

Fruit and Vegetable Safety and Quality PDG

Names of Attendees: Ai Kataoka, Alan Gutierrez, Alyssa Rosenbaum, Amanda Philyaw Perez, Andrew Appiah Darkwah, Andrew Morin, Angela Walla, Annie Iniya John Benedict Ashok, Arenis Piñón, Bismarck Martinez, Brian Goodwyn, Brooke Schwartz, Camila Rodrigues, Charles Bency Appolon, Chyer Kim, Claire Murphy, Comfort Kwamikorkor, Cyril Ayuk Etaka, Daun Kim, David Hill, Don Stoeckel, Doreen Edebe, Eduardo Lecea, Esther Palmer, Fanny Gozzi, Favour Okunbi, Festus Tawose, Francisco Diez-Gonzalez, Gabriela Betancourt, Gabriela Lopez Velasco, Grace Akumu, Greg Komar, Hadda Faye, Harsimran Kaur Kapoor, Hua Wang, Jacek Jaczynski, Jacqueline Woods, Jenny Golove, Jitu Patel, Joel Riemer, Joanna Rothwell, Juan Ponce De Leon, Julie Kase, Katelynn Stull, Katheryn Parraga-Escalante, Kathy Wilson, Kellie Burris, Kristin Butler, Kristin Esch, Kristen Gibson, Kristen Matak, Laurel Burall, Laura Rolon, Luann Schafer, Lynette Johnston, Maria Luisa Klobongona, Mary Tegomoh, Meijun Zhu, Michelle Smith, Miriam Ruiz, Mohammad Alam, Morgan Madison, Nigel Thorgrimsson, Philip Bwalya, Precious Aduloju, Rachel Midkiff, Rebecca Olsen, Rion MSI, Rocelle Grabarek, Rocio Ortega, Rosemarie Christopher, Sagar Pokhrel, Salina Parveen, Sanjay Gummalla, Sarah Bakker, Seulgi Jeong, Sergio Nieto-Chavez, Sergio Nieto-Montenegro, Sharon Humphries, Sharon White, Sharmeen Khan, Steve Strub, Swapnika Medikonda, Taylor O'Bannon, Toby Yao, Tyler Mattson, Vikas Kumar Galipothu, Vincent Sigmund, Viona Osei, Wendy White, Xueyan Hu, Yulie Meneses.

Total Number of Attendees: 93.

Meeting Called to Order: Sunday, July 27, 2025, 3:00 P.M.

Minutes Recording Secretary: Govindaraj Dev Kumar.

Old Business: None.

New Business: The PDG Chair, Govindaraj Dev Kumar, introduced the new Vice Chair, Adam Baker. The FVSQ PDG was the primary sponsor of three symposia and a secondary sponsor of a roundtable at the 2025 IAFP Annual Meeting. The PDG's plans included hosting webinars on various topics like agricultural water, bioaerosols, environmental detection, and regulatory frameworks for produce safety. A live poll was conducted to gauge interest in webinar topics, which included AI in food safety, recirculated post-harvest water, hydroponics, and antimicrobial resistance. The Members participated in a networking session and then brainstormed ideas for symposia and roundtables for the 2026 IAFP Annual Meeting. Following the session, Gretchen Wall gave a talk titled "The Produce Safety Dialog: A process facilitated by the Reagan-Udall foundation for the FDA."

Recommendations to the Executive Board:

1. Recommend to the Board that Govindaraj Dev Kumar, University of Georgia, be approved as Chair of the PDG. Current Chair had to end term early.
2. Recommend Adam Baker as Vice Chair of the PDG.

Next Meeting Date: Sunday, July 26, 2026, New Orleans, LA.

Meeting Adjourned: 4:30 P.M.

Chairperson Name: Govindaraj Dev Kumar.