Meat and Poultry Safety and Quality PDG


Board/Staff Members Present: Don Zink.


Visitors/Guests: Pancita Manalili, Craig N. Thornley, Stephanie Defibaugh, Frederick Adzitey, Robert Salter, Paul Hall, Navneet Gill, Jennifer Rice, Nezar A. Aseeri and Jim Goldberg.

Meeting Called to Order: 10:02 a.m., Sunday, July 22, 2012.

Recording Secretary of Minutes: Patricia Wester.

Presentation and Discussion: Kristina Barlow, Senior Microbiologist - Risk, Innovations, and Management Division (RIMD), USDA/FSIS/OPPD

a. Topic: Status of new testing for non-O157 STECs


Report from the Executive Board: Don Zink discussed the following items: committee participation and communications system; and announced Google Groups availability. Interested parties can notify David Tharp if they would like to use Google Groups. Each PDG can decide how they might like to use this new tool. Webinars to date are up four-fold. IAFP provided a new meeting application for smart phones which is free and feedback is requested. Free Wi-Fi is available on the 5th floor and please be sure to thank the sponsors. Please provide feedback on the Strategic Plan. An operational plan is in the works.
Old Business: Reviewed Antitrust Guidelines and 2011 minutes were approved as published.

New Business: Strategic Plan was discussed. It was suggested that after the minutes are posted members will have time for review and consideration. Members were asked to send their comments directly to IAFP or to the PDG chair or vice chair.

FSMA was suggested for a possible September webinar. This year’s webinar on PHIS was poorly attended and future webinars need to have sufficient registration to justify the commitment of time and effort by the invited presenter.

PDG Liaison position was discussed and will be considered by the members. It was suggested to copy all impacted PDG’ Chairs/Vice Chairs on Symposia topics. Will inquire if a list of PDG Chairs is available.

Symposia Topic suggested:

1. Efficacy of Natural Nitrites vs Nitrites as Chemical Additives: Carl Custer, Kathy Glass, Jeff Farber, Wafa Birbari and Melinda Hayman.

2. Impact of Requirement to Report Adulterated and Mis-branded Foods: Craig Henry and Jeff Farber.

3. Pathogen Reduction: Follow-up on FSIS presentation comment that intact cut STEC positive is NOT considered adulterated unless destined for trim. Cathy Cutter, John Marcy, Shelly McKee/Auburn, Rod Moxley and Leslie Tomson Aegis, Applied Laboratory Methods PDG chair.


5. Antibiotic Residues and Allergens: Good topic to align with the Food Chemical Hazards and Food Allergy PDG.


Recommendation to the Executive Board:

1. Consider the use of pre-recorded podcasts for webinars to allow for inclusion into the IAFP AV library, as well as allowing for global participation which is currently a challenge due to time zone issues.

Next Meeting Date: Pre-symposia Deadline Conference Call in September.
Meeting Adjourned:  12:00 p.m.

Chairperson: Craig W. Henry.