

Food Packaging PDG

Attendees: S. Balamurugan, Christine Bruhn, John Bruhn, Aimee Buechler, Mark Carkhuff, Ruplal Choudhary, LeAnn Chuboff, Kay Cooksey, Ken Davenport, Cynthia Ebner, Tom England, Sanjit Fernandes, Nicholas Forshee, Gary Gamble, Dibash Gautam, Dale Grinstead, Alexandre Hanley, Maureen Hanley, Upasana Hariram, Linda Harris, Fawzy Hashem, Tony Jin, Mansi Krishan, Paige LeMaster, Katie Liang, Caitlinn Lineback, Pushpinder Litt, Shuxiang Liu, Conor McGauran, Charles Muyanja, James O'Donnell, Folarin Oguntoyinbo, Cian O'Mahony, Michele Oostenbrug, Regina Petrasch, John Porter, Erin Raver, Glenner Richards, Joyjit Saha, Haixia Sui, and Danhui Wang.

Number of Attendees: 41

Meeting Called to Order: 1:10 p.m., Sunday, July 31, 2016.

Minutes Recording Secretary: Nick Forshee.

The IAFP antitrust guidelines were reviewed.

A message to the PDG from outgoing Chairperson Linda Leake was shared by Ken Davenport in her absence. All in attendance introduced themselves, shared information regarding their professional background, and provided some fun tidbits about their personal lives.

Old Business: The minutes of the 2015 annual meeting can be found online at <http://www.foodprotection.org/get-involved/professional-development-groups/food-packaging-pdg/>. All members were advised to review these notes and reach out to Ken Davenport or Nick Forshee with questions or suggestions.

Ken Davenport reported that the packaging PDG had two symposia accepted for 2016. The two symposia were briefly discussed and will be presented on Wednesday, August 3, per times noted below.

- 8:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. – Antimicrobial Food Packaging: Breakthroughs and Benefits That Impact Food Safety. Dale Grinstead, Kay Cooksey, and Tony Jin.
- 10:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. – Close Call: Assessing Risks of Food Packaging That Can Impact Food Safety. Larry Keener, Andy Hwang, and Nick Forshee.

New Business:

Ken Davenport introduced and congratulated Nick Forshee as the newly-elected Vice Chair of the Food Packaging PDG for a two-year term. He thanked everyone for their participation in the recent online election.

Ken Davenport provided a brief report of the PDG chairs/vice chairs meeting on Saturday, July 30, 2016. Key takeaways include 1) New badge-scanning system when entering meetings which will allow easy recording of attendance; and 2) Symposia ideas for 2017 are to be developed/discussed in the PDG meetings and aligned on during the PDG Chair/Vice Chairperson Breakfast.

Linda Harris, the Packaging PDG Board Liaison, greeted everyone present and provided updates from the Board related to the 2016 annual meeting. She updated the PDG on this year's attendance, which included record numbers for exhibitors (175), projected attendance (3,400), and overall IAFP membership (4,100, of which 20% is international).

Ken Davenport proposed a new method of brainstorming called Lotus Blossom. The group utilized this to develop ideas for packaging related proposals for symposia, roundtables and workshops for the 2017 IAFP annual meeting in Tampa, Florida. The activity went over very well with the group and all those present were engaged.

Several ideas were put up, discussed, sorted, and the final output includes:

1. **Active Packaging Symposia.** Cynthia Ebner & Dale Grinstead.
 - a. Must ensure this is significantly different than 2016 symposia.
2. **Intelligent Packaging Symposia.** Kay Cooksey and Ruplal Choudhary.
3. **Common Packaging Failures Symposia.** Cian O'Mahony & Nick Forshee.
4. **Packaging 101/ABC's of Packaging Webinar/Training Deck or Workshop.** Nick Forshee, Kay Cooksey, and Packaging PDG collaboration.
5. **Nano Materials Roundtable.** Ken Davenport to organize.

Other ideas that were discussed for future consideration:

1. Regulatory Requirements of Packaging.
2. Sustainable Packaging.
3. Low Cost Packaging.
4. Communication through Packaging.
5. Shelf Life.

Additional news included the desire to be more involved in packaging related posters and abstracts. The intent is to highlight some of the work that is being conducted and potentially discuss selected posters/abstracts at the annual Packaging PDG meeting.

Overall, the meeting was well attended and topics invoked open discussions among the group. There was great collaboration and input and it was clear that those in attendance shared a strong passion to know and learn more about packaging.

Recommendations to the Executive Board:

1. Please approve Nick Forshee as the new Vice Chairperson of the Food Packaging PDG to serve a two-year term and then to become chair at the annual meeting in 2018 for a two-year term.
2. Add "Packaging" as a category for posters, abstracts, etc. in the annual meeting app so that the program is searchable by sponsoring PDG and posters are categorized and grouped for easy browsing.
3. We would like to recommend a Packaging PDG-sponsored award to highlight excellence in packaging for posters and/or symposia speakers.
4. Investigate and/or provide instructions for continuing education credits for webinars or workshops through IAFP.

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

The Meeting was Adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

Chairperson Name: Ken Davenport.