

## **Food Chemical Hazard and Food Allergy PDG**

**Attendees:** Timothy Adams, Mohammad Alam, Joseph Baumert, Jerry Bennett, Sylvia Bergman, Richelle Beverly, Tom Bruursema, Marisa Bunning, Abigail Burrows, Rocelle Clavero, Jessica Cooper, David Crownover, Chuck Czuprynski, Ken Davenport, Brian Dimenna, Randolph Duverna, Kevin Edwards, Xuetong Fan, Sanjit Fernandes, Anthony Flood, Casey Fripp, Tong-Jen Fu, April Garza, Xiaowen Guo, Steve Hails, Paul Hanlon, John Heller, Brandee Hunter, Lauren Jackson, Tim Jackson, Adam Johnson, John Johnston, Don Jones, Jason Khoo, Sally Klinect, Brent Kobielush, Mansi Krishan, Mary Kay Krogull, John Larkin, Dung Le, Quanhong Li, Jiang Liang, Suzanne S. Mailman, Manu Manohar, Conor McGauran, Joseph Meyer, Quynh-Anh Nguyen, Cian O'Mahony, Suyapa Padilla Antunez, Karl Raabe, Tara Riley, Donna Rosenbaum, Bradley Russell, Gerard Ruth, Dojin Ryu, Aurora Saulo, Lee Yan Sheen, Weilin Shelver, Pamela Sinderson, Frank Spiegelhalter, Haixia Sui, Steve Taylor, Jennifer Weber, Marielle Weintraub, Betsy Yakes, and Michelle You.

**Number of Attendees:** 66

**Meeting Called to Order at:** 3:16 p.m., Sunday, July 31, 2016.

**Minutes Recording Secretary:** Paul Hanlon.

### **Old Business:**

- 2015 PDG Minutes: There no edits or updates recommended for the minutes from the 2015 meeting. Minutes were approved.

### **New Business:**

- Antitrust Guidelines.
- Recognition of Past Chairs and Vice Chairs.
- Board update from Tim Jackson:
  - The IAFFP Annual Meeting continues to grow.
  - Looking for more short symposium with 3–4 speakers in the session
  - Importance of connecting with other PDGs that may have an interest in a proposed topic.
  - Consider webinars as a possibility of distributing information – No restrictions on how many that IAFFP can do in any calendar year, and they are preserved so that people can review them even after they are broadcast.

- Workshops can be conducted at any time during the year. They don't have to happen only at the Annual Meeting. IAFP can help handle costs (like paying for speakers and other logistics) that would need to be sorted out for a workshop.
- The chemical safety arena is gaining importance, especially with the implementation of FSMA.
- Awards: IAFP feels it is important to recognize individuals who are contributing to IAFP initiatives.
- Overview of 2016 Approved Sessions (proposed by the Food Chemical Hazards and Food Allergy PDG).
- Discussion on Topics/Ideas for the 2017 IAFP Annual meeting.
- Input/Feedback to the IAFP Board, PDG members encouraged to provide comments back if any.

### **Summary of Proposed Symposium/Webinar Topics**

Topics selected for draft proposal development:

- IOM Expert Panel Report Summary: Steve Taylor (U of Nebraska) – IOM Expert Panel on Food Allergies. From prevention to treatment and everything in between. The report is finished and currently out for peer review. Hopefully it will be out in November 2016. Proposal would be for people from this Expert Panel who would come to IAFP 2017 to discuss the output of that opinion. Proposal would be for a 3–4 speakers, as most of the Expert Panel members would not be IAFP members.
  - Microbial modeling Risk modeling PDG could possibly have interest in this session.
  - Educating stakeholders, how do we communicate out about food allergens?
  - IOM has a roll-out budget, so it could even cover some of the budget.
- FALPCA (Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow) Allergen Control Roundtable:
  - What are the root causes of unexpected situations where allergens could be present because of supply chain cross-contamination?
  - Impacts to industry – How to reflect the complex situation on labels.
  - Analytical challenges for both products and the supply chain.
- Intro to Prop 65, IARC and other chemical regulations:
  - Providing risk managers an overview of the issues that could impact them.
  - Possible impacts to FSMA implementation.
- Chasing Zero and more issues around analytical methods. There is a lot of misunderstanding around the impact that the selection/development of analytical methods can have.

- Public perception is often focused on that any detection is a bad thing, but this is taken out of the context of risk.
- Possibility of bringing in folks from somewhere like Consumer Reports to give their perspective.
- Bringing in clean label discussion - what is needed to support a "no" claim - like antibiotic free.
- Could also have an overlap with the allergen topic.

### **Other discussion**

- Proposal from the microbial risk modeling and risk assessment group: Looking at the different aspects of risk assessment, possibly even a Roundtable.
- Proposal from the microbial risk and risk assessment group: Recent report from the EFSA guidance on uncertainty. Use some recent examples to look at this guidance and how to communicate this out to risk managers.
  - Could also be building on a Debate from this year's meeting looking at risk aspects from both micro and chemical hazards.
- Clean Labels – Impacts of testing (how low do you have to go in testing to validate a "no" claim?). What is consumer perception? Does this fit into Chasing Zero as well? Aspects around public trust about where this information comes from.
- Radiological hazards – Impact of FSMA implementation. What happens during disaster situation (e.g., Fukushima)? Is it time to start focusing more resources on this topic?
  - Could have a link to the Seafood PDG as well.

### **Recommendations to the Executive Board:**

1. Recommend approval of Tony Flood as Chair and Paul Hanlon as Vice Chair.

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

**Meeting Adjourned:** The PDG meeting adjourned early to provide members time to review and discuss topics for the 2017 Annual Meeting. Additional details will be provided to the PDG via email and conference call updates throughout the year.

**Chairperson:** Tony Flood.