

Committee to Control Foodborne Illness

Members Present: Ewen Todd, Kari Irvin, Sherri McGarry, Michael Roberson, Michael Batz, Kristina Barlow, Barry Michaels, Peter Ben Embarek, Carl Custer, Bennett Armstrong, Ernest Julian, Bobby Krishna, Barry Michaels, Phyllis Posy, Tanya Roberts, Caroline Smith DeWaal, and Guodong Zhang.

New Members Present: Jaime Ragos.

Board/Staff Present: Roger Cook.

Visitors: Adam Kramer, Michael Bazaco, Doug Navoroske, Lisa Hainstock, Joseph Holt, Shayma Mohammed Altenaiji, Elizabeth Noelia Williams, Jamie DeMent, and Glenda Lewis.

Number of Attendees: 28.

Meeting Called to Order: 8:06 a.m., Sunday, July 21, 2019.

Minutes Recording Secretary: Kari Irvin.

Old Business: Ewen Todd shared the statement from IAFP regarding acceptable activities in Committees and requested changes to the agenda. No changes were proposed. Ewen shared an overview of the operations and missions of CCFI.

Student PDG Representative. The Student PDG update was provided by Jaime Ragos, the student from the Student PDG who was willing to partner with CCFI in discussing the Committee's goals including generating Roundtables and Symposium ideas. Jaime provided information on the mentoring program and suggestions on how CCFI members could sign up. The addition of a member of the Student PDG at the Committee meeting complies with the Board's 2018 recommendation to include a student in the CCFI annual meeting.

Results of Symposia Planning from last year: Kari Irvin reported on the five symposia and a RT being submitted by CCFI to be included at the 2019 Annual Meeting. Michael Batz added that "Attributing Illnesses to Food Sources in the Face of Uncertainty" Symposium supported by CCFI on Wednesday, July 24, 2019 at 2:00 p.m. was also noted.

Roger Cook provided a quick Board Report. He encouraged CCFI to think about succession planning, mentoring, and general changes within the organization.

Discussion progress on manuals:

1. *Procedures for Investigation of Foodborne Illness* manual.
 - a. There are outbreak investigation methods that need to be updated in the manual (to include Whole Genome Sequencing, Culture Independent Diagnostic Testing, and Improved Product Traceability).
 - i. Committee members have the following requests from the Board to assist prior to making the decision to move forward with updating the manuals:
 1. How much of an income the manual generates for IAFP over the past 5 years?

2. How many hard copy manuals vs. online manuals have been sold?
 3. Do we have details on who the buyers are? Local, state, federal, industry, international partners?
 4. Were promotion activities at international events recommended at the 2018 meeting carried out?
 5. Does the board support potential IT improvements to online available resources (apps, fillable forms, etc.), also recommended at the 2018 meeting?
 6. Is there a pathway to offering any updated manuals for free since all manuals of other organizations including WHO are freely available?
- b. If there is a re-write, the Committee recommends considering translation into several languages.
 - c. An informational webinar to review the currently available foodborne illness outbreak investigation centric manuals was discussed as being helpful to bring everyone up to speed. Once established, potential outreach to other associations about what gaps exist in the model is in order.
 - d. Once we get feedback from the Board, a subcommittee could be created in order to address how to update, what should be updated, etc.
 - i. Early feedback from President Tim Jackson: no purchase data of the foodborne and waterborne manuals over the last 18 months was available from publisher Springer despite requests by David Tharp. Tim is supportive of updating the manuals and sees these are relevant resources for illness investigations. Tim suggested that the IAFP Foundation or companies may have interest in sponsoring the resource to all for free distribution. Tim will find out what the existing contractual obligations pertaining to the manuals are with Springer.
 - ii. A subcommittee was struck to review the needs to revise the 6th edition of the *Procedures to Investigate Foodborne Illness* manual (2011) and then proceed with those revisions: Michael Roberson, Carl Custer, Sherri McGarry, Michael Batz, Kari Irvin, Caroline Smith DeWaal, Peter Ben Embarek, Laura Gieraltowski, and Adam Kramer to work with Chair Ewen Todd.
2. ***Diseases Transmitted by Food Manual, 3rd Edition.*** This needs experts in plant toxins, chemicals, and parasites for updates. IAFP has the draft and Committee members have filled in some of the bacterial pathogens, but there are still data gaps for biological toxins, parasites and chemicals. Adam Kramer agreed to compile a list of known sources for foodborne contaminate lists to see if this revision is necessary.
 3. ***Vector-borne and Rodent-borne Manual.*** Public Health Agency of Canada (PHAC) scientists are willing to take the lead but are looking for IAFP collaboration. Vice Chair Judy Greig will dialogue with PHAC staff as how to proceed with the collaboration to bring for a proposal for Board approval.

The 100-year history of the Committee. Ewen Todd, co-author, will re-engage Frank Bryan on the status of the document, now several years in draft format, and propose CCFI's idea to shorten for an article in *Food Protection Trends*, or to split into two or more parts for separate publications (Ewen checked with Cathy Cutter, Editor, and that was her suggestion). Ewen Todd will send the current draft document to IAFP Board for information as it is 5 years since it was written.

Survey of IAFP Members to determine their food safety habits. Ewen Todd is meeting with Ben Chapman and Ian Young later during the Annual Meeting to produce a draft set of questions.

New Business:

Succession Planning. Judy Grieg has retired from her PHAC position and does plan to come to future IAFP meetings but will continue to act as Vice Chair until a replacement can be made in 2021. The Committee congratulated Judy on her retirement and thanked her for her long service as Vice Chair. Ewen Todd will solicit the Committee for nominations to fill the role.

Specific recommendations were made to update the Bylaws for CCFI:

1. Addition of a mission statement to promote professional development in foodborne illness outbreak detection, response, and prevention.
2. Propose the establishment of a Secretary with a 2-year term to support both the Chair and the Vice Chair.
3. Propose the establishment of progressive leadership for the Committee, with 2-year terms for both the Chair and Vice Chair. At completion of the 2-year term, the Chair will serve in a Past Chair capacity and the Vice Chair will become the new Chair. The Committee will then need to appoint a new Vice Chair.
4. The Committee will select a new Vice Chair to initiate this rotational process. Once that selection is made, a recommendation will be made to the Board for official appointment. In order for orderly transition, Ewen will continue to serve as Chair until the newly appointed Vice Chair completes the two-year rotation.

Changes to the format of the CCFI meeting time were discussed. A 2- or 3-hour open session was suggested, encouraging outside participation and symposium development. If additional time is needed for additional Committee business, it is suggested that it occurs outside of the 2-or

3-hour open session. A block of time could also be set aside for a presentation on epidemiology/disease investigation as a means to educate IAFP members and visitors.

Symposium Ideas:

The following members will explore the following topics and frame proposals for consideration by the Program Committee (PC). The first group is reactivation of

previous proposals not accepted by the PC.

1. CIDT – What Does It Mean for Public Health and industry? Michael Roberson (lead) with Sherri McGarry.
2. International Approaches to the Safe Use of Irrigation and Wash Water in the Face of Water Shortages: Ewen Todd and Phyllis Posey.
3. How Do We Measure the Effectiveness of Regulatory food Safety Programs?: Tanya Roberts and Caroline Smith DeWaal.
4. Impact of Marine Biotoxins and Lessons from the Past to Protect the Future: Ewen Todd; consider for a potential webinar; partner with Chair of Seafood Safety and Quality Group.
5. Outbreaks and Recall from Eggs – Prevention and Control Strategies: Laura Gieraltowski and Kari Irvin (may be more appropriate for 2021 Annual Meeting).
6. Are We Reaching Millennium Goals for Food Safety (Food security and access) – Ewen to provide recommendation to the IAFP Board for potential lecture at the opening or closing of the 2020 Annual Meeting by WHO epidemiologist on global foodborne diseases David Navarro (Caroline Smith DeWaal and Kari Irvin to work on a draft for Ewen Todd).
7. Navigating Food Safety across Cultures: Adopting New Foods – potential collaboration with International PDG: Caroline Smith DeWaal and Amarant Simonne.
8. Food Safety Impacting Tourism and Travel – Cruise ships – hold for now due to lack of volunteer to coordinate.
9. *Salmonella* in Coconuts – Lessons Learned from Recent Outbreaks: Kari Irvin and Laura Gieraltowski (potential for a webinar).
10. 2020 Foodborne Outbreak Update – Kari Irvin, Laura Gieraltowski, and Ewen Todd.

New ideas for symposia to explore.

- a. Upstream Sources for Recent Outbreaks: Laura Gieraltowski and Doug Noveroske.
- b. Non-O157 STECs in ground meat (beef and bison): Laura Gieraltowski and Doug Noveroske.
- c. Multi-year Outbreaks and Repeat Offenders: Laura Gieraltowski and Michael Batz.
- d. Traceability/Blocktrain/Auditors: Kari Irvin and Sherri McGarry.
- e. Consumer Advisories (potential RT in collaboration with Food Safety Education PDG): Kari Irvin and Phyllis Posey.
- f. Multi-pathogen Contamination: Michael Batz, Michael Bazaco, and Sherri McGarry.
- g. Climate Change Impact on Food Safety – Ewen Todd and Michael Bazaco (reach out to Student PDG for co-sponsor).
- h. CIFOR guidelines update (webinar): Sherri McGarry.
- i. Current Trends in Eating Frozen Foods at Ready to Eat: Michael Bazaco and Sherri McGarry.
- j. Healthy People 2030: Michael Batz.

Recommendations for the Executive Board:

1. **Manuals.** Recommend the Board provide the following

information to the Committee on the *Procedures for Investigation on Foodborne Illness* manual and *Procedures for Investigation on Waterborne Illness* manual:

- a. How much income have the manuals generated for IAFFP over the past 5 years?
- b. How many hard copy manuals vs. online manuals have been sold?
- c. Do we have details on who the buyers are? Local, state, federal, industry, international partners?
- d. Were promotion activities at international events completed as requested in the 2018 recommendations?
- e. Does the Board support potential IT improvements to online available resources (apps, fillable forms, etc.)?
- f. Is there a pathway to offering manuals for free?
- g. Once feedback from the Board is received specific to the *Procedures for Investigation on Foodborne Illness* manual, CCFI will create a subcommittee to begin researching and addressing necessary updates to the current manual.

- c. **Funding.** Board approval for funding for transcription of audio tapes for the survey and focus groups.

Next Meeting Date: August 2, 2020, Cleveland, OH.

Meeting Adjourned: 4:35 p.m.

Chairperson Name: Ewen Todd.

2. **Recommend the following changes to the Committee Bylaws:**

- a. Addition of a mission statement to promote professional development in foodborne illness outbreak detection, response, and prevention.
- b. Propose the establishment of the role of a Secretary with a 2-year term to support both the Chair and the Vice Chair; an incumbent does not necessarily progress to the role of Vice Chair.
- c. Propose the establishment of progressive leadership for the Committee, with 2-year terms for both the Chair and Vice Chair. At completion of the 2-year term, the Chair will serve in a Past Chair capacity and the Vice Chair will become the new Chair. The Committee will then need to appoint a new Vice Chair.
- d. Once the position of the current Vice Chair is completed (Judy Greig), the Committee will select a new Vice Chair to initiate this rotational process. Once that selection is made, a recommendation will be made to the Board for official appointment. Ewen Todd will continue to serve as Chair until the newly appointed Vice Chair completes a 2-year rotation and establishing the Secretary position.

3. **Survey of IAFFP members** (by Ben Chapman, Ian Young, Ewen Todd, and Judy Greig).

- a. **Survey.** Board approval and support for a CCFI draft interview questionnaire of approximately 20 selected IAFFP members, with a suggestion to contact PDG/Committee chairs/vice chairs, for IRB approval (Institutional Review Board).
- b. **Focus groups.** As a follow up to the completed survey, Board approval of several focus groups to expand upon the survey results at the next IAFFP meeting in Cleveland.