



International Association for
Food Protection®

Affiliate Annual Report for Calendar Year 2025

(Complete Attachment B to be considered for one or more 2026 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 3, 2026 (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 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.

Quebec Food Protection Association

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.**

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IAFP Member? Y ☒ N ☐

Official Contact for IAFP Correspondence (indicate “same” if person also serves as Delegate)

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IAFP Member? Y ☒ N ☐

2. Membership List

- a. Indicate the current total number of members in your Association: 66 (as of February 24)
- b. How many NEW members joined your Association in 2025? 11

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.

AQIA event, September 18-19th, 2025, 115 attendees

Location: Quebec Institute of Agri-Food Technology, in Saint-Hyacinthe (Qc)

The AQIA Executive Committee was pleased to bring together its members and key stakeholders from the food safety community during the 2025 AQIA Symposium – a special anniversary edition celebrating the association’s 15th year.

We had the privilege of being hosted by ITAQ – the Institut de technologie agroalimentaire du Québec, our 2025 event partner. This edition was also supported by INAF – the Institute of Nutrition and Functional Foods, a long-standing collaborator that has played a key role in supporting AQIA’s initiatives.

On September 18 and 19, 2025, AQIA marked its 15th anniversary with a major Symposium themed “**Safety and Autonomy: Strategies to Nourish a Sustainable Future.**” The event brought together more than 115 participants, 18 industry booths, 22 scientific posters, and 5 student FLASH presentations (popularized in 180 seconds), reaffirming AQIA’s central role as a catalyst for innovation and collaboration in the agri-food sector.

Activities began on September 18 with exclusive training sessions offered by ITAQ, followed by an immersive tour of their facilities. During the opening reception, over 60 attendees gathered to celebrate AQIA’s 15 years of contributions to the field. The event highlighted the outstanding involvement of dedicated members and featured a visual retrospective showcasing key moments from the association’s history.

The Annual General Meeting also provided an opportunity to renew AQIA’s governance structure and welcome new board members, further strengthening the vitality and continuity of the association.

The program on September 19 featured a series of inspiring conferences led by renowned experts. These discussions addressed several critical issues in the field of food safety, with a particular highlight on the participation of **Dr. Timothy Jackson** of the **IAFP** and the **U.S. FDA**, whose contribution was especially noteworthy.

The program is added in Annex.

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

AQIA event, September 16-17th, 2026

Location: Qc city

c. List all other general membership meetings held in 2025 (excluding board meetings). Include title, dates and attendance numbers.

Name of Meeting	Date(s) Held & # of Attendees
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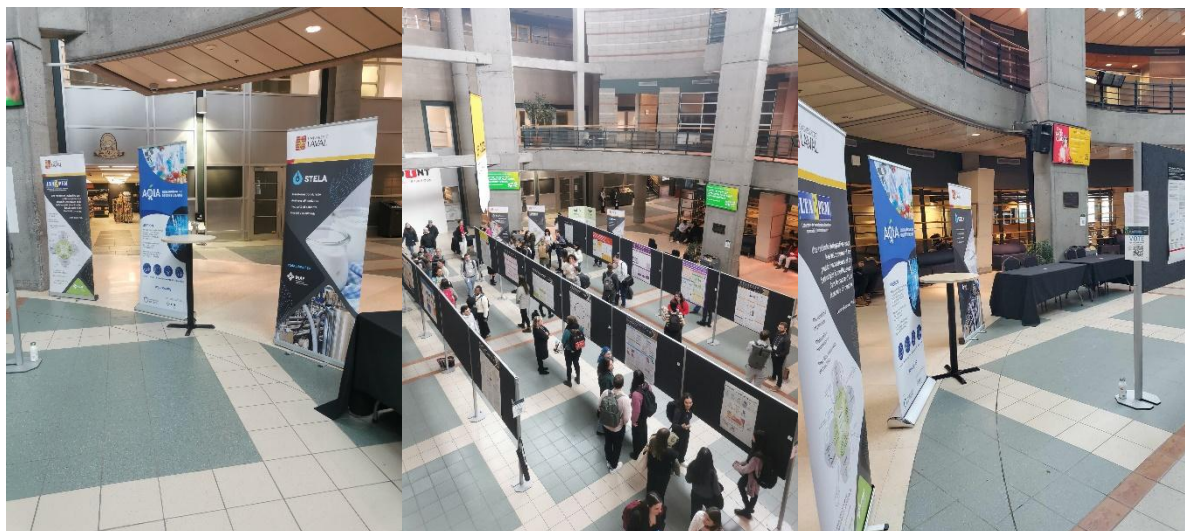
Others activities

Social network

This year, we increased our number of followers on our LinkedIn social network — from 572 (February 2025) followers to 817 followers (as of February 24), an increase of 42 %.

Sponsoring and collaborations

<i>INAF Students Symposium (GOLD sponsor-501\$)</i>	February 19-20 th , 2025 Open to all students, researchers. Thanks to our sponsors !
<i>OFPA and AQIA partnership to share webinars between Canadian affiliates</i>	All year long, proposition to offer each affiliate member the possibility to view the webinar through their respective programming.
<i>BENEFIQ INAF (bronze sponsor- 2500\$)</i>	November 4-5 th 2025 More than 400 attendees in two days, academic, industry, students.
<i>Science and Technology (STA) colloque (Gold Sponsor-500\$)</i>	November 7 th , 2025 Academic (first grade student) colloque



AQIA's rollup in the lobby for the Student Poster session of the INAF Student Symposium (February 19-20th 2025)



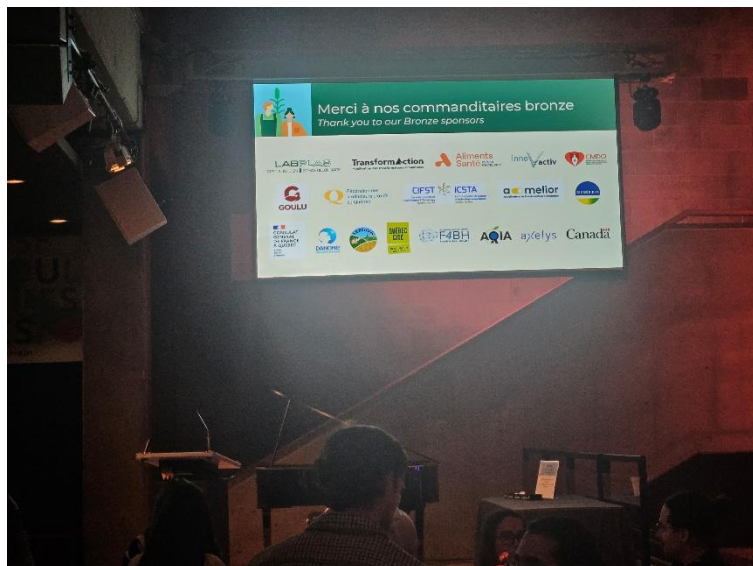


Figure 1. Benefiq cocktail openings marks for sponsors (November 5th 2025)



Figure 2. Benefiq LinkedIn publication for Sponsors



Figure 3 Pamphlet AQIA given to all Benefiq attendees (>400)



Figure 4. STA colloque (November 7th, 2025)



Figure 5. STA colloque LinkedIn thanks for sponsors

4. Awards and Scholarships

a. List members honored with an award from your Association and/or IAFP during 2025. Include name of award and qualification for award.

Dr Julie Jean	International Association for Food Protection Maurice Weber Laboratorian Award



b. List scholarships awarded during 2025; include recipient and qualification for scholarship.

1st Prize – Best FLASH Oral Presentation (180 seconds):	Romain Canuel, supervised by Laurent Bazinet, INAF, Université Laval – Scholarship offered by MAPAQ
2nd Prize – Best FLASH Oral Presentation (180 seconds):	Arthur Arnaout, supervised by Julie Jean, INAF, Université Laval – Scholarship offered by INAF
1st Prize – Best Poster Presentation:	Gwenaëlle Verbrugghe, supervised by Julie Jean, INAF, Université Laval – Scholarship offered by LABPLAS
2nd Prize – Best Poster Presentation:	Linda Amaye Sanka, supervised by Julie Jean and Caroline Duchaine, INAF, Université Laval – Scholarship offered by OLYMEL
Special Announcement – Public's Choice Award:	Amal Mamjoud, supervised by Ismail Fliss, INAF, Université Laval – Scholarship offered by AQIA in celebration of its 15th anniversary!



Figure 6. Romain Canuel, INAF-Université Laval, Karine Berger, Food Safety Risk Assessment Advisor MAPAQ



Figure 9. Linda Amaye Sanka, Université Laval-INAF, Delphine Sène, Olymel



Figure 7. Arthur Arnaout, Université Laval-INAF, Renée Michaud, DG INAF



Figure 10. Amal Mamjoud, Université Laval-INAF, Anny Laine, Sofina foods (Exceldor)



Figure 8. Gwenaëlle Verbrugghe, Université Laval-INAF, Marie-Hélène Dusfresne, Labplas

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:

[AQIA](#)

Did you launch a new Affiliate Web site in 2025? 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., 2025–2026) for your current Executive Board:

enter term dates

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Before continuing, please check one of the boxes below:

☒ **CHECK HERE and return electronically by 3/3/26 IF YOUR AFFILIATE REQUESTS TO BE CONSIDERED FOR ONE OR MORE 2026 AFFILIATE AWARDS. (You are required to complete Attachment B.)**

☐ **CHECK HERE IF YOUR AFFILIATE DOES NOT WANT TO BE CONSIDERED FOR A 2026 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 2026, 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 of increase in membership from 2025 to 2026;
- 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, 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.

X Affiliate Education Award

What types of food safety education program(s) 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.

Describe any awards provided to students or young professionals. 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.)*

IAFP Affiliate Education Award Submission – AQIA

Over the past year, the Quebec affiliate Association québécoise pour l'innocuité alimentaire (AQIA) has continued to advance food safety education by offering high-quality technical training programs tailored to professionals in the food manufacturing sector. In conjunction with our 2025 annual meeting, AQIA delivered two specialized educational activities designed to strengthen knowledge, improve industry practices, and support the development of future leaders in food safety.

1. Training A – Developing and Implementing a Food Safety and Quality Culture

Background & Objectives:

This training was developed to equip participants with the knowledge and tools required to design and implement a robust food safety and quality culture program within their organization. The session aligned with internationally recognized benchmarks, including requirements from GFSI-recognized certification schemes. Its objective was to deepen understanding of the principles of food safety culture, outline practical mechanisms for implementation, and provide guidance on measuring and sustaining culture improvements over time.

Agenda Overview:

The training covered key themes such as the foundations of food safety culture, leadership engagement, communication strategies, employee empowerment, monitoring tools, and integration within existing management systems.

Target Audience:

Food industry professionals including company directors, technical staff, and individuals seeking to establish or strengthen a food safety and quality culture program.

Instructor:

Delivered by Michel Blouin, an expert with over 45 years of experience in food quality and safety. His background spans roles from CFIA meat inspector to quality, production, and plant management. Recognized for his expertise in FSSC 22000

and food fraud prevention, Michel uses an interactive, practice-based teaching approach that fosters strong participant engagement and knowledge sharing.

Dates & Attendance:

Held on 2025-09-18, with 18 participants.

2. Training B – Understanding the Concept and Applications of Validation

Background & Objectives:

This second training aimed to enhance participants' understanding of validation by clarifying its definition, explaining its various uses, and outlining its importance within food safety management systems. The objective was to ensure that professionals responsible for validation activities possess the competencies needed to conduct, manage, and interpret validation processes effectively.

Agenda Overview:

Topics included the fundamentals of validation, regulatory and certification requirements, examples of validation studies, documentation expectations, and practical approaches to implementation in processing environments.

Target Audience:

Technical and professional staff in the food processing sector involved in managing or executing validation processes.

Instructor:

Presented by Simon Véronneau, a seasoned professional with over 20 years of experience in the food industry. His background includes leadership roles in quality management, HACCP programs, laboratory analysis, R&D, process optimization, and GFSI certification systems. Known for his clear communication and problem-solving skills, Simon brought both technical depth and practical insight to the session.

Dates & Attendance:

Held on 2025-09-18, with 17 participants.

Support for Students and Young Professionals

As part of its mission, AQIA also encourages its student's members to participate to those training at a reduced cost (half price).

☐ **Best Overall Affiliate Meeting Award**

Did your Affiliate hold an outstanding food protection meeting (not sponsored/co-sponsored by IAFP*) 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);
- Objective for the meeting (if relevant);
- Activities/Topics (e.g., poster competition, vendor tech talks; a printed copy of the agenda may be included with your award application);
- 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 relationship to the Affiliate Chapter and/or meeting's topic(s);
- Audience participation (through roundtable discussions, exercises, etc.);
- Student involvement;
- Partners (e.g., other associations or affiliates);
- Speakers and their affiliations (if available);
- Sponsors;
- Engagement of attendees with exhibitors;
- Diversity of meeting participants (range of sectors represented, e.g., students, academia, extension, government, NGO, industry representatives, etc.), which can be broken down into services (e.g., retail, education, research, manufacturing, etc., if available); and
- Other information (e.g., whether the meeting included a celebration of a milestone Affiliate anniversary and related activities).

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**Does not include funds provided under the IAFP Executive Board Speaker/Expanded Speaker Program*

☐ **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, you must apply separately for one or more of the other Affiliate awards which may have contributed toward meeting the criteria of the Shogren Award. (Note: Your Affiliate is not required to win one of the other Affiliate awards.)

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"*)? The judges will also consider how the Affiliate has demonstrated its commitment to food safety over the years. "Overall achievement" should encompass at least several of the following activities/accomplishments of your Affiliate:

- Exceptional achievement in membership;
- Types and effectiveness of communication and education;
- Awards and scholarships presented;
- Attendance numbers at meetings;
- Collaboration with other professional organizations;
- Whether the Affiliate has been considered for and/or won other Affiliate awards in the past;
- Involvement in the IAFP Affiliate Council Meeting (e.g., participation at the Affiliate Council Meeting held during the IAFP Annual Meeting and in online Affiliate Council meetings throughout the year; submissions to the *Affiliate View* newsletter, sharing Affiliate Council information with Affiliate members); 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.

Annex

Thursday, 18 September 2025

8:30 AM - 12:30 PM -

Formation B - Principes généraux d'un protocole de validation

8:30 AM - 12:30 PM -

Formation A - Culture de sécurité et de qualité alimentaire

12:30 PM - 1:30 PM -

LUNCH

1:30 PM - 3:00 PM -

Tour of ITAQ facilities

3:00 PM - 4:30 PM -

AQIA Annual General Meeting (hybrid mode)

4:30 PM - 6:30 PM -

Networking cocktail reception

Friday, 19 September 2025

8:30 AM - 8:35 AM -

Opening remarks

8:35 AM - 9:10 AM -

Keynote speaker: Timothy Jackson, Ph.D., US FDA

9:10 AM - 9:45 AM -

Keynote speaker: Claude Vallée, agr., M.Sc., ITAQ

9:45 AM - 10:10 AM -

Lecture by Jean-Philippe Luna, Gaspé Shore

10:10 AM - 10:50 AM -

MORNING-BREAK

10:50 AM - 11:10 AM -
FLASH student presentation

11:10 AM - 11:35 AM -
Lecture by Mme Catherine Langevin, BeWist

11:35 AM - 12:00 PM -
Lecture by Mr. Sylvain Fournaise, Olymel

12:00 PM - 1:15 PM -
LUNCH

1:15 PM - 1:55 PM -
Student poster session and company booths

1:55 PM - 2:20 PM -
Lecture by Karine Berger, M.Sc., MAPAQ

2:20 PM - 2:45 PM -
Lecture by Pr Laurent Bazinet, Ph. D., INAF-Université Laval

2:45 PM - 3:10 PM -
Lecture by Pr Julie Jean, Ph. D., INAF-Université Laval

3:10 PM - 3:40 PM -
TECHNICAL BREAK

3:40 PM - 4:15 PM -
Keynote speaker: Pr Sylvain Charlebois, DBA (remote)

4:15 PM - 4:30 PM -
Awards ceremony and closing remarks

Complete link : [AQIA Symposium 2025](#)