



## Affiliate Annual Report for Calendar Year 2024

*(Complete Attachment B to be considered for one or more 2025 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](mailto:ssmith@foodprotection.org).

Please return the following items **electronically** by **Tuesday, March 4, 2025** (late reports will not be considered for awards):

**REQUIRED:**

This completed form (*in English*).

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.

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## Arkansas Association for Food Protection

### 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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IAFP Member? Y ☒ N ☐

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IAFP Member? Y ☒ N ☐

**2. Membership List**

- a. Indicate the current total number of members in your Association: ~140
- b. How many NEW members joined your Association in 2024? ~20

**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.  
September 24-26, 2024; 200 attendees
- b. Please provide the date(s) and location of your next scheduled major meeting (i.e., Annual Meeting/Conference):  
September 9 – 11, 2025
- c. List all other general membership meetings held in 2024 (excluding board meetings). Include title, dates and attendance numbers.

N/A

## 4. Awards and Scholarships

a. List members honored with an award from your Association and/or IAFP during 2024. Include name of award and qualification for award.

|                                       |                                                                                                      |
|---------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Ruvindu Perera                        | Foodborne Pathogens and Contaminants in Animal-Based Products – 1 <sup>st</sup> place poster         |
| Ashley Tarcin                         | Foodborne Pathogens and Contaminants in Animal-Based Products – 2 <sup>nd</sup> place poster         |
| Amanda Anthney                        | Foodborne Pathogens and Contaminants in Animal-Based Products – 3 <sup>rd</sup> place poster         |
| Sahaana Chandran                      | Foodborne Pathogens and Contaminants in Plant-Based Products – 1 <sup>st</sup> place poster          |
| Gayatri Rajashekhar<br>Dhulappanavar: | Foodborne Pathogens and Contaminants in Plant-Based Products – 2 <sup>nd</sup> place poster          |
| Sulav Indra Paul                      | Foodborne Pathogens and Contaminants in Plant-Based Products – 3 <sup>rd</sup> place poster          |
| Travis Sananikone                     | Food Processing and Preservation Techniques for Animal-Based Products – 1 <sup>st</sup> place poster |
| Mack Myer                             | Food Processing and Preservation Techniques for Animal-Based Products – 2 <sup>nd</sup> place poster |
| Ashley Tarcin                         | Food Processing and Preservation Techniques for Animal-Based Products – 3 <sup>rd</sup> place poster |
| Manita Adhikari                       | Food Hygiene and Sanitation Practices for Foods – 1 <sup>st</sup> place poster                       |
| Francis Torko                         | Food Hygiene and Sanitation Practices for Foods – 2 <sup>nd</sup> place poster                       |
| Kavita Patil                          | Food Hygiene and Sanitation Practices for Foods – 3 <sup>rd</sup> place poster                       |
| Nanje Gowda N Appanna                 | Post-doctoral and Technical Staff – Best Overall                                                     |

Award qualifications – For all those awarded above, an abstract was submitted for review, judged by a panel of 2 or 3 judges and ranked out of all presentations within category.

b. List scholarships awarded during 2024; include recipient and qualification for scholarship.

N/A

## 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:  
<https://www.arkafp.org/> and last updated January 2025

Did you launch a new Affiliate Web site in 2024? Y ☐ N ☒

## 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., 2024–2025) for your current Executive Board:  
January 1, 2024 to December 31, 2024

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