Meat and Poultry Safety and Quality PDG

Attendees: Wendy White (Chair), Matt Taylor (Vice Chair), Amanda Rials, Amit Morey, Andrea Etter, Audrey Kreske, Betsy Booren, Bledar Bisha, Brian Hammelbloom, Byron Chaves, Carl Custer, Melvin Carter, Cindy Austin, Dennis Burson, Dianna Bourassa, Doug Marshall, Emefa Monu, Emilio Esteban, Garth Hoffmann, Gina Geornaras, Gireesh Rajashekarra, Hayriye Cetin-Karaca, James Dickson, Jason M. Scheffler, Jennifer Raspaldo, Joe Holt, John Jarosh, Karleigh Bacon, Kathy Glass, Kimberly Anderson, Kristin Schill, Laura Gamer, Leslie Thompson-Strehlow, Mark Muldoon, Martin Duplessis, Mary Anne Amalaradjou, Max Golden, Michael Roberson, Nancy Gushing, Nydia Orue, Peter Kennedy, Peter Muriana, Raj Rajagopal, S. Balamurugan, Sarah Azinheiro, Stevie Hretz, Subash Shrestha, Tim Freier, and Yanbin Li.

Board/Staff Present: Emilio Esteban, Didi Loynachan, and Dina Siedenburg.

Number of Attendees: 52.

Meeting Called to Order: 11:03 a.m. Eastern Time, October 1, 2020.

Minutes Recording Secretary: Wendy White.

Wendy White welcomed attendees and introduced Dr. Matt Taylor as the PDG’s Vice Chair and the PDG’s new Student Liaison, Sam Amnor, a Ph.D student at Texas A&M. Dr. Emilio Esteban gave the IAFP Executive Board Update. He welcomed all attendees and reminded everyone that the deadline for early registration is today, Oct. 1, 2020, although registration will be available after this time.

Old Business:

Wendy entered the link to the 2019 Meat and Poultry PDG Meeting Minutes in the chat. Attendees voted to accept these minutes after the motion was raised by Carl Custer and seconded by Matt Taylor.

New Business:

Dr. Melvin Carter, Director of Risk Management and Innovations, gave the attendees an USDA FSIS update. This included: Guidelines for Industry, Salmonella Performance Standards for Beef Manufacturing Trimmings and Ground Beef, Campylobacter Updates, Pork Performance Standards, Expansion of non-O157 STEC Verification Sampling Program, and a look at the upcoming Regulatory Agenda, go to (http://www.reginfo.gov).

Matt led the attendees in a brainstorming for session ideas for the 2021 IAFP Annual Meeting. The complete proposal list will be distributed to the members after the call. There were 11 proposal ideas discussed: Atmospheric cold plasma, WGS with big data and BlockChain, using elevated hydrostatic pressure, fresh meat shelf life, virtual auditing, egg inspection modernization, animal feed food safety, meat & poultry industry’s response to the COVID-19 pandemic, preharvest controls of Salmonella, cell grown meat, and the swine inspection modernization.

Please remember that the **deadline for session proposals is Nov. 10, 2020.** The submission portal can be accessed on the IAFP website https://iafp.confex.com/iafp/2021/cfp.cgi.

Matt gave the members an update on Food Protection Trends, which is free for all members of IAFP. He urged everyone to enable updates from FPT via IAFP Connect as new issues come every two months. The FPT Management Committee is requesting ideas from all IAFP PDGs. Any IAFP sessions and posters can be incorporated into a FPT article. Please reach out to Matt or Cathy Cutter for any article ideas.

Anyone that is interested in nominating someone or self-nominating for the Vice Chair position, should reach out to Matt (matt_taylor@tamu.edu) and Wendy (wwhite@gatech.edu). This position will be elected in the next few months and will take effect at the 2021 Annual Meeting.

Recommendations to the Executive Board: None.

Next Meeting Date: July 18-21, 2021, Phoenix, Arizona.

Meeting Adjourned: 12:32 p.m. Eastern Time.

Chairperson: Wendy White.