

Food Protection Trends Management Committee

Members Present: Faith Critzer (Chair), Matthew Taylor (Vice Chair), Catherine Cutter, Mark Berrang, Alejandro Echeverry, Yaohua (Betty) Feng, Joshua Gu rtle, Montserrat Iturriaga, Ian Jenson, Linda Leake, Susan McKnight, and Amie Minor.

Outgoing Members Present: Francisco Diez, Veny Gapud, and Christina Wilson.

New Members Present: Dennis D'Amico, Sally Klinect, Bobby Krishna, William Shaw, and Kelly Stevens.

Board/Staff Present: Roger Cook, Linda Harris, Mickey Parish, Donna Bahun, David Tharp, and Lisa Hovey.

Visitors/Guests: Balasubramanian Ganesan, Ahyoon Kim, Jeong-Eun Lee, Jeffrey LeJeune, Randall Phebus, Kurt Rueber, and Amarat Simonne.

Number of Attendees: 33.

Minutes Recording Secretary: Matthew Taylor.

Meeting Called to Order: 2:00 p.m., Sunday, July 8, 2018.

Faith Critzer asked attendees for any additions or modifications to the agenda; none were provided. Faith proposed that Linda Harris discuss outcomes on a Scientific Integrity Consortium where she represented IAFFP. Her discussion will be moved to the agenda after approval of 2017 Minutes. Faith welcomed everyone and thanked the outgoing members for their service.

Old Business: Minutes from the 2017 Meeting: Faith asked for any questions or edits. No changes voiced; Sue and Linda moved to approve and second, respectively. The motion was approved.

Review of Responses to 2017 Executive Board Recommendations: The Board approved Matthew Taylor as Vice Chairperson and addressed awards' metrics.

FPT Readership Survey Report: Faith reminded everyone that the Committee was interested in knowing the membership's views on the journal. A subgroup was completed on surveying membership feel. Faith took away a generally positive impression. May 3–17 release for completion; 517 respondents; 13% response rate. Greater than 90% were satisfied or very satisfied with the journal, indicating Members are finding value. Most are reading online which surprised Faith. Only 15% are using only print. Greater than 85% accessing online are satisfied or very satisfied. Of 70% surveyed who didn't read, most were unaware of its existence. Can improve membership's awareness. GI papers and refereed papers are most popular for readers. No obvious target for non-valuable paper type. Overall, frequency of every 2 months was liked. Greater than 70% of published in *FPT* would publish. Unlikely to publish was impact factor.

In reviewing the survey, were there any standout issues? Dennis D'Amico asked why authors who've published chose to publish in *FPT*. Cathy indicates quick turn-around and the ability to publish quickly. This aids young faculty on tenure application by getting their publications out. Faith asked about releasing data. Cathy indicated general interest papers are appropriate. Ben indicated transparency to potential changes. Recommended to Executive Board to write and publish a general interest paper to update IAFFP membership on the outcomes of the *FPT* membership survey, including demographic data of respondents. The paper should address key learnings/findings, and plans to address the opportunities identified for initiatives based upon findings.

FPT Award Recipients: Recipients will be recognized at the Editorial Board Reception at 4:30 p.m. The awards have been expanded. Now includes a most-cited award for peer-reviewed research along with most-viewed peer review and general interest papers. Last year the Committee proposed an award for a most downloaded for peer-review and general interest publications, which was approved by the Board. However, when evaluating the metrics this year, it was decided that most viewed captured this information. It was recommended that we remove most downloaded

peer-review and general interest publication. Recommend to Board to remove this award category (most downloaded: general interest and peer-reviewed).

Scientific Editor Report (Cathy Cutter): Cathy provided her report; modified from previous years. 2017–2018 metrics from Allen Press data source. Increases in submissions from 2017, and some recent submissions/resubmissions. References continue to hold up publication of papers due to errors in formatting or incomplete. More attention paid to references formatting and correctness. On track for 2018 submissions and publications. Faith: with reference to citations, is it clarity of directions or failure to format properly. The problems produced by EndNotes can be the issue. Cathy is very impressed with the international-sourced papers accepted for publication. Inviting authors from international symposia and this is benefitting by having more papers submitted. Randy Phebus – two papers listed as inappropriate for 2018 and eight for 2017; what are the problems? In some instances, reviewers deemed them not appropriate, and in others, Cathy tagged them as inappropriate. Some are from authors that did not read the author guide. Dennis D'Amico asked whether the count includes papers rejected pre-review. Cathy indicated rejected identifies only papers that were reviewed. Donna Bahun: References are problematic sometimes during revision too. Appropriate use of acronym or agencies. Clarification must be given as to agency use and acronyms usage.

Ben Chapman asked whether we need Board approval, or we can make our own move? Faith asks that we revisit author guide and use of agencies as authors. Recommend to Board that we revisit and clarify rules/guidance on references and agency authorship identification. Anonymous authorship for agency versus non-anonymous? These are key problems.

Faith thanked Donna and Cathy for their work and contribution to the journal's work and upkeep.

New Business:

Scientific Integrity Consortium Discussion (Linda Harris): Linda was invited in 2017 to participate in the Consortium with a resulting publication detailing best practices and scientific integrity. IAFFP worked on this process and is now moving forward on implementation. The Consortium met in 2017 in Washington, D.C. A manuscript submitted to Science and Engineering Ethics and is currently in press. Participants included AAAS, ASM, AND, APLGU, Cornell, U. British Columbia, IAFFP, and IFT. Linda presented a number of best practices identified in the forthcoming manuscript of particular interest to IAFFP and its Members:

- Encourage reproducibility of research through transparency. Enhance reproduction through journals to author checklists to assess experimental design rigor. Details on experimental design and statistics.
- Strive to establish open access science throughout the scientific enterprise.
- Develop and implement tools to teach communication tools that uphold scientific integrity. Meaning and importance and limits of work. Referred to student lunch and skill at rapid and meaningful research communication.
- Strive to further strengthen peer review process related to issues of COI between reviewers and authors. Issues of authorship, and training of peer reviewers/training guide.
- Encourage journals to publish unanticipated findings. Remove the stigma related negative data; changing term to unanticipated results. Place value on these data types for publication by discouraging replication of research that does not advance science forward.
- Rapid and consistent transparent processes for rapid retraction and/or publication of manuscripts. Retraction was distinguished from correction needs. Recommendations for differing terminology in order to differentiate for authors and reviewers.
- Design rigor and comprehensive for evaluation criteria of researchers that recognizing high integrity in scientific research. Additional metrics for researchers beyond impact factor and publications count. How to credit other metrics besides these traditional metrics. Wednesday will hold a session on predatory

journals and conferences; help to identify them. The paper will be disseminated once published, but there will be effort to identify IAFP's ongoing efforts and needs that remain.

Francisco Diez asked whether there was discussion or concern over plagiarism and occurrence? Linda indicated many contributors were clinicians and trials weren't repeatable. Plagiarism does occur and indicated tools available to avoid plagiarism and need to publish. Refers to H-factor and other unethical choices made in publications. Sue McKnight indicated plagiarism versus "fake news." Linda responds that unfair criticisms can also negate useful science by misrepresentation. Linda Leake asked about consortium's life cycle? Linda Harris responds that one meeting and the manuscript were completed. ILSI is asking for IAFP endorsement of the manuscript and an action plan to implement recommendations/best practices. Faith asked about how *FPT* can play role. Cathy suggested a General Interest paper would be of great interest. An Executive Summary would be useful for publishing as a general interest paper in *FPT*. Linda Harris agreed to develop a general interest paper summarizing the findings once the manuscript is released.

Initiatives to improve *FPT* visibility (Faith Critzer): Discussed different approaches for raising the profile of *FPT* amongst Members and non-members. Various strategies were discussed using social media and podcasts improve the visibility of work published in *FPT* and for the journal as a whole. Faith asks for a subcommittee to develop recommendations and processes to move forward. Volunteers for the subcommittee include Ben Chapman, Kelly Stevens, Faith Critzer, Sue McKnight, Cathy Cutter, Matt Taylor, and Josh Gurtler. Faith will initiate and set up a meeting for the group. Lisa Hovey and Manan Sharma will also be included as outside Members.

Cathy asked about requesting bulleted highlights to further distill findings and outcomes from articles published in *FPT*, which was also discussed in *JFP* Management Committee meeting. Recommend to Executive Board to form *FPT* subcommittee to determine methods for improving *FPT* visibility, in consort with *JFP* subcommittee.

Recommendations to the Executive Board:

1. The Committee recommends to the Executive Board that a General Interest paper be prepared and submitted for publication in *Food Protection Trends* detailing the outcomes of the Scientific Integrity meeting and best practices as detailing the working group's soon to be published manuscript. The *FPT* paper should detail the best practices, identify IAFP's ongoing programs that aid in addressing and implementing identified best practices, and identify areas where IAFP can assist its members in adhering to best practices.

2. The Committee recommends to the Executive Board that language in the *FPT* Author Guidelines be reviewed and revised to clarify the appropriate formatting of journal citations, with special reference to cited documents/articles/reports by agencies (e.g., FDA, USDA). The correct formatting of these citations should be clarified to assist the timely completion of article processing.
3. The Committee recommends to the Executive Board that a General Interest paper be developed to update IAFP membership on the outcomes of the *FPT* membership survey, including demographic data of respondents. The paper should address key learnings/findings and plans to address the opportunities identified for increasing the visibility of *FPT* amongst membership as well as outside IAFP.
4. The Committee recommends to the Executive Board that awards for Most Downloaded General Interest and Most Downloaded Peer-Reviewed papers be discontinued. It has been observed that for 2018, the data are not robust, and mirror outcomes of data analysis for most viewed awards.
5. The Committee recommends that a subcommittee (F. Critzer, B. Chapman, C. Cutter, D. Bahun (IAFP Staff), S. McKnight, J. Gurtler (*JFP* Management Committee), M. Sharma (*JFP* Management Committee), M. Taylor, and L. Hovey (IAFP Staff)) be devised to investigate and identify methods for increasing the visibility of *FPT* amongst IAFP membership, the utility of various social media tools for assisting this effort, and to potentially require the inclusion of Highlights for all submitted manuscripts.

Next Meeting Date: July 21–24, 2019, Louisville, KY.

Meeting Adjourned: 3:45 p.m.

Chairperson: Faith Critzer.