



International Association for
Food Protection®

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.

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.

Indian Association for Food Protection in North America (IAFPNA)

Affiliate Name

1. Your Official Delegate to IAFP Affiliate Council and Contact

Provide the information requested for your Association's current official Delegate to the IAFP Affiliate Council and official Contact for IAFP correspondence. **(Delegate must be an IAFP Member.)**

Official Delegate to IAFP Affiliate Council

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IAFP Member? Y or N	Y

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Contact Name	SAME
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Email address	
IAFP Member? Y or N	

2. Membership

- a. Indicate the current total number of members in your Association: 336
b. How many NEW members joined your Association in 2024? 84

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.

July 15, 2024, No. of attendees - 45

- b. Please provide the date(s) and location of your next scheduled major meeting (i.e., Annual Meeting/Conference):

July 29, Cleveland, Ohio

- c. List all other general membership meetings held in 2024 (excluding board meetings). Include title, dates and attendance numbers.

Name of Meeting	Date(s) Held	Number of Attendees
IAFPNA - Annual Membership meeting	July 15, 2024	45

4. Awards and Scholarships

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

Award Name	Recipient Name	How did recipient qualify for award?
International Leadership Award	Dr. Vijay Juneja	Awarded to an individual for dedication to IAFP's ideals and mission, promoting its objectives globally beyond the U.S. and Canada.
Graduate Research Student Competition	1st Prize: Sahana Chandran	Each student presented, and a panel of seven judges evaluated them to select the winner.
	2nd Prize: Trushenkumar Shah	
	3rd Prize: Arshpreet Kaur Khattrra	
	Certificate of Participation: Amrit Pal	
J. Mac Goepfert Developing Scientists Award	Arshpreet Kaur Khattrra	The award is presented to students, either currently enrolled or recent graduates, who are conducting research in the field of food safety at accredited universities or colleges. To be considered, students must present their research findings, after which a panel of judges evaluates the presentations and selects the winner based on predefined criteria.
Travel Award for Food Safety Professionals in a Country with a Developing Economy	Suresh Devtkal	Presented to full-time food safety professionals in developing countries.

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

Scholarship Name/Amount	Recipient Name	How did recipient qualify for scholarship?
Student Travel Scholarship Award/1300\$	Harsimran Kaur Kapoor and Sushant Kaushal	IAFP acknowledges that students worldwide represent the next generation of leaders in food safety. The IAFP Foundation has been committed to fostering the professional growth of outstanding students through the annual IAFP Student Travel Scholarship Program, supporting their journey toward excellence in the field.

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 website address AND date last updated:

www.iafpna.org , date last updated – 02/20/2025

Website visitor number- 1439, No. of emails sent to members- 13

Did you launch a new Affiliate website in 2024? Yes ☐ No ☒

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 is published on our website and in select membership materials. The information may be typed in the fields below, or sent to our office by email, fax or regular mail.

Indicate the term dates (e.g., 2024–2025) for your current Executive Board: _____

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Before continuing, please check one of the boxes below:

☒ **CHECK HERE AND RETURN ELECTRONICALLY BY 3/4/24
IF YOUR AFFILIATE REQUESTS TO BE CONSIDERED FOR
ONE OR MORE 2025 AFFILIATE AWARDS. (You are required
to complete Attachment B.)**

☐ **CHECK HERE IF YOUR AFFILIATE DOES NOT WANT TO
BE CONSIDERED FOR A 2025 AFFILIATE 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 2025, 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.)*



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 2024 to 2025;
- 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.

- **how new members were recruited throughout the year;**
Our Affiliate actively recruited new members throughout the year, primarily through IAFPNA events, including the annual meeting at the IAFP Annual Conference. Attendees were encouraged to join both IAFP and IAFPNA, leading to increased interest and membership growth.
- **the number of new members joining the Affiliate;**
In 2024, 84 new members joined our Affiliate, demonstrating strong engagement and outreach efforts.
- **the percent increase in membership from 2023 to 2024;**
From 2023 to 2024, our membership increased by 33.33%, marking the highest growth rate in the history of IAFPNA.
- **specific efforts on how you retained existing members; and**
To retain existing members of the IAFPNA, we implemented a strategic approach by identifying and addressing their needs. We conducted a **membership survey** to understand expectations and used the survey responses to organize IAFPNA events. For example, one of the common themes identified was **low student engagement**, so therefore we launched our first **student competition** in 2024, which was a resounding success and helped increase attendance at the annual meeting. We had five finalists present to the IAFPNA members at the meeting and judges were identified from the attendees. Three top performing students were awarded with cash prizes. The event was recognized well by the membership, and it encouraged the leadership team to continue organizing the student competition in the future. Also, our engagement through the **IAFPNA website (www.iafpna.org)** significantly improved as members frequently visited the page for event information (1436 visitors in the last 12 months) and direct communication with the leadership team.
- **other methods related to helping grow and maintain your membership.**
We introduced an **open chat feature** on our website, enabling easy accessibility to connect with the leadership team. Also, the feedback from the membership helped recognize a barrier to membership for individuals from **India**, that they could not join the IAFPNA without being a member of the IAFP. We established an **Affiliate bank account** to simplify the membership process for those unable to join through the IAFP system.

Above all, we prioritized **listening to our members** and delivering on their needs, reinforcing our commitment to building a vibrant and inclusive community within IAFPNA and IAFP.



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, website (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.

In 2024, IAFPNA focused strategically on effective communication to listen to the members and deliver to their expectations. We used the below list approaches to reach our membership.

- a. Email communications and Newsletter:
We sent frequent email updates to our members, providing information about upcoming events, key announcements, and important organizational updates. Event reminders were sent closer to major activities, such as the IAFPNA Annual Meeting and our first Student Competition to encourage participation.
- b. IAFPNA Website helped facilitate connection with the membership:
Our website served as a central hub for information for our members updated based on events and announcements, at least once a month. A newly implemented open chat feature allowed members to ask questions and interact directly with leadership, making communication more accessible and responsive. The website received 1,436 visits in the past 12 months, indicating high engagement and interest from the membership.
- c. Social Media Engagement:
We actively used LinkedIn, Facebook and Instagram to disseminate information and advertise events to our membership.
- d. Membership Survey:
We conducted an annual membership survey to gather insights on member needs, which helped shape our activities throughout the year. The feedback from the survey directly led to initiatives like the IAFPNA Annual Student Competition, addressing concerns about student involvement.
- e. Virtual and In-person meetings:
To effectively engage our diverse membership, including a significant number of members from India, we strategically scheduled our virtual events and meetings to accommodate different time zones. Given the substantial time difference between North America and India (ranging approx. 12 hours), we prioritized scheduling our meetings in a way that maximized participation from both regions. We ensured that our international members, especially those from India, felt heard, included, and empowered to actively participate in IAFPNA's initiatives.
The screenshots of the various communication channels used as discussed above can be accessed at this link.
https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/19Pp4jSBbpOjBjNEbym9EP66i5bPCTD8?usp=drive_link



Affiliate Education Award

What types of food safety education did your Affiliate provide to its members during the past year? 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.

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IAFPNA successfully organized multiple events in 2024, focusing on critical topics in food safety, career development, and immigration pathways. Below is a summary of the key events conducted:

1. Food Safety of Street Food, delivered by Dr. Harinder Oberoi, Director, NIFTEM, India

Background: With street food being an integral part of Indian culture—offering diverse and affordable culinary experiences—it also faces significant challenges related to hygiene and inconsistent regulatory oversight.

Objectives: To discuss the emerging risks, share best practices, and explore innovative solutions that safeguard public health while preserving the vibrant street food culture.

Agenda: The session featured a 30-minute talk by Dr. Oberoi and a 10–15-minute Q&A.

Target Audience: Faculty, students, and researchers in food science, public health, and nutrition

Dates held: March 26, 2024 (Virtual)

Number of attendees: 13

2. IAFPNA Career Pathways Q&A Session

Background: This event was designed to connect emerging professionals with seasoned experts in the field of food safety and brought together leaders from academia, industry, and government to share their experiences and practical advice.

Objectives: The primary goal of this event was to demystify various career pathways by providing attendees with actionable guidance and firsthand insights.

Agenda: The session featured Q&A on various career pathways.

Target Audience: This event was ideal for graduate students, early-career professionals, and anyone exploring career opportunities in food safety, nutrition, and related fields.

Dates held: May 16, 2024 (Virtual)

Number of attendees: 25

3. Immigration Insights: OPT, H1B, and Beyond

Background: This event was designed to shed light on the evolving landscape of U.S. immigration pathways. The session explored critical topics such as Optional Practical Training (OPT), H1B visas, and additional immigration routes, providing both historical context and the latest developments in immigration law and practice.

Objectives: The primary goal of the event was to equip attendees with practical insights and actionable strategies for successfully navigating the U.S. immigration process.

Agenda: The session featured Immigration Insights by the Murthy Law Firm.

Target Audience: International Faculty, students, and researchers in food science, public health, and nutrition who work in food safety issues and innovations.

Dates held: June 20, 2024 (Virtual)

Number of attendees: 27

4. Student Research Competition and Annual Meeting

Background: This Competition was designed as a dynamic platform for emerging scholars to showcase their innovative research in food safety and related disciplines.

Objectives: This event aimed to underscore the commitment to advancing academic excellence and fostering interdisciplinary collaboration.

Agenda: Agenda Items included approval of 2023 Annual Meeting minutes, 2023-24 term updates, Dr. Shalini Sehgal's guest lecture on risk assessment in foods, and the Graduate Student Competition featured five finalists. Followed by leadership announcements, Dr. Ranjeet Klair's guest lecture on food exports, awards ceremony with prizes and certificates, open discussion, and dinner.

Target Audience: Faculty, students, and researchers in food science, public health, and nutrition.

Dates held: July 15th, 2024

Number of attendees: 45



Best Overall Affiliate Meeting Award

Did your Affiliate hold an outstanding self-sustainable (***not sponsored/co-sponsored by IAFP***) food protection meeting which you consider 'over and above' those normally held? If so, provide the following details, if applicable, on what led to a highly successful meeting:

- Type of meeting and the value it brought to Affiliate Members/attendees (does not need to be your Annual Meeting);
- Mission statement for meeting (if relevant);
- Content;
- Numbers of attendees:
 - Number of and overall percentage of Affiliate Members (for example, 100 total attendees with 75 of them being Affiliate Members = 75%)
 - Number of Guests (non-dues-paying Affiliate Members) and their affiliation to the Affiliate Chapter and/or meeting's topic(s)
- Audience participation (through roundtable discussions, exercises, etc.);
- Topics:
 - Agenda (you may include a printed copy with your award application)
- Speakers and their employer affiliations (if available);
- Sponsors;
- Diversity of meeting participants (range of sectors represented, i.e., students, academia, extension, government, NGO, industry representatives, etc., which can be broken down into services, i.e., retail, education, research, manufacturing, etc., if available); and
- Other information.

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IAFPNA had one of the best annual meetings in Long Beach in 2024 as compared to the past several years. The meeting highlighted guest speakers and the graduate student research competition.

Date: July 15, 2024, 5:30 – 7:00 pm, Room 102BC, Long Beach Convention Center

The IAFPNA Annual Meeting and Student Research Competition was a highly successful event that provided a dynamic platform for academic and professional engagement in the field of food safety. This meeting brought together students, faculty, industry professionals, and government representatives to discuss research, exchange ideas, and recognize outstanding contributions in food safety.

Key highlights from the event include:

- Showcasing student-led research and fostering academic excellence
- Providing networking opportunities between academia, industry, and regulatory professionals
- Encouraging knowledge-sharing through expert-led lectures
- Recognizing and rewarding student researchers, reinforcing engagement in the field

The goal of this meeting was to provide a professional development platform for emerging scholars in the field of food protection and foster collaboration.

The meeting agenda was: (file attached)

The meeting was structured to ensure maximum engagement and meaningful participation through research presentations, expert talks, and leadership discussions.

Agenda:

- Approval of 2023 Annual Meeting Minutes
- 2023-2024 Term Updates
- Guest Lecture 1: Risk Assessment in Foods – Dr. Shalini Sehgal, Professor, Department of Food Technology, Bhaskaracharya College of Applied Sciences, University of Delhi

- Graduate Student Research Competition – Five finalists presented their research to an audience of industry professionals, faculty, and students.
- Leadership Announcements and Future Plans
- Guest Lecture 2: Food Exports – Dr. Ranjeet Klair, Director, Food Safety, The Acheson Group – Global Consulting Leaders
- Awards Ceremony: Three top-performing students received cash prizes and certificates.
- Open Discussion
- Networking Dinner

Audience Participation & Engagement

- Student Research Competition: This was the centerpiece of the meeting, where finalists engaged in active discussions with the audience and responded to real-time Q&A sessions.
- Networking Dinner: Facilitated cross-sector collaboration, allowing participants to interact with a diverse group of members representing government, academia, and industry.

Diversity of Attendees & Sectors Represented

- Total Attendees: 45
- Affiliate Members: 70% (32 attendees)
- Guests & Non-Affiliate Members: 30% (13 attendees) including faculty, industry professionals, and regulators.
- Sectors Represented:
 - Academia: Faculty and students in food science, public health, and nutrition.
 - Industry: Professionals from food manufacturing, regulatory compliance, and quality assurance sectors.
 - Government (USDA): Representatives focusing on food safety policy and regulation.

Impact and Success of the Meeting

- Record Participation: One of the challenges with the IAFPNA annual meeting has been low attendance from the student population. The student competition invited student members, and we are proud to share that the event had the highest student engagement in IAFPNA history, reinforcing efforts to attract and retain young professionals.
- Recognition & Motivation: The student competition incentivized excellence (cash prizes for the winners) and provided a steppingstone for emerging researchers.
- Professional Growth: Attendees gained exposure to food safety research in India, food safety auditing, research insights, and regulatory updates, making the meeting an enriching experience.

This IAFPNA annual meeting exceeded expectations, promoting scientific excellence, and professional networking.

✓ C.B. Shogren Memorial Award

NOTE: Applying for the Shogren Memorial Award does not automatically include your application for any of the other Affiliate awards. If applying for this award, please consider applying separately for one or more of the other Affiliate awards which may have contributed toward meeting the criteria of the Shogren Award.

How did your Affiliate demonstrate exceptional overall achievement during the past year in promoting the mission of IAFP (*"To provide food safety professionals worldwide with a forum to exchange information on protecting the food supply"*)? "Overall achievement" should encompass at least several of the following activities/accomplishments of your Affiliate during 2024:

- Exceptional achievement in membership;
- Types and effectiveness of communication and education;
- Awards and scholarships presented;
- Attendance numbers at meetings;
- Collaboration with other professional organizations;
- Donations to the IAFP Foundation;
- Representation at the IAFP Affiliate Council Meeting (held July 14, 2024); and
- Other pertinent information.

While not a requirement, strong consideration will be given to an Affiliate whose officers (beyond the requirement for the President and Delegate) are also IAFP Members. Provide a description and include any supporting documents. You may cut and paste copy in the space below or use separate pages if necessary; please limit your explanation to 1,000 words or less in 12-point type.

In 2024, the IAFPNA demonstrated exceptional overall achievement in advancing the mission of IAFP by expanding its membership, strengthening communication and education efforts, hosting high-impact events, and fostering collaboration among food safety professionals worldwide. The IAFPNA activities from 2024 reflect a deep commitment to providing a platform for knowledge exchange, professional development, and industry engagement, making us a strong candidate for the C.B. Shogren Memorial Award.

Exceptional Achievement in Membership Growth

From 2023 to 2024, IAFPNA membership grew by 33.33%, marking the highest growth rate in our history. 84 new members joined in 2024, demonstrating the success of our recruitment and retention efforts.

IAFPNA Leadership Team implemented several approaches to recruit and retain members, including:

- Conducted membership surveys to align activities with member expectations.
- Addressed low student engagement by introducing the first-ever Student Research Competition, significantly boosting participation.
- Expanded membership accessibility by establishing an Affiliate bank account, making it easier (and accessible) for individuals from India to join.

Types and Effectiveness of Communication & Education

We used a Multi-Channel Communication Strategy to stay connected with the membership and deliver to their expectations, providing meaningful engagement with the affiliate, including:

- Email newsletters with event updates, announcements, and food safety resources.
- Website engagement: www.iafpna.org received 1,436 visits in the past year.
- Open chat feature on the website enabled real-time communication between members and leadership.
- Social media presence: Regular engagement via LinkedIn, Instagram, and Facebook to share event highlights.

Education & Training Initiatives

We organized four major educational events in 2024, bringing together academia, industry, and regulatory professionals to discuss critical food safety topics.

- Food Safety of Street Food (March 26, 2024)
 - Speaker: Dr. Harinder Oberoi, Director, NIFTEM, India
 - Explored food safety risks and best practices in street food environments.
 - Attendees: 13
- IAFPNA Career Pathways Q&A Session (May 16, 2024)
 - Connected emerging professionals with experts in academia, industry, and government.
 - Attendees: 25
- Immigration Insights: OPT, H1B, and Beyond (June 20, 2024)
 - Provided legal and practical guidance on U.S. immigration pathways for international food safety professionals.
 - Attendees: 27
- Student Research Competition & Annual Meeting (July 15, 2024)
 - Featured two guest lectures by Dr. Shalini Sehgal and Dr. Ranjeet Klair.
 - Graduate Student Competition with five finalists and cash prizes awarded to the top three.
 - Attendees: 45

Awards and Scholarships Presented

Student Research Competition Awards

- Recognized three outstanding student researchers with cash prizes and certificates for their contributions to food safety research.
- Recognized past president, Dr. Manreet Bhullar, with a certificate of merit for devotion and unwavering commitment to the principles and objectives of the IAFP and proudly serving as the president of IAFPNA 2023-24 term.

Attendance at Meetings & Representation at the IAFP Affiliate Council Meeting

Affiliate Council Representation:

- IAFPNA actively participated in the IAFP Affiliate Council Meeting on July 14, 2024 (Dr. Surabhi Wason, IAFP Delegate), ensuring our members' voices were heard.

Attendance at Meetings:

- Total event attendees in 2024: 110+ across four major events, including the Annual Meeting attendance of 45 participants, making it the most attended event in recent years of IAFPNA's history.

Collaboration with Other Professional Organizations

- Collaborated with NIFTEM (India) and Murthy Law Firm for expert-led sessions.
- Engaged with faculty and researchers across multiple universities (Kansas State University, North Carolina State University, Tennessee State University, University of Connecticut, University of Arizona, University of Georgia, USDA) to promote student participation.
- Partnered with industry professionals to provide career guidance and research insights.

Commitment to IAFP's Mission

IAFPNA's exceptional growth in membership, leading communication, education, and collaborative efforts reflect a strong commitment to the IAFP mission of providing food safety professionals worldwide with a forum for knowledge exchange. We have significantly contributed to advancing global food safety awareness and professional development by expanding membership, organizing impactful events, and fostering industry-academia-government collaborations.

We believe our exceptional membership growth, strong educational initiatives, and commitment to professional engagement make us a deserving recipient of the C.B. Shogren Memorial Award.

Minutes of the IAFPNA Annual Meeting

Date: July 15, 2024,

Time: 5:30 -7:00 pm

Location: Room 102BC, Long Beach Convention Center

1. Welcome and Introductions

- ☐ Opening remarks and greetings from Manreet.
- ☐ Overview of the meeting agenda and objectives.

2. Approval of Minutes (2023 Annual Meeting)

- ☐ The minutes from the 2023 Annual Meeting were reviewed and approved unanimously.

3. Updates (2023 -24 Term)

- ☐ Affiliate Meeting: Surabhi Wason provided the updates on the recent affiliate meetings and activities.
- ☐ Membership: Update on new members, bank account status, and enhancements to the website.
- ☐ Monthly Events: Review of past events and discussed the challenges faced in terms of attendance and planning for future monthly gatherings.

4. Overview of the 2024 IAFP Program (Symposia)

Nine symposiums were submitted out of which three (yellow highlighted) got selected.

1. Empowering the detection and characterization of foodborne pathogens using artificial intelligence and advanced analytical techniques.
2. Beyond Pathogens: GRAS Microbes as Silent Carriers of Antimicrobial Resistance (AMR) Genes, Posing a Challenge to Food Safety.
3. Rapid Listeria Detection in Post Lethality Environment of RTE Meat Processing Plants: Developments, Applications and Challenges
4. Climate change impact on food safety – 21st Century challenges to protect public health
5. Foodborne Cyclospora Outbreaks Around the Globe: Current Status and An update on Control Strategies
6. Unifying Food Safety through One Health Approach
7. Advancing Food Safety Through Machine Learning Algorithms.
8. An Update on Technologies for Protecting Organic Food Safety: International Trade
9. Challenges and Outlook to the Future Revolutionizing Era of Artificial Intelligence-based Electronic Technology and Data Mining Applications in Food Safety

5. Guest Lecture by Dr. Shalini Sehgal, University of Delhi

Topic: Indian Regulatory Perspectives on Risk Assessment in Foods

- ☐ Dr. Sehgal discussed the regulatory framework in India and its impact on food safety risk assessments.

6. Graduate Student Competition

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Total submissions: 12

Finalists: 5 (4 present at the meeting); Each finalist had 8 minutes (5-min presentation + 3-min Q&A). Presenters and their topics are as follows:

- 1) **Amrit Pal:** Investigation of Biofilms of Salmonella and Listeria in Retail Environments
- 2) **Sahaana Chandran:** Utilizing Zebrafish Embryos for Replication of Tulane Virus
- 3) **Arshpreet Kaur Khattra:** Efficacy of Gaseous Ozone in Inactivating Salmonella on Dried Basil Leaves
- 4) **Brindhalakshmi Balasubramanian:** Ultrafine Ozone Bubbles to Prevent Cross Contamination of LM on Cantaloupe
- 5) **Trushenkumar Shah:** Efficacy of Trans cinnamaldehyde and Caprylic Acid Nano Emulsions in Broiler Chickens

7. Leadership Announcement for the Next Term

Open positions announced: Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Student Liaison.

8. Guest Lecture by Ranjeet Klair, Director, Food Safety, The Acheson Group

Topic: Current Food Safety Challenges with Food Exports from India

- ☐ Discussed key challenges and solutions related to food safety in Indian exports.

9. Awards Ceremony

Winners were announced:

1st Prize: Sahaana Chandran (\$300)

2nd Prize: Trushenkumar Shah (\$200)

3rd Prize: Arshpreet Kaur Khattra (\$100)

Certificate of Participation: Amrit Pal

10. Open Discussion

Attendees discussed various issues, concerns, and suggestions for the organization.

11. Dinner at a Local Restaurant

Venue: Himalayan Grill

Transportation: Uber

Time: 7:30- 9:00 pm

Meeting Adjourned: 7:00pm

Next Steps:

Finalize the election of new leadership positions.

Organize the next affiliate meeting and monthly events.



Indian Association for Food Protection in North America

2024 IAFPNA Annual Meeting

Long Beach, California

Time: July 15th, 5:30 - 7:00 pm

Room: 102BC, Long Beach Convention Center

Agenda Items:

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| 1. Approval of Minutes (2023 Annual Meeting) | 5:30pm |
| 2. Updates (2023 - 24 Term Updates) | 5:35pm |
| a. Affiliate Meeting | |
| b. Monthly events | |
| c. Membership (New Members, Bank Account, etc.) | |
| 3. Guest Lecture (Dr. Shalini Sehgal from the University of Delhi) | 5:45pm |
| Topic: Indian Regulatory Perspectives on Risk Assessment in Foods | |
| 4. Graduate Student Competition | 6:00pm |
| a. Five finalists (8 minutes each, 5 min presentation, 3 min Q&A) | |
| 5. Leadership announcement for the next term | 6:40pm |
| a. Including open positions | |
| 6. Guest Lecture 2 (Ranjeet Klair, 10 mins) | 6:45pm |
| a. Title: Current Food Safety Challenges with Food Exports from India | |
| b. There will be a webinar on this topic in coming months | |
| 7. Awards Ceremony | 6:55pm |
| a. First, Second, Third (\$300, \$200, \$100) | |
| b. Certificates of Participation (one) | |
| 8. Open for discussion | |

Dinner at a Local Restaurant:

Location: TBD

Ticket: \$20

Meeting ends: 7:30 pm

Kavita - will print the sign-up sheet

Manreet - print the rubric