Beverages and Acid/Acidified Foods PDG


Meeting Called to Order: 1:00 p.m., Sunday, July 31, 2016.

Minutes Recording Secretary: Fred Breidt and Wilfredo Ocasio.

Old Business: Approval of 2015 meeting minutes.

New Business:

- Call for nominations for vice chair: Dr. Barbara Ingham nominated.
- Ruth Eden presented a new website (http://ask-bioexpert.com/) which is a new interactive forum for the discussion of topics facing the food safety community. It will be a place for the exchange of information, get expert opinions, and to deal with hot topics as they emerge. It will also enable the experts to introduce themselves to the community. Ruth invited all attendees to be a part of this activity and help shape this new form of communication. Brief discussion of the two symposia for the current (2016) meeting sponsored by the PDG.
- Antitrust statement.
- Update from the IAFP Board by Dr. Linda Harris.

Discussion of topics for the 2017 meeting:

- Workshop proposal for 2017, Workshop on fungal identification – Dr. Emilia Rico-Munoz, proposed for the 2017 meeting
- Proposed Symposia topics for 2017:
1. Innovation, regulation, and validation fundamentals for beverages and acid/acidified foods”
   Patricia Rule, Megan Stylke, Erdogan Celyon (with fruit and vegetable PDG?)  30 minutes for each overview topic – innovation; regulation; validation. Challenges to innovation, regulation and validation for beverages and high-acid foods. The effects of spoilage on mycotoxin production – Emilia Rico-Munoz.
2. Evaluation of surrogates in high acid-low moisture foods: Jena Roberts recommended as a topic within a larger symposium; perhaps one focusing on surrogates.
3. Proton transfer mass spectroscopy as a tool for quality and safety: F. Breidt and Frank Burns (with Advanced Molecular Analysis PDG ).
8. Preventative controls and environmental monitoring programs for quality and safety of beverages and acid/acidified foods: Mehgan Styke.

Recommendations to the Executive Board:
1. Dr. Barbara Ingham was unanimously elected vice-chair, subject to approval by the IAFP Board.
2. PDG affiliations should be included with the information in the program about each symposium. It was also recommended that the IAFP app symposia be searchable by PDG affiliation.

Next Meeting Date: July 9, 2017, Tampa, Florida.

Meeting Adjourned: 3:20 p.m.

Chairperson: Fred Breidt.