

Developing Food Safety Professionals PDG

Attendees: Amit Morey (Chair), Jill Stuber (Vice Chair), Matt Moore, Makena Brand, Lauren Hamilton, Margarethe Cooper, Yutong Wang, Dharamdeo Singh, Ryan Matsuda, Samantha Shinbaum, Brittani Bedford, Veronica Stefanick, Shanice Krombeen, Margaret Moodispaw, Nigatu Atlaw, Annmarie Blake, Varalakshmi Sudagar, Chip Manuel, Alejandra Ramirez, Randy Kohal, Anuradha Punchihewage Don, KaWang Li, Dina Scott, Cheryce Joyner, Teresa Bergholz, Minji Hur, Brienna Anderson-Coughlin, Riya Magiya, Urvi Shah, Kolawole Banwo, Jordan Nehls, Gayatri Rajashekhar Dhulappanavar, Savana Everhart, Chris Rupert, Ian Hines, Katie Stolte-Carroll, Elizabeth Maeder, Emily Kingston, Emily Forauer, Hussein Mohamed, David Buckley, Qing Wang, Annmarie Blake, Urvi Shah, Kolawole Banwo, Alejandra Ramirez, Marina Redding, Ashley Rosanske, Varalakshmi Sudagar, Ian Hines, Hussein Mohamed, Lauren Hamilton, Makena Brand, Gayatri Rajashekhar Dhulappanavar, Yutong Wang, Dharamdeo Singh, Nigatu Atlaw, Dina Scott, David Buckley, Chip Manuel, Ryan Matsuda, Abigail Aba Mensah, Joshua Cassar, Conner McDaniel, Randy Kohal, Vishal Manjunatha, Brittani Bedford, Riya Magiya, Jaclyn Merrill, Esa Puntch, Mileah Shriner, Catherine Sander, Mairui Gao, Mrinalini Ghoshal, Jennifer Mydosh, Margarethe Cooper, Minji Hur, Brienna Anderson-Coughlin, Anuradha Punchihewage Don, Margaret Moodispaw, Christina Kessler, Richelle Beverly.

Board/Staff Present: Emilio Esteban.

Number of Attendees: 81.

Meeting Called to Order: 3:15 p.m. Eastern, Sunday, July 31, 2022.

Minutes Recording Secretary: Brittani Bedford, Dharamdeo Singh, Vishal Manjunatha.

Old Business: Matthew Moore welcomed everyone to the PDG. Matthew reported that he and Jill Stuber will stand in for Amit Morey (Chair), who was not able to attend for family reasons. Matthew then also welcomed the Student PDG Liaisons, and appointed them to work together as minutes recording secretaries: Brittani Bedford (Penn State), Dharamdeo Singh (University of Guelph), Vishal Manjunatha (Clemson). Brittani Bedford provided the Student PDG update

regarding Meet your favorite food science, 3-minute thesis competition, and proposal submissions.

Emilio Esteban provided the Board Update. He noted the IAFP Foundation 4 for 40 initiative, which is pushing to raise 4 million dollars for the foundation. He also noted they are asking for ideas/input to use the 4 million dollars. Existing plans are to use the money for international students. He also noted the foundation plans to use raised funds to assist those from institutions that cannot afford article processing charges for publications in the *Journal of Food Protection*. He also noted the mentor matching program; mentorship for graduate students and young professionals. He also reminded participants to keep in mind, Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion in terms of proposals for events and fundraising. He also reminded people to begin to obtain necessary travel documents for IAFP 2023 in Toronto.

Matthew Moore informed the PDG members that two proposals were selected for the 2021 IAFP Annual Meeting. Six sessions in total were accepted, three with the PDG as primary and three as co-sponsor. Jill Stuber then led an ice breaker activity using the Mentimeter platform for smartphones to conduct a poll of which country everyone in attendance was from. The platform was tested to be used later in the meeting for real-time brainstorming input for session proposals.

New Business: Jill Stuber and Matthew Moore then led a roundtable titled “Is there a Yellow Brick Road in Food Safety?” The roundtable featured Emilio Esteban, Purnendu Vasavada, and Amy Parks. Numerous aspects related to career advice and lessons from the panelists’ career paths were discussed, with a lot of audience engagement.

Matthew and Jill then led a brainstorm to discuss potential session proposal ideas using the Mentimeter platform while also engaging the audience for live discussion of potential topics. A number of topics were proposed. Chip Manuel mentioned a roundtable from a while ago with established food safety members discussing stories of non-compliance and other issues they have encountered in their careers, and the lessons learned. Another idea was for a session as a primer on considerations and issues in visa status related to a career in food safety. Brienna Andersen mentioned the idea of a session on professionally how one presents themselves to different audiences (academia, government, industry). Another proposal related to how to

navigate ambiguous and/or unexpected job duties as a new professional. Numerous proposed ideas were also received on the Mentimeter platform, including: How to network in the food industry; How to judge the culture of a company before accepting a job; How younger professionals can get senior professionals in operations to value their opinion and trust what they say; among numerous other session ideas.

Jill and Matthew then announced a subsequent virtual meeting to further solicit and focus session ideas in September will occur, and encouraged attendance.

Recommendations to the Executive Board:

1. To appoint Jill Stuber as Vice Chair of the Developing Professionals PDG.

Next Meeting Date: Sunday, July 31, Toronto, Ontario, Canada.

Meeting Adjourned: 5:15 p.m. Eastern Time, Sunday, July 31, 2022.

Chairperson: Jill Stuber (Vice Chair).