

Pre Harvest Food Safety PDG

Attendees: Achyut Adhikari, Awa Aidara-Kane, Walid Alali, Jose Aldrete, Raghavendra Amachawadi, Bassam Annous, Ashley Arnold, Christopher Baker, Elaine Berry, Rachel Binet, Patricia Borrusso, Kellie Burris, Zhao Chen, Antonio Cid, Rocelle Clavero, Kristine Clemens, David Cook, Kimberly Cook, Carl Custer, Thais De Melo Ramos, Govindaraj Dev Kumar, Diane Ducharme, Ruth Eden, Peyman Fatemi, Paula Fedorka-Cray, Angela Marie Ferelli, Francisco Gallardo, John Heller, Shauna Henley, William Huntley, Brynn Husk, Khurram Irshad, Keith Ito, Megan Jacob, Ravi Jadeja, Divya Jaroni, Xiuping Jiang, Shivaramu Keelara Veerappa, Susanne Keller, Connie Kirby, Kalmia Kniel, Eduardo Lecea, Pushpinder Litt, Teressa Lopez, Gabriela Lopez Velasco, Dumitru Macarisin, Kelly McCarty, Thomas McCaskey, Maeli Melotto, Pat Millner, Katie Moore, Steve Moris, Rodney Moxley, TG Nagaraja, Deog-Hwan Oh, Modesto Olanya, Ifeoluwa Olotu, Michele Oostenbrug, Robin Pachuta, Salina Parveen, Jitu Patel, Randall Phebus, Suresh Pillai, Lori Pivarnik, Juan Ponce de Leon, Gale Prince, Mingyu Qiao, Paula Rivadeneira, Joyjit Saha, Angela Shaw, Arlette Shazer, Kevin Sheehan, Xiaorong Shi, Valentin Sierra, Michelle Smith, Insook Son, Tyler Stephens, Mehgan Styke, Aparna Tatavarthy, Siddhartha Thakur, Ellen Thomas, Michael Timmer, Phillip Tocco, Mike Villaneva, Isabel Walls, Jim Wells, Kristin Woods, Shuang Wu, Wenqing Xu, Mustafa Yesil, and Zuoxing Zheng.

Number of Attendees: 91

Meeting Called to Order: 9:00 a.m., Sunday, July 31, 2016.

New Business:

- Bassam Annous, Chair, started the meeting by welcoming everyone and introduced Dr. Walid Alali, incoming Vice Chair. Bassam thanked Dr. Divya Jaroni, outgoing Chair, for her services to the PDG, and Dr. Alali for volunteering to serve the PDG. This was followed by welcoming the attendees and introducing themselves. Bassam asked those attendees who have not registered yet to write down their names on the sign-up sheet. Bassam asked attendees to join any PDGs online and/or send an E-mail to the Association with request to join or be removed from PGD mailing list.
- Bassam mentioned that the minutes from the 2015 meeting were E-mailed to all members and were also available online at IAFP Web site. He asked for a motion and second to approve them at this PDG meeting and were approved.
- Dr. Rodney Moxley from University of Nebraska presented “Pre-harvest Research Progress through STEC CAP” (25 minutes presentation). A five- minute question and answer period was followed.

- Kali Kniel, IAFP Executive Board Member, welcomed all and talked about IAFP and PDGs. She mentioned that IAFP is on a successful track and more attendees in this year's meeting compared with last year. About 3,400 attendee and more than 170 exhibitors. Kali encouraged PDG attendee to promote IAFP membership through friends and colleagues, nationally and internationally. Regarding *JFP*, she mentioned that changes to the journal platform are coming. Kali encouraged attendee to consider IAFP journals (*JFP and FPT*) when submitting their publications. Moreover, she said that over 150 symposia proposals were submitted and nearly 50% of those were accepted for the 2016 program. She also talked about the decision of the Program Committee to limit the 2017 symposium talks to 30 minutes. Furthermore, a recommendation was made to promote the use of webinars.
- Kali reminded the group of award nominations. The awards' criteria and guidelines are available on IAFP websites.
- Bassam thanked Kali for IAFP support and the information provided. He then mentioned that our PDG had seven symposia accepted and presented during last year's meeting (2015), while this year 10 symposia, including roundtables, were accepted. Bassam also made the group aware that non-members of PDGs are allowed to submit proposal for symposia. Bassam encouraged members to collaborate on symposia with members of other PDGs. Bassam mentioned that webinars and presentation at the PDG annual meeting would be another venue for presentations of important subject matter important to the members. Bassam stressed the importance of having three and six speakers per half and full symposium, respectively. This format was approved by the program committee and will be enforced.
- Bassam then opened the discussion on symposia topics. He mentioned that the deadline for submitting the proposals for next year's meeting is October 4, 2016. Bassam started the discussion by talking about a number of recommendations that attendees can think of while formulating symposia topics and later proposals. These areas were:
 - Important topics and new challenges in pre-harvest food safety.
 - International perspectives on pre-harvest food safety.
 - Interactive workshops before the Annual Meeting or at other times throughout the year.
 - Creating a webinar and/or a webinar series.
 - Development of booklets or pamphlets.
 - Regular web meetings.
 - Communicating regularly via E-mail or teleconference.

This was followed by PDG members proposing topics and discussing them.

- Global needs assessment by Paula Cray. The focus is on assessment of needs in developing countries to improve capacity building in collaboration with WHO-FAO. It can be a half symposium with three speakers.
 - Water quality and fresh produce safety by Diane Ducharme. The focus is on farm water quality and availability challenges in relation to produce safety nationally and internationally. It can be a half symposium with three speakers.
 - FSMA: The devil in the details by Michelle Smith. The goal is to provide details on FSMA on produce and how to get them out to stakeholders. This can be a roundtable.
 - Updates on food safety from US Regional Centers by Angela Shaw. The goal is to provide updates on the food safety research and outreach by regional centers in the U.S. This can be a roundtable.
 - Complementary forces of mitigation in food safety of global issues: Detection and mitigation by Paula Cray and Megan Jacob. The aim is to better understand the dynamics of bacteria and their genetic material transfer in addition mitigation strategies. It can be a full symposium with six speakers in two sessions.
 - Status of intervention methods in developing countries by Modesto Olanya. The aim is to better understand the intervention methods that work in developing nations in relation to needs assessment. It can be a half symposium with three speakers.
 - Soil issues and produce safety. The goal is to understand soil amendments in relation to produce safety. It can be a half symposium with three speakers.
 - Fresh produce safety and natural disasters by Wenqing Xu. The goal is to discuss the safety of produce (microbial quality, guidance to stakeholders, and quick response) after events such as flooding. It can be a half-symposium with three speakers.
 - Pre-harvest AMR and antibiotic use by John Heller. The aim is to discuss pre-harvest AMR issues and where antibiotic are used in the production chain in produce and other products. It can take a roundtable format.
- One of the members, Ruth Eden, mentioned that she started a new Web site (<http://ask-bioexpert.com/>) on food safety to exchange/share information and provide expert opinions on different topics including methodology previously used by other researchers. The website also provides a forum for Q&A. She would like people to give her feedback after they visit the website.

Recommendations to the Executive Board

1. Recommend Dr. Walid Alali as the Vice Chair of the PDG.

2. Suggest sending a copy of the finalized symposia topics to the student PDG members so that they also can look at them and have a chance to participate in symposia of interest.

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

Chairperson: Bassam Annous.