Seafood Safety and Quality PDG

**Attendees:** Jianfa Bai, Yannick Bichot, Jason Bolton, Adam Borger, David Calvin, Franck Chatigny, Laurie Farmer, Aliyar Fouladkhah, Kyle Ganz, Constantin Genigeorgis, Foivos Genigiorgis, Myriam Gutierrez, John Heller, Brian Himelbloom, Aaron Huckabee, Jessica Jones, Rick Kanaby, Amanda King, David Kingsley, Jiang Liang, Hsu-Yang Lin, Michelle Lovett, Barakat Mahmoud, Doug Marshall, Susan McCarthy, Robyn Miranda, Naim Montazeri, Amit Morey, Virginia Ng, Mickey Parish, Salina Parveen, Frederic Pastori, Sophie Pierre, Lori Pivarnik, Kunal Rehani, Forest Reichel, Gary Richards, Angela Ruple, Mansour Samadpour, Lingxiao Shao, Weilin Shelver, Xiaorong Shi, Otto Simmons, Gregory Siragusa, Tori Stivers, Anna Theil-Gangl, Ed Thompson, Peter Trabold, Li Wan, Chun Wang, Luxin Wang, Lisa Weddig, and Jin Xu. **Number of Attendees:** 53

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

**Minutes Recording Secretary:** Forest Reichel.

**Old Business:**
- Approval of Minutes from the 2015 meeting.

**New Business:**
- After the call to order, Chairperson Lovett, recapped the Association Bylaws pertaining to appropriate collaboration and the unacceptability of collusion.
- Chairperson Lovett opened the floor to IAFP Board Liaison, Mickey Parish. Dr. Parish began his remarks by expressing gratitude for participation in the PDG and scientific program groups – resulting in part to >150 proposals for consideration last year.
- IAFP continues to grow, experiencing a record attendance year in 2016, with 3,400 attendees and a record number of members at 4,100 individuals. This year’s meeting boasts a record number of exhibitors as well at 175. Please support the exhibitors as their efforts and participation often enable continued growth in scientific program quality as well as financial support.
- Dr. Parish recapped the formatting for Symposia – for each 1.5 hour block a total number of three speakers is the established criteria. If the Symposia are three hours in length, it accommodates six 30-minute presentations. There are a number of two-hour symposia
scheduled for Wednesday during the Annual Meeting that will accommodate four 30-minute presentations.

- Dr. Parish closed his remarks by offering a thank you for continued participation and a rewarding meeting.
- Dr. Chip Simmons, University of North Carolina, provided a recap on the work that began in 2011 to research human norovirus across the food supply chain and to develop effective control data. This project is spearheaded by Dr. Lee-Ann Jaykus and included over 30 collaborators from academia, industry and government.
- Dr. Simmons spoke about the program in a broader format and then dialed his comments down specifically to the seafood industry and the research and feedback provided to and supported by stakeholders. The program will be reaching the end of the funding period this year.
- More information on this program is available by following the link on the University of North Carolina website.
- Dr. Simmons responded to questions at the conclusion of his recap.
- Vice Chair Reichel opened the floor for the nomination of an incoming Vice Chairperson for 2017. Two nominations were received. Nominees were: Foivos Genigiorgis, Acme Smoked Fish Co., Food Safety and R&D Manager, and Dr. Barakat S.M. Mahmoud, Associate Professor, Mississippi State University. A vote by ballot was conducted. Foivos Genigiorgis is elected incoming Vice Chairperson.
- The floor was then open for discussion and proposals for Symposia platforms for the 2017 Annual Meeting. Suggested symposia topics are as follows:
  - Seafood Fraud’s impact on Food Safety, Douglas Marshall, Eurofins Scientific, Inc.
  - Seafood HACCP: After 20 years of Seafood HACCP is seafood any safer? Tori Stivers, University of Georgia. Tori Stivers to develop program.
    - Possible collaboration with HACCP PDG, Food Law PDG.
  - *Vibrio* Contamination – Growing concerns. Continued *Vibrio* issues impact on sustainability and availability of seafood, Dr. Gary P. Richards, USDA, Delaware State University. Jennifer L. Jones, FDA Gulf Coast Seafood Laboratory to develop program.
    - Possible collaboration with HACCP PDG, Water PDG, Pre Harvest PDG.
  - Seafood Fraud - Economically Motivated Hazards, Foreign Supplier verification, and the contrast between Seafood HACCP and FSMA Foreign Supplier Verification programs.
  - Antibiotic Residues in Farmed Seafood, Impact on Supplier Approval.
    Dr. Naim Montazeri, NC State University.
Discussion of the topics followed building upon the depth of and directions each of the proposals might be taken. In addition discussion included building a Seafood safety platform that included webinar segments and roundtable proposals based upon the above topics to support a symposia topic.

Also put forward for development was the possibility of a pre-meeting workshop, which could include a fieldtrip based around seafood process and food safety. The location of IAFP 2017 is ideally suitable for this opportunity. This concept will be further developed for consideration by Douglas Marshall, Eurofins.

A recap of proposed symposia, next steps and process owners was provided and confirmed by the Vice Chairperson. Contact information was confirmed.

A call for any further topics for discussion was made.

Recommendations to the Executive Board:

1. Approve Foivos Genigiorgis as incoming Vice Chairperson beginning at IAFP 2017.

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

Meeting Adjourned: 2:40 p.m.

Chairperson: Michelle Lovett.