

## **Animal and Pet Food Safety PDG**

**Attendees:** Beilei Ge (Chair), Maria K, Cheryce Joyner, Thomas ( Tom) Black, Ravi Jadeja, James Gong, Mary Grace Danao, Jeff Nauseda, Michele Sayles, Kizito Nishimwe, Kizito Nishimwe, Samoa Asigau, Jeffrey Kornacki, Nikkie Vazquez, Jason Scheffler, Bill Potter, Jessica Brown, Judith Sipple, Sarah Kozak-Weaver, Alexandra Friloux, Adrienne Shearer, Amanda Jones, Gregory Siragusa, Charles McGuill, Heather Garcia, Anru Shen, Saif Arabi, Caio Carvalho, Maurisa Mansaray, Peter Taormina, Weilin Shelver, Ellen Evans, Deepa Thiagarajan, Kevin Edwards, Shaohua Zhao, Zachary Kuhl, Nathan Mirdamadi, Christopher Mains, Sally Wickramaratne, Rick Kralj, Thomas Taylor, Samantha Shinbaum, Scott Goltry, Jordan Nehls, Yaxi Dai, Jennifer van de Ligt, Savana Everhart, Guodong Zhang, Felix Osafo, Kevin Edwards, Adrienne Shearer

**Board Members Present:** Emilio Esteban.

**Number of Attendees:** 51.

**Meeting Called to Order:** 1:00 p.m. Eastern Time, Sunday, July 31, 2022.

**Minutes Recording Secretary:** Samuel Kiprotich.

**Old Business:** The chairperson provided recaps from the organizational meeting held on November 30, 2021, including PDG name, officers/elections held, mission statement, scope, recommendations made to the board on welcoming papers in the APFS track in *JFP*, and mentioned that APFS posters are already seen at IAFP 2022 meeting.

**New Business:** The chairperson welcomed all attendees to this inaugural meeting, introduced elected officers, appointed recording secretary (student liaison), orally reviewed the antitrust guidelines, and read IAFP 2022 Annual Meeting announcements from the IAFP Executive Board.

The chairperson encouraged members to use the IAFP Connect and opt in for messages from the PDG community. She mentioned the news on *JFP* becoming an open access journal starting in January 2023 partnering with Elsevier. She also mentioned the Mentor Match program and opportunities for PDGs to host year-round webinars.

A list of pertinent symposia/round tables/abstracts at IAFP 2022 was shown, mostly from the Low Water Activity Foods PDG. Poster sessions have pertinent abstracts.

Two technical presentations were given, one by Dr. Michele Sayles, Executive Director for Food Safety and Quality at Diamond Pet Foods, on Current Pet Food Safety Concerns, and the other by Jessica Brown, Ph.D. Student at University of Wisconsin, on *Salmonella* in Feed: Current Perspectives.

The Chairperson read a synopsis written by Dr. Xi Li, Regulatory Microbiologist at FDA, on Final GFI #245: Hazard Analysis and Risk-Based Preventive Controls for Food for Animals, Published in July 2022.

Symposium/Roundtable/Workshop ideas for IAFP 2023 were discussed by the whole group. The chairperson reminded about the DEI principals, involvement of international and next generation of young scientists, and 2 PDG sponsorship for each proposal. These ideas were distilled into 7 topics with potential organizers/speakers/co-sponsoring PDGs for further development. A virtual meeting is planned in August or September to solidify these topics for proposal submission by October 4, 2022. Broad topics included mycotoxin, physical hazards, hygienic design and sanitation, processing technologies, new ingredients, raw pet food safety, WGS and metagenomics.

#### **Recommendations to the Executive Board:**

1. Recommend approval of Dr. Beilei Ge as Chair and Dr. Maria Ma as Vice Chair of the APFS PDG as elected by the PDG members.
2. Recommend scheduling future year's PDG meetings for the APFS PDG and the Low Water Activity Foods PDG to NOT occur concurrently.
3. Recommend making it smoother for members to join this PDG. Many were confused on how to do that. Would those with badges scanned at the meeting join the PDG automatically? There is no "join" button from the *IAFP Connect* community link. The website for this PDG does not provide info on how to join as for other PDGs which is to "Edit profile."

4. Recommend reaching out and fully engaging Canadian colleagues for the IAFP 2023 meeting in Toronto.

**Next Meeting Date:** July 16, 2023, Toronto, Ontario, Canada.

**Meeting Adjourned:** 3:00 p.m. Eastern Time, Sunday, July 31, 2022.

**Chairperson:** Beilei Ge.