Student PDG

Attendees: Mary Yavelak (Chair), Margaret Kirchner (Vice Chair), Habdah Aboubakr, Jennifer Acuff, Emelia Adator, Seun Agbaje, Nurali Ahmad, Sulaiman Ajaisar, Abimbola Allison, Brienna Anderson, Ana Arciniega, Nicole Arnold, Gabriela Arteaga Arredondo, Ilan Arvelo-Yagual, Ariel Babilonia, Louisa Bachman, Christopher Baker, Sudhakar Bhandare, Sabra Billups, Giovana Bodnar, Samantha Bolten, Ernest Bonah, Jose Brandao Delgado, Brianna Britton, Elizabeth Brown, Stephanie Brown, Britney Bullard, Yorianna Cabrera Bartolomei, Mary Callahan, Andrea Camas Molina, Carmen Cano, Loan Cao, Xiaoqiong Cao, Cameron Cason, Juhong Chen, Long Chen, Vijay Chhethi, Jeffrey Clark, Anna Colaveccio, Stephanie Colorado, Sarah Cope, Shani Craighead, Yue Dai, Corrina Darelus, Haley Davis, Bronwyn Deen, Claudia Diaz, Noemi D’Onofrio, Lindsey Doring, Paula Duarte-Guevara, Minh Duong, Andrea English, Sarah Engstrom, Enka Estrada, Savana Everhart, Justin Falardieu, Sara Farmer, Betty Yachaya Feng, Angela Ferrell, Karen Fong, Emily Forauer, Gina Frontino, Jose Fuentes, Samantha Gartley, Ashley Garwatowski, Bina Gautham, Catherine Gensler, Leah Gilman, Angelica Godinez Oviedo, Valerie Gonzalez, Mohammad Ruzlan Habib, Mohammed Hakeem, Lu Han, Keely Hanlon, Anna Sophia Harrand, La Chia Harrison, Shouchui He, Monica Henry, Ian Hildebrandt, Runze Huang, Lauren Hudson, Mohammad Hussain, Matthew Igo, Hyein Jang, Elizabeth Jara Torres, Luis Jimenez, Stephanie Jimenez Ramos, Jinh Jung, Jasmine Kataria, Annette Kenney, Karuna Kharel, Ahyoon Kim, Tony Kountoupis, Kento Koyama, Margaret Lamson, Soon Kiat Lau, Marfa Leal Cervantes, Jieon Lee, Youyoung Lee, Lacey Lemanakis, Cortney Leeone, Ka Wang Li, Shenniao Li, Marie Limoges, Caitlin Lineback, Pushpinder Kaur Litt, Jia Ling, Xingchen Liu, Xuanjung Liu, Phillip Luu, Beatriz Lu Martinez, Vivian Ly, Daiza Mendez-Perez, Luyao Ma, Britanny Magdovitz, Kathleen Magee, Stephanie Maggio, Sahar Malekmohammadi, Claire Marik, Gabriella Mendes Candido De Oliveira, Ellen Andrea Mendez Sosa, Robyn Miranda, Zahra Mohammad, Daniel Monte, Eric Moorman, Juan Moreira, Benjamin Morrow, Thabang Msimango, Jorge Muniz Flores, Sara Munoz, Flavia Negrete, Estefania Novoa Rama, William Olson, Morrine Omolo, Valerie Orta, Katelyn Ortega, Angel Otero Franqui, Yuda Ou, Laura Patterson, Mengfei Peng, Yamila Perales De La Rosa, Hannah Pilch, Dennis Pletcher, Mingyu Qiao, Jaime Ragos, Alejandra Ramirez, Loandi Richter, Catherine Rolfe, Nancy Rubio Zapata, Christopher Ruperto, JoAnn Sagarr, Joyjit Saha, Kristen Saniga, Morgan Sarchet, Diana Vanessa Sarria Zuniga, Lester Schonberger, Carla Schwan, Nicholas Sevart, Katarina Simunovic, Sultana Solaiman, Philip Steinbrunner, Varalakshmi Sudagar, Quincy Suehr, Lang Sun, Kevin Thomas, Laura Traullt, Salomom Tsianagb, Daniel Vega, Tushar Verma, Kirty Wadhawan, Katherine Weakeley, Kaidi Wang, Xinyao Wei, Margaret Weinrith, Daniel Weller, Asher Weng, Channle White, Frances Wijadja, Catherine Wong, Jungha Woo, Shuang Wu, Tongyue Wu, Chenghui Xu, Xinxiao Xu, Lily Yang, Ye Htut Zwe, Ayojesutomibi Abidun-sonlonke, Carly Adams, Sarah Allard, Ahmad Almasoud, Abdulaziz Alzimami, Bassam Aljasir, Abimbola Allison, Brienna Anderson, Ana Arciniega, Hamada Aboubakr, Jennifer Acuff, and Emelia Adator.

Meeting Called to Order: 1:05 p.m., Sunday, July 8, 2018.

Minutes Recording Secretary: Catherine Gensler.

Old Business: Outgoing SPDG officers were acknowledged for their hard work this past year. A review of all sponsored and cosponsored 2018 sessions was completed.

New Business: Each incoming officer gave a brief introduction. Incoming Chair Mary Yavelak addressed the room about the success of programs that have been implemented since last year. The mentor-mentee program had an overwhelmingly positive response considering that this was the first year. Forty-three students sought a mentor through the program and 85 professionals were looking for a mentee! The Program Committee is looking for more students to join the program so that more partnerships can be made. The Student Liaison Program connected 15 students to 13 PDGs. Liaisons link the sPDG to other PDGs, facilitating symposia co-sponsorship, connecting students to PDG scholarships and events, as well as completing crucial PDG tasks and business.

Students were encouraged to visit the student booth in the exhibit hall to purchase T-shirts and stickers as well as to get more information about the inaugural IAFP scavenger hunt. The search requires participants to find and photograph themselves with items relating to three categories: events at the Annual Meeting, networking, and Salt Lake City. Students have until Tuesday at noon to complete the hunt. Winners will be announced at the student mixer.

Lily Yang and Nicole Arnold hosted the second annual three minute thesis competition. Submission quality was very high this year. Many thanks for the committee work that made this possible and the judges who narrowed down the field to the five competitors who presented live.

Lunch attendees voted on the best presentation and a panel of judges also selected a winner. Both the members’ choice and the judges’ selection will be announced at the student mixer on Tuesday, July 10, 2018. The meeting concluded with a review of roundtable and symposia guidelines and a brainstorm for potential ideas for future development. If an idea is not accepted by the Program Committee, it has the potential to be developed into a symposium.

Symposia/Workshop Ideas:

- Increasing international student membership and participation beyond the U.S.
- Food Safety Communication Workshop for students/3-minute Thesis workshop for students.
- Bringing Bioinformatics into the classroom of underdeveloped countries (Co-sponsored with Developing Food Safety Professionals).
- Open Access Journals: Use, culture, integrity.
- Managing a food production environment.
- Education and Communication Across Cultural Lines.
- How Culture influences food and food safety/working with minorities and cultural differences.
- Origins of high risk Consumers’ Food Safety Information (Where, how can we help them).
- Communicating food safety to farmers effectively.
- Future of Cooperative Extension – connecting more stakeholders (buyers).
- Cannabis Part 2.
- Training Cottage Industry about food safety.
- Standardization of Appliances for easy of labeling cooking instructions.

Recommendations to the Executive Board:

We thank the Board for their responsiveness to our requests and their continued support of the Student PDG.

1. Recommend Margaret Kirchner for Student Professional Development Group Vice Chair.
2. Continue the presale of t-shirts online during registration for the Annual Meeting, but collect sizes, so shirts can be set aside.
3. Expand Student Liaison program to Committees, as currently this program only connects to PDGs.
4. Discuss adding a student representative to the Executive Board to represent student affairs.
5. Create a designated space at the Annual Meeting for mentors and mentees to meet.
6. Provide signage or funds to print signage to identify the student booth and distinguish it from other exhibitor booths.
7. Extend the time allotted for student lunch and business meeting to allow adequate time for lunch, competition and PDG business.
8. Provide monetary compensation (even if small) for all student labor during the Annual Meeting (ex. scanning badges, handing out programs, etc.). We are encouraging students to be actively involved in the meeting, and action taking them away from the program should be appropriately compensated.

9. Declare ‘student’ as a topic in symposia submissions, as all other PDGs are represented as a topic.

Next Meeting Date: July 21–24, 2019, Louisville, KY.
Meeting Adjourned: 1:30 p.m.
Chairperson: Mary Yavelak.