Water Quality and Safety PDG

Members Present: Susan McKnight (Chair), DeAnn Benesh, Michael Brodsky, Larry Cohen, Dean Davidson, Louise Fielding, Peter Kennedy, Wendy Maduff, Joseph Odumeru, Phyllis Posy and Kathleen Rajkowski.

Board/Staff Member Present: Isabel Walls.

New Members: Lisbeth Truelstrup Hansen, Yen-Con Hung, Kirsten Hirneisen, Roberto Marrero-Ortiz, Eric Amann, Christina Harzman, Geoffrey Morell, Li Ma, Karen Killinger, Charles Young, Annemarie Buchholz and Kali Kniel.

Visitors/Guests: Craig Johnson, Carla Napier and Ynes Ortega.

Meeting Called to Order: 2:00 p.m., Sunday, July 31, 2011 by Incoming Chair Susan McKnight.

Recording Secretary of Minutes: Dean Davidson.

Old Business: Thanked Dean Davidson for his great service, generous time and leadership given as Chair (and previously Vice Chair) of this PDG.

New Business:

1. Nomination and election of Wendy Maduff (ConAgra) as Vice Chair.
2. Webinars:
   - Webinar will be scheduled in the near future by Dean Davidson with IAFP staff on recently enacted Aircraft Drinking Water Rule by US FDA/US EPA which address the subject of aircraft drinking water and culinary water use on airplanes. This will be for PDG members only.
   - Another webinar topic to be explored – water treatment technologies used in the food industry.
   - Noted that we need info from David Tharp on lead time needed by IAFP for Webinars, notification process, etc.
3. “Thoughts on Food Safety” topics for Food Protection Trends submission:
   - Dorothy Wrigley (Minnesota State University) had forwarded a list of topics she was going to discuss with her Food Microbiology class as possible Thoughts on Food Safety topics. The PDG recommended exploring few topics such as – water usage in the food industry.
   - Wendy Maduff and Dean Davidson will explore the problems that arise with water in food processing (not necessarily with answers).
4. Work with Ewen Todd’s group of the revision of Waterborne Illness publication.

Symposium ideas:

1. Water Re-use: What does safe for intended use actually mean in the following areas:
   - Beverage industry
   - Food processing/Manufacturing
   - Cruise ships
   - Agriculture
   - Retail setting
   - Testing and validation

This PDG would like to coordinate this symposium idea with other PDGs in the listed areas above.
2. Water in Aquaculture – Intake and Outtake issues: Explore global examples like Chili, Darden’s (or someone else’s) experience in Asia (with the Seafood PDG).

**Recommendations to the Executive Board:**

1. Approve the election of Wendy Maduff (ConAgra) as Vice Chair of this PDG.

**Next Meeting Date:** After input is given from IAFP regarding symposium paring and after Webinar.

**Meeting Adjourned:** 4:00 p.m.

**Chairperson:** Susan McKnight.