

Applied Laboratory Methods PDG

Members Present: Philip Coombs (Chair), George Wilson (Vice Chair), Hari Prakash Dwivedi (Secretary), Preetha Biswas, Catharine Carlin, Kristine Clemens, Polly Courtney, Emilio Esteban, Lee-Ann Jaykus, Sun Kim, Jeff Kornacki, Clyde Manuel, Molly Mills, Rodney Moxley, Xiangwu Nou, Modesto Olanya, Omar Oyarzabal, Kathleen Rajkowski, Brooke Schwartz, Christopher Snabes, Robert Tebbs, Leslie Thompson, Taurai Tasara, Stephen Varkey, Tamara Wood and Wen Zou.

Board/Staff Members Present: Mickey Parish.

New Members: Sinem Acar, Christian Blyth, Alex Brandt, Shannon Bullard, Evan Chaney, Hsiaoli Chen, John David, Jerome Dufresne, Camila Gadotti, Solomon Gebru, Feifei Han, Yasu Komoto, Brenda Keavey, Michael Kulka, Susan Leonard, Shi Liu, Nicole Maks, Brandon McNaughton, Matt Moore, Hao Pan, Alma Perez-Mendez, Karen Pietrzen, David Rasmussen, Jean Schoeni, Stacy Stoltenberg, Rico Suhalm, Birgit Suppe, Laura Tobilla, Jean Valbrun, John Watson, Julie Weller and Ren Yang.

Visitors/Guests: Bill Centrella, Teri Ehlinger, Jayanthi Gangiredla, Isha Patel, Padmini Ramachandran, Lu Ran, Carmen Tartera, Bindu Sundaresan, Jason Wall and Weimin Wang.

Meeting Called to Order: 3:00 p.m., Sunday, August 3, 2014 by Phil Coombs. Mickey Parish gave an update on the IAFP activities and 2014 Annual Meeting mentioning that Applied Laboratory Method PDG is one of the most active PDGs.

Old Business: Adoption of 2013 committee meeting minutes: Phil read the antitrust guidelines and asked for the approval of 2013 meeting minutes. Patrice Arbault moved and it was second by Omar Oyarzabal; and accepted by the group.

Phil asked for any matter arising during the meeting. It was reported that 15 symposia were submitted and 8 were accepted for the 2014 Annual Meeting. Next year Phil will step down and George Wilson becomes PDG Chair and Hari Dwivedi assumes Vice Chair. The creation of a third position was discussed and it was decided to do a formal election at the next meeting.

New Business: David White provided an update on the creation of the new PDG Advanced Molecular Detection Analytics. He stated that 97 members joined the PDG. The formal name and PDG's mission statement are already created. Hari Dwivedi gave his view on the new PDG meeting.

Timely Topics were presented by:

1. George Wilson on STOP! Foodborne Illness – 20 year review.
2. Rod Moxley, Univ Nebraska on the Governor's conference on USDA STEC CAP grant.
3. Lee-Ann Jaykus, NC State Univ. on the USDA-NIFA Food Virology Collaborative (NoroCORE).
4. Doug Marshall, Eurofins on the Evils of False Positives and False Negatives.
5. Purnendu Vasavada gave an update on Food Safety Preventive Controls Alliance: Education and Outreach.

Symposia/ Roundtable proposals were invited and discussed.

1. George Wilson discussed that he and Wendy Warren will work on a proposal including Lab Capacity Building and Lab Accreditation.
2. Hari Dwivedi discussed that he is working with Jennifer McEntire to develop a proposal on "The black box of qualitative performance standards for meat and poultry: the drive to quantitate *Salmonella*."
3. Patrice Arbault discussed if we can develop a proposal on technical aspect of the commercial kits. Michael Brodsky suggested that there are technical sessions including the commercial technologies but their science could be discussed in the proposed symposium avoiding commercial aspect. Hsiaoli Chen suggested that company sponsored talks could be presented in the exhibit hall.
4. Pirgit Suppe suggested a topic on "Lean six sigma and master black belt for the food laboratory, quality testing and efficiency."
5. Keith Lampel and Pam Wilger proposed a session on "Chasing- Zero." The symposium with speakers is already outlined.

Recommendations for the Executive Board:

1. Recommend the Board approve the new Advanced Molecular Analytics PDG.

Next Meeting Date: On or about September 17, 2014 via Teleconference to discuss/outline progress of IAFFP 2015 topic submissions.

Meeting Adjourned: 5:00 p.m.

Chairperson: Phil Coombs.