

Pre-Harvest Food Safety

Names of Attendees: Seth Adesope, Ana Allende, Charles Bakin, Rebecca Bell, Eniola Betiku, Aaron Bodie, Alex Brandt, Anna Brover, Kellie Burris, Emily Cason, Bhaswati Chowdhury, Prantho Malakar Dipta, Jodi DuVall-Robertson, Sanjit Fernandes, Christina Ferreira, Zhujun (Abby) Gao, Brandon Gartman, Eduardo Gutierrez Rodriguez, Keith Ito, Julie Kase, Jens Kjaer, Larry Kohl, Heath LaFevers, Megan Lee, Torey Looft, Christian Lozano Guzman, Ly Mai, Jennifer McEntire, Amie Minor-Richard, Karen Nájera Salcido, Mehran Niazi, Sergio Nieto Chávez, Sergio Nieto-Montenegro, Kathleen O'Donnell, Isabella Oliveira Tosta, Esther Palmer, Georgios Papageorgiou, Jitu Patel, Laurentina Pedroso, Nikki Shariat, Aditya Sharma, Arlette Shazer, Amy Sicheloff, Jared Smith, Shabarinath Srikumar, Tyler Stephens, Diana Stewart, Don Stoeckel, Sriya Sunil, Luke Thevenet, Quang Tran, Pilar Truchado, Afrina Akter Turna, Adriana Vanegas, Premsai Veeranki, Tammy Walsky, Morgan Welch, Eric Wilhelmsen, Jeffrey Xue, Nuradeen Yusuf.

Total Number of Attendees: 59.

Meeting Called to Order: July 26, 2026, 8:31 A.M.

Minutes Recording Secretary: Alyssa Rosenbaum.

Old Business: Rafael Davila (Chair) reviewed the PDG's IAFP 2025 Annual Meeting Minutes, which were approved on July 26, 2026, 8:41 AM – First, Rafael Davila; Second, Received; No objections.

New Business: Rafael reviewed executive board updates for IAFP 2026. Notably, there are over 3,000 attendees, and the symposia/roundtable proposal acceptance rate was 33%. PDGs are encouraged to submit session ideas for IAFP Europe, and company/organizations sponsoring is available for IAFP's podcast. Alyssa Rosenbaum (Student Liaison) shared student PDG 2026 updates. Please contact the Student PDG chair, Aakankshya Dhakal (adhaka5@lsu.edu), for more information on becoming involved with the PDG's events.

Dr. Samoa Asigau, Senior Scientist, Scientific Affairs at bioMérieux, presented on EHEC

Testing with PEC, followed by Dr. Ynes Ortega, Associate Professor at the University of Georgia, on Cyclospora in the Environment. The meeting was concluded with a panel discussion and Q&A, featuring both presenters, Drs. Asigau and Ortega, joined by Dr. Christina Ferreria, Vice President of Food Safety & Quality for the International Fresh Produce Association, on Cyclospora in the Pre-Harvest Environment.

Important deadlines for the IAFP 2027 Annual Meeting include September 29, 2026, 11:59 PM CT, for symposium, roundtable, and workshop proposals, and January 12, 2027, 11:59 PM CT, for technical and poster abstract submissions.

PDG members are encouraged to contact Rafael Davila (Chair) or Kate Burr (Vice Chair) for future topic ideas on webinars, symposiums, roundtables, and workshops.

Recommendations to the Executive Board: None.

Next Meeting Date: July 18, 2027, Kansas City, Mo.

Meeting Adjourned: July 26, 2026, 10:00 A.M.

Chairperson Name: Rafael Davila.