

## **Meat and Poultry Safety and Quality**

**Members Present:** Patricia Wester (Chair), Barb Masters (Vice Chair), Christine Aleski, Patrice Arbault, Aaron Asmus, Kannan Balan, Laura Bauermeister, Betsy Booren, Dennis Burson, Carl Custer, Catherine Cutter, Bryan DiMenna, Alejandro Echeverry, Kevin Edwards, Jeff Farber, Paula Fedorka-Cray, Veny Gapud, Kathy Glass, Margaret Hardin, Evan Henke, Craig Henry, Gretchen Hill, Ian Jensen, Amanda King, Ken Macklin, John Marcy, Lynn McMullen, Amit Morey, Salina Parveen, Randall Phebus, Mark Pratt, Gireesh Rajashekara, Jolyda Swaim, Peter Taormina, Leslie Thompson, Darren Toczko, Morgan Wallace and Kurt Westmoreland.

**Board/Staff Members Present:** Don Zink.

**New Members:** Claudio Bauza, Wade Fluckey, Gary Gensler, Miguel Gutierrez, Marques Irving, John Jarosh, Audrey Kreske, Eric Martin, Leo Mitchell, Abhijit Natu, George Paoli, Jena Roberts, Michelle Rossman, Donna Schaffner, Melissa Schlabs, Brooke Schwartz, Caroline Smith DeWaal, Yan Song, Christopher Snabes and Lily Yang.

**Visitors/Guests:** Kevin Edwards, Joe Heinzelmann, VuTuan Nguyen, Tina Shaffer, Robert Tebbs, Jean Valbrun and Jordan Wenzel and Stephanie Wilkins.

**Meeting Called to Order:** 9:00 a.m., Sunday, August 3, 2014.

**Recording Secretary of Minutes:** Barb Masters.

### **Old Business:**

1. Review of antitrust guidelines and housekeeping items.
2. Acknowledgement of Patricia Wester as outgoing Chair.
3. Review of 2013 minutes.

### **New Business:**

Discussion on potential symposia for next IAFP meeting: It was discussed IAFP is working to assist the PDGs in collaboration across the groups.

Topic Ideas for Next Year Include:

1. Applying Process Control to Pathogens in Poultry – discussion on the process control indicator as required by the FSIS Modernization Rule; Validation: and International aspects. (John Marcy and Amit Morey)
2. Consumer Behavior in Labeling – discussion on consumer behavior relative to GMO, organic, humane verified, etc. labeling. (Betsy Booren)
3. World Wind Tour of Pathogens and unusual vehicles and pathways. (Jeff Farber)
4. Pro/Con Session on Understanding the Impact Undercooking of Products – Include retail, industry, consumer, education. (Patricia Wester)
5. Changing Dogma In Spoilage Indicators. (Cathy Cutter and Peter Taormina)

Discussion on the NIFA Funding and the ability to influence research priorities for government and private funding. It was agreed to form a subcommittee to be led by Betsy Booren. She will host a conference call within the next 60 days.

Sharing of current “hot topics” internationally by Roger Cook and Jeff Farber.

Invitation to provide input with regards to making the list of medically important antibiotics useful to the industry. The list is available on the WHO Web site at AGISAR. Comments can be provided to Caroline Smith DeWaal or Paula Fedorka-Cray.

**Recommendations to the Executive Board:**

1. Recommend that the Board approve the nomination of Betsy Booren as Meat and Poultry Safety and Quality PDG Vice Chair.
2. Recommend that the Board consider shortening of PDG times to 2 hour slots and staggering the PDGs so that members can attend multiple PDG sessions. With the new PDG chair/vice chair meeting to collaborate on topics the group felt this should enhance and shorten discussions within the PDG allowing the time to be shorter and therefore facilitating participation at multiple PDGs.

**Next Meeting Date:** Pre-proposal deadline (October 14th) conference call.

**Meeting Adjourned:** 11:30 a.m.

**Chairperson:** Barb Masters.