particular. Dr. Diez-Gonzalez outlined the ongoing research about the growth of foodborne pathogens in low water activity foods.

The Fall Webinar Series consisted of two webinars:

Webinar 1: NOVEMBER 5, 2020; 34 Participants

CFIA Regulatory Update - Who Does The Safe Food For Canadians Regulations Apply To Now?

Speaker: Jody Kary, Operational Specialist, Canadian Food Inspection Agency

This webinar was targeted towards both private industry and regulatory sectors. Jody Kary covered a variety of topics from the SFCA, including the Integrated Risk Management Approach, Standard Inspection Process, and how the CFIA is embracing technology through the Digital First program.

Webinar 2: NOVEMBER 19, 2020; 30 Participants

Produce Traceability, What Are Your Expectations?

Speaker: Steve Roosdahl, Vice President Operations, The Oppenheimer Group

This industry-focused webinar covered the recent advances in produce traceability, identifying best practices that have been adopted by the Oppenheimer Group. Steve also led a lengthy Q&A to maintain an open dialog about industry expectations.