

## International Food Protection Issues PDG

**Members Present:** Deon Mahoney (Chair), Christine Aleski, Peter Ben Embarak, DeAnn Benesh, Robert Brackett, Alessandra Chiareli, Roger Cook, Patricia Desmarchelier, Maria Teresa Destro, Jeffrey Farber, Judy Greig, Jack Guzewich, Divya Jaroni, Ian Jensen, Anna Lammerding, Mariza Landgraf, Linda Leake, Kathleen Rajkowski, Jenny Scott, Caroline Smith DeWaal, Ewen Todd and Pamela Wilger.

**Board/Staff Members Present:** Isabel Walls, Don Zink and Katherine Swanson.

**New Members:** Ram Rao, Ted Labuza, Christopher C. Snabes, Gloria Swick-Brown, Paul Baxter, Keith Lampel, David Ryder, George Wilson, Mary Schmidl, Patrice Arbault, and Judith Meech and Dennis Gaalswyk.

**Meeting Called to Order:** 2:30 p.m., Saturday, July 30, 2011.

**Recording Secretary of Minutes:** Jeff Farber.

Incoming Chair Deon Mahoney welcomed attendees and invited IAFP Board Liaison Isabel Wells to make some introductory comments. Isabel welcomed the members and new members to the meeting and highlighted the 100th anniversary and the record attendance at this year's Meeting, with registrations exceeding 2,500.

**Old Business:** Minutes 2010 PDG Meeting – the meeting adopted the minutes as written.

### **New Business:**

1. Deon highlighted several forthcoming sessions of possible interest to PDG members, including:
  - S2 – Global Food Safety
  - S27 – Out of Africa
  - S28 – China Food Safety
  - S30 – Responding to the 2009 Codex Guidelines for Lm
  - S32/33 – One Health
  - Round Table R7 – Private Food Safety Standards
2. International Meetings of interest:
  - 2nd IAFP Asia Pacific Symposium on Food Safety: *Securing Global Food Safety* 26–28 September 2011, Melbourne, Australia
  - Latin America Symposium on Food Safety, 19–23 September 2011, Bogota, Colombia
  - China International Food Safety & Quality Conference + Expo, 2–3 November 2011, Beijing, China
  - Attention of members was also drawn to the proposed IAFP Symposium in Buenos Aires, Argentina in November 2012
3. The PDG hosted two guest speakers during the meeting. Dr. David Ryder (Vice-President of Brewing and Research, MillerCoors, Milwaukee) presented on the topic of 'Global Beer Safety Challenges – A Brief Overview'. In introducing the speaker, Dr. Linda Leake emphasized the significance of holding the 100th anniversary meeting in Wisconsin and the importance of beer production to the city. Dr. Ryder presented a highly entertaining talk focused on the brewing process and the potential for a range of hazards to compromise the quality and safety of beer.  
The second speaker, Mr. Deon Mahoney (Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations) spoke on the 'Lessons Learned and Current Food Safety Issues in Bangladesh. Deon is based in Dhaka (Bangladesh) and manages a European Union funded project designed to enhance food safety and public health in one of

the least developed countries. He highlighted the state of food hygiene and safety in Bangladesh and talked about the reform approach being adopted to address food policy, food legislation, inspection and enforcement activities and food analysis. Importantly the project also addresses preventive approaches to food safety, working with food producers, food processors, the food service sector, and consumers. An important initiative involves strengthening consumer associations to address food safety advocacy.

4. Roundtable Updates: Updates were provided on the following:
  - Jeff Farber presented an update on the International Commission on Microbiological Specifications for Food (ICMSF). Jeff mentioned the release of Book 8: Use of Data for Assessing Process C and product Acceptance.
  - Jeff also reported on the Codex Committee on Food Hygiene – highlighting the next meeting scheduled from 5–9 December 2011 in Miami. Agenda items include the Guidelines on Good Hygienic Practices to control viruses, microbiological criteria and alignment with ALOPS, parasitic zoonoses, etc.
  - Peter Ben Embarek described work being undertaken by WHO/FAO including progress with FERG, GFN, INFOSAN and the development of a web-based sampling tool which is currently being trialled before its release.
  - Isabel Walls described APEC activities, including workshops in Beijing and laboratory capacity building activities scheduled for Bangkok in August 2011. Details of APEC-related food safety activities may be found at [www.fscf.ptin.apec.oeg](http://www.fscf.ptin.apec.oeg).
  - Judith Meech, Mary Scmidl and Ted Labuza described the work of IUFoST and informed the PDG of the XVI World Congress of Food Science and Technology at Iguazu Falls (Brazil) from 5–9 August 2012.
5. IAFP Symposia/Workshops for 2011: Discussion centered around potential symposia as follows:
  - Food safety in International trade, linking it to the recently completed work by the Codex Committee on Food Hygiene on Campylobacter and Salmonella in chicken. Proposed by Isabel Walls with possible input from the University of Georgia.
  - Antimicrobial resistance and the food supply • chain. Building upon the WHO year of antimicrobial resistance associated with food production techniques. Caroline Smith DeWaal to explore further and develop a proposal for a symposium.
  - Making a safer food supply chain through the • involvement of international organizations working globally (FAO, WHO, APEC, IUFoST, and NGOs). Focusing on information channels, communication, and collaboration to assist in ensuring a safer global food supply. Proposal being developed by Pam Wilger and Andy Benson.
  - Kathleen Rajkowski highlighted the challenges • faced by industries trying to access safe and suitable water downstream. Possible topic for a symposium, with a possible linkage with the Water Safety and Quality PDG.
6. Election of Vice Chair: The Chair invited nominations for a Vice Chair. Caroline Smith DeWaal was nominated by Jenny Scott and seconded by Roger Cook, and Alessandra Chiareli was nominated by Jeff Farber and seconded by Maria Teresa Destro. A web-based election process will be initiated.
7. Any other business: None.

**Recommendations to the Executive Board:** None.

**Next Meeting Date:** July 21, 2012.

**Meeting Adjourned:** 4:55 p.m.

**Chairperson:** Deon Mahoney.