Meat and Poultry Quality and Safety PDG

Members Present: Tim Freier (Past Chair), Craig Henry (Chair), Patricia Wester (Vice Chair), Jeremy Adler, Christine Aleski, Patrice Arbault, Cynthia Austin, Nathan Bauer, Mark Berrang, Dennis Burson, Nurlisa Buyong, Roger Cook, Patricia Curtis, Carl Custer, Catherine Cutter, Paula Fedorka-Cray, Laura Fenton, Timothy Freier, Veneranda Gapud, Kathleen Glass, Margaret Hardin, Ian Jensen, Jennifer Johnson, Tineke Jones, Robin Kalinowski, Larry Kohl, Yale Lary, Jr., Xin Li, J. Eric Line, John Marcy, Thomas McCaskey, Lynn McMullin, Ann Marie McNamara, Michael Michel, M. Nazaraowec-White, Yemi Ogunrinola, Omar Oyarzabal, Randall Phebus, Mark Pratt, Carlos Ruiz, William Schwartz, Joe Shebuski, Jolyda Swaim, Morgan Wallace and John Wendell.

New Members: Melissa Herbert, Hari Dwivedi, Lin Li, Oscar Alarcon, Leslie Thompson, Changqing Zhu, Helmut Steinkamp, Patrick Krakar, Amit Morey, Jake Smith, Yutaka Kamai, Morgan Wallace, Sid Thakur, Carol Lietke, Ann Reed, Preetha Biswas, Barb Adler, Cathy Bureau, Melissa Brumley-Schlabs, Ken Macklin, Peter Taormina, Hari Dwivedi, Lloyd Hontz, Gireesh Rajashekara, Ruth Petran, Guy Loneragan, Patricia Desmarchelier and Goranka Platisa.

Visitors/Guests: Pancita Manalili, Aaron Pleitner, Marc Scanlon, Mike Shirer, Kathleen Vail, Sonja Van Holland and Patrick Ward.

Meeting Called to Order: 2:05 p.m., July 31, 2011.

The anti-trust statement was read.

Recording Secretary of Minutes: Patricia Wester.

Old Business: Open reading of IAFP letter to Tim Freier, outgoing chair. Motion to accept 2010 minutes as published by Carl Custer was seconded by Jody Swaim. All in favor.

New Business:

Results of July 13 Conference Call – Symposia Topics read to the PDG.

Discussions followed regarding opportunities to:

• Agreed to have quarterly conference calls, 30 minutes to 1 hour max. Advanced prep to maximize use of call time.
• Next call mid-September.

Points were raised to consider for submissions:

• Consider expanding speaker/presenter pool, could include suggestions from outside IAFP.
• Consider presentation formats that include a review of multiple viewpoints on a topic rather than a single presenters’ specific work, better value for attendees.

5 potential symposia to move forward:

• Carl Custer: Pre Harvest PDG considering joint submission on secondary/alternate pathogen transmission vectors including zoonotics (produce, compost – manure handling feral animals, pests and environmental routes such as air water.
• Controls.
• Preventions; Vaccines, housing controls, other impediments.
• Roger Cook will liaise on behalf of Meat & Poultry, has possible presenters from New Zealand on environmental interventions.
• Vaccines (joint with Carl Custer/Pre Harvest PDG) on foodborne pathogens.
• Development, Social behaviors (who should pay for on farm deployments), cost benefit reviews, management practices. Tim Freier to liaise to further develop with Carl Custer/Pre Harvest.
• Collaborative Workshop on Environmental Monitoring programs: content development with American Meat Institute Scientific Affairs and Retail PDG. Patricia Wester, Tim Freier, Anne Marie McNamara, Larry Cole, Margaret Hardin. Further follow up with Sharon Wood, Retail PDG Chair. Tim Freier and Trish Wester agreed to act as convener along with others.
• FSIS
• Toxoplasmosis: Nate to liaise with Viral/Parasite PDG and Applied Methods.
• EGG safety/FDA jurisdiction webinar (Craig).

Recommendations to the Executive Board:

1. Explored/discussed the possibility of a simple web based app or list that could be published via Web site. Any (simple!) option that would provide the ability to see other PDG symposia submissions, and enable ways to further expand cooperative efforts between PDGs.
2. Focus on the list as it exists after the first round of cuts. PDGs and others submitting could provide information where they would be interested and agreeable to working with other PDGs or where they would like added support on a topic submitted.

Next Meeting Date: Mid-late September via conference call.

Meeting Adjourned: 4:47 p.m.

Chairperson: Craig Henry.