

Seafood Safety and Quality PDG

Members Present: Barbara Blakistone (Chair), Michelle Lovett (Vice Chair), Zeb Blanton, Kevin Edwards, Veneranda Gapud, Peter Hibbard, David Kingsley, Kathleen Rajkowski, Otto Simmons, Tori Stivers, Jane Van Doren and Isabel Walls.

Board/Staff Members Present: Alejandro Mazzotta.

New Members: Claudio Bauza, Ken Davenport, Shelley Lankford, Armin Norouzi, Forest Reichel, Katja Schilling, Melissa Schlabs, Maria Elena Tanabe, Juming Tang, Kim Thayer, Kitiya Vongkamjan and Meijun Zhu.

Visitors/Guests: Tejas Bhatt, Derek Grillo, Penelope Kirsch, Eric Puente, Tom Kinsey, Jian Wu and Janet Zhang.

Meeting Called to Order: 3:00 p.m., Sunday, August 3, 2014.

Recording Secretary of Minutes: Michelle Lovett, Vice Chair.

Old Business: Approved Minutes of 2013 meeting.

New Business:

- Otto Simmons updated the group on the Norovirus Collaborative study based at NCSU with the main objective to reduce the burden of foodborne outbreaks related to norovirus.
- Tejas Bhatt and Janet Zhang discussed the work of the Global Food Traceability Center (GFTC) to which IAFP belongs. The purpose of this project is to strengthen the performance and proficiency of the seafood industry by providing knowledge about the impact of traceability on reduction of waste, enhancement of consumer trust, and increase of business efficiencies. GFTC is also working on a Best Practices Project to include 6 food Sectors (Seafood, Bakery, Produce, Meat & Poultry, Dairy, and Processed Foods). Additionally, the project will deliver a software application that can be used by stakeholders seeking to better understand their return on investments in traceability solutions. Tejas Bhatt requested that his contact information be distributed to Seafood PDG members after the meeting.
- Discussed Potential topics for Symposia, Workshop, and Webinar
 - HACCP Segment II-Workshop.
 - Aquaponics-Webinar.
 - Risk Assessment of Norovirus in bi-valves/molluscan shellfish.
 - Climate Change in Food Safety (Seafood focus).
 - Risk Assessment of Aquaculture Seafood vs. Wild Caught.
 - 2017-topic: 20th Anniversary of Seafood HACCP implementation.
- Alejandro Mazzotta discussed news from the Board, especially the 4 new affiliates to IAFP as well as the change of meeting days for IAFP 2015 in Portland, Oregon.

Recommendations to the Board: None

Next Meeting Date: July 25, 2015.

Meeting Adjourned: 4:27 p.m.

Chairperson: Barbara Blakistone.