

## Food Protection Trends Management Committee

**Members Present:** Byron Chaves (Chair), Catherine Nettles Cutter (*FPT* Scientific Editor), Fred Breidt (*JFP* Management Committee Chair), Bobby Krishna, Efi Papafragkou, Ian Jenson, Jessica Chen, Salina Parveen, and Stephen Grove.

**New Members Present:** Laura Strawn (Vice Chair), Melody Ge, Alida Sorenson, and Purnendu Vasavada.

**Outgoing Members Present:** Matthew Taylor (Outgoing Chair) and Dennis D'Amico.

**Board/Staff Present:** Michelle Danyluk, Kali Kniel, Ruth Petran, Donna Bahun, Lisa Hovey, Didi Loynachan, Dina Siedenburg, and David Tharp.

**Visitors:** Judy Luther and Tim Jackson.

**Number of Attendees:** 25.

**Meeting Called to Order:** 1:03 p.m. Eastern Time, Thursday, June 3, 2021.

**Minutes Recording Secretary:** Matthew Taylor.

**Old Business:** Appointment of Recording Secretary: Matthew Taylor volunteers to serve and was approved by Incoming Chair Byron Chaves. Welcome to new members and thanks to outgoing members. Byron Chaves asked new members of the committee to introduce themselves. Melody Ge joined and introduced herself. Laura Strawn introduced herself as a new committee member. Tim Jackson introduces himself. Bobby Krishna also introduces himself, as well as Alida Sorenson. Purnendu Vasavada also introduced himself as a new member. Byron also gave thanks to outgoing committee members: Dennis D'Amico, Sally Klineck, Matthew Taylor, and William Shaw.

Appointing new Vice Chair: Byron Chaves indicated an opportunity for nominations for Vice Chair. Matt Taylor asked for self-nominations and David Tharp indicates that non-joining members can also be asked later on. We will notify availability of Vice Chair position.

Approval of 2020 Meeting Minutes and Executive Board responses: Matthew Taylor introduced minutes and Board responses. Byron Chaves indicated that many focus points from 2020 were related to improving journal visibility and impact. Byron walked through five main recommendations from 2020 meeting. Relayed IAFP-identified concerns and obstacles to use of these items with respect to financial costs and administrative costs. Cathy Cutter was asked to indicate any changes needed. Item 3 on copy-editing info has now been included in the current Instructions for Authors form for new *FPT* submissions. PC Vasavada asked for differences in style between *JFP* and *FPT* journals. Byron responded latest ASM style for use in *FPT* was dated 1991. PC suggested Cathy Cutter draft an article to highlight the new style requirements and point out to authors resources. Cathy suggested placing such an article on *FPT* website, because many authors are not IAFP members. PCV: Fees for page charges can keep many from publishing. This means we need to figure out how to engage with non-members who are wishing to publish in journal. Didi (IAFP) indicated we can easily add a box to ask whether a submitting author is an IAFP member. Matt suggested we could develop a one-page bulleted checklist to help new authors prepare manuscripts for submission. There was some agreement. Didi indicated *JFP* has a checklist in the submit system already.

Byron reviewed item 4 from 2020 meeting and gave background to new members. Cathy also reiterated her need to be able to execute authority. Item 5 and DOI usage for *FPT* paper. Byron gave introduction.

Matt gave introduction on the reason for the DOI usage. He relayed communication that it's not essential for promotion activity. Summarized report findings from IAFP staff that investments of funds and time into website design to enhance user experience. PCV: Not all authors are academics, and not all are worried about promotion/tenure? Byron suggested there were reports of more effective financial expenditures, and a desire to maintain the no cost component of the journal. Byron asked for further comments; none provided.

Scientific Editor Report, C. Cutter: Cathy highlighted 2020 and 2021 data. She indicated 2021 data are amended for October 2020 to May 2021. Twenty-six papers were submitted during this timeframe. Seven manuscripts are currently under peer review, so numbers of submissions for 2021 are strong. She indicated that the journal is on track for typical annual submissions and acceptance numbers/rates. She also observed an increased number of international academic submissions have been accepted. Byron asked whether most international submissions were from Canada. Cathy indicated 1 paper each from Ethiopia, Egypt, Republic of Mauritius, and Canada have been accepted. Papers currently under review are from Turkey, Malaysia, and Brazil. Cathy indicated a similar trend with comparison to papers submitted in 2020. Cathy also indicated with COVID-19, reviewers were granted more time to review papers versus the normal time period (1 month).

**New Business:** Byron started out the discussion with some possible visibility ideas for *FPT* improvement. He asked Donna to discuss. Donna reported how to approach the free access of papers. Booth for journal at Annual Meeting? Direct invites for particular authors to publish? Approach to PDGs and affiliates to prepare publication? Solicit of case studies in teaching food microbiology. These would certainly increase the visibility of the content in *FPT*? How do we reach a larger audience and engage authors to publish? Donna responded that Cathy does invite authors and many are successful at getting papers submitted so this is a successful strategy. Lisa Hovey asked who is the targeted reader? Who's our audience? PC recommended engaging the developing scientist PDG to help students get a first publication. STEM focus programs with high school and middle school opportunities. Send papers of use to them. Salina Parveen suggested waiving publication fee; Byron indicated it is free already. Kali Kniel asked if the committee can develop a way to figure out how it's used? Cathy and Matt reminded the Committee they did a survey 2 years ago with Faith Critzer to gain some of those data. Other ideas on international authors.

*FPT* 2021 award recipients for papers. Donna indicated the authors will be given a framed certificate at the 2022 meeting or they can be mailed as needed. Byron gave congratulations to paper authors. Most-cited Peer-reviewed Research Publication Award: *Food Allergy Risk Communication in Restaurants*, Han Wen and Junehee Kwon, 9-10/2016. Most-viewed Peer-reviewed Research Publication Award: *Microbial Contamination of Grocery Shopping Trolleys and Baskets in West Texas*, Alexandra Calle, Brayan D. Montoya, Andrea English, and Mindy Brashears, 1-2/2020. Most-viewed General Interest Publication Award: *Predictive Models for Food Code Violations*, Jim Hartman, 1-2/2020.

ASM Style Guide adoption for *FPT* and *JFP* papers. Do we mimic ASM formatting for references across both *JFP* and *FPT*? Donna confirmed this was the intent. Didi indicated this will be under discussion for upcoming sessions/meetings. Matt recommended not adopting all elements of ASM style guide, but focusing on the bibliography.

Laura Strawn nominated herself for the Vice Chair position. Laura also asked whether DOIs can be author-charged? Lisa Hovey indicates it is best done as an all-or-nothing model. DOIs for *FPT* papers will not necessarily work if they lead to a membership barrier for non-members or to a website with no access to the paper. Not having a DOI sometimes

leads authors to not cite that article. Laura suggested some authors would probably be happy to pay DOI costs. Melody asked about the primary differences between *JFP* and *FPT* content and readers? David Tharp describes it as technical research versus more application-focused research/study. Cathy indicated also a higher source of social science research along with validation methods. More opportunity for preliminary findings, publications of surveys of food safety culture and strategies.

**Recommendations to the Executive Board:**

1. Recommendation to Board: Prepare a checklist for authors preparing a paper to assist in paper preparation and submission. Add the checklist form to the end of the author guide.
2. Recommend mimicking for *FPT* the adoption of the current ASM style guide in a manner similar to that implemented by the *Journal of Food Protection*, with specific reference to the formatting of references and other bibliographic material.
3. Recommend approval of Laura Strawn as Vice Chair of the *FPT* Management Committee.
4. Move forward to add DOIs to all *FPT* papers published starting in 2022.

**Next Meeting Date:** July 31–August 3, 2022, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

**Meeting Adjourned:** 2:55 p.m. Eastern Time.

**Chairperson:** Byron Chaves.