



GENERAL SESSIONS

IVAN PARKIN LECTURE

OUT OF AFRICA

LUCIA ANELICH, PH.D.

Anelich Consulting
Pretoria, South Africa



SUNDAY, JULY 31
OPENING SESSION
6:00 P.M. – 7:30 P.M.

Dr. Lucia Anelich established Anelich Consulting, a successful national and international food safety consulting and training business in South Africa, in 2011. Dr. Anelich was previously with the Consumer Goods Council of South Africa, beginning in 2005, where she established a food safety body for the food industry, a first for the country. She spent the prior 25 years at the Tshwane University of Technology in South Africa, later becoming Head of the Department of Biotechnology and Food Technology and Associate Professor, the first female head of such a department in South Africa.

Dr. Anelich was instrumental in providing guidance to the food industry on *Listeria monocytogenes* during the 2018 listeriosis outbreak and on SARS-CoV-2 related to food safety during the COVID-19 pandemic, beginning in January 2020. On both these and other food safety-related topics, she is interviewed regularly by print media, radio, and TV. She spoke at several national and international events on the listeriosis outbreak and on SARS-CoV-2 and the safety of food and food packaging.

In July 2020, through the President of South Africa's office, Dr. Anelich was appointed to be part of a group of 80 authors to develop a Country Report on the Impact of Government's Decisions on the COVID-19 Pandemic. As part of this group, she convened and co-authored the chapter on "Agriculture and the Food Supply Chain."

In September 2021, Dr. Anelich received the prestigious SAAFoST President's Award as its first female recipient for her significant contributions toward advancing Food Safety Technology for the provision of safe and wholesome food.

Dr. Anelich's career achievements include serving as Adjunct Professor at Central University of Technology in South Africa; membership in ICMSF since 2005; Past President of the South African Association for Food Science and Technology (SAAFoST); member of the African Union Advisory Group developing a Food Safety Strategy for the African continent and the newly-developed AU Food Safety Authority; first South African Chair of the Scientific Council of IUFOST; Fellow of the International Academy of Food Science and Technology;

technical expert and consultant for FAO and UNIDO; and co-editor of two books on food safety. Dr. Anelich serves on several committees related to regulations and standards development in the food safety space. She has authored/co-authored numerous publications and book chapters and presented more than 180 talks nationally and internationally.

An IAFP Member since 2012, Dr. Anelich served on the organizing committee of the African Continental Association for Food Protection's inaugural ACAFP Food Safety Conference for Africa, held virtually 10–11 November 2021.

JOHN H. SILLIKER LECTURE

THE POWER OF DIVERSE PERSPECTIVES FOR EFFECTIVE FOOD SAFETY MANAGEMENT

KATHERINE M.J. SWANSON, PH.D.

Retired, KMJ Swanson Food Safety Inc., Mendota Heights, Minnesota, USA



WEDNESDAY,
AUGUST 3
CLOSING SESSION
4:00 P.M. – 4:45 P.M.

Dr. Katherine "Katie" Swanson is retired from a 40-year food safety career that began with investigating "new" technology (microwave inactivation of *Salmonella* in eggs) while earning her bachelor's degree with distinction at the University of Delaware. Her studies continued at the University of Minnesota researching the fate of aflatoxin during single cell protein production while attaining her master's degree.

Dr. Swanson gained industry experience at Economics Laboratory (Ecolab) as a Microbiology Consultant for food and medical device manufacturers before returning to Dr. Frank Busta's lab at the University of Minnesota to conduct research on *Bacillus cereus* growth and inactivation models during completion of her Ph.D.

For a brief time, Dr. Swanson was an assistant professor of food microbiology at Cornell University and Senior Microbiologist for 3M ATP and Petrifilm™ applications before honing her prevention-focused food safety expertise at The Pillsbury Company. While there, she worked with food safety pioneers Howard Bauman, Bill Sperber, and an incredible team, progressing to the position of Global Product Safety Director at General Mills.

Dr. Swanson returned to Ecolab in 2004 as Vice President of Food Safety. In 2013, she joined the Food Safety Preventive Control Alliance as Program Manager for Curriculum Development and Executive Editor for the U.S. Food and Drug Administration's recognized standardized curriculum for meeting the Food Safety Preventive Controls for Human Foods regulation requirements.

Dr. Swanson served as IAFP President 2012–2013, after joining IAFP in 1979 as a Student Member and in 1980 as a Member. She served on the *Journal of Food Protection* Editorial Board for 12 years; on the *Food Protection Trends* Editorial Board for three years; and on numerous IAFP Award Selection Committees and organizing committees for meetings outside the U.S. She received the GMA Food Safety Award in 2003; the IAFP Fellow Award in 2015; and the Honorary Life Membership Award in 2017.

Dr. Swanson has written and edited numerous chapters, reports, and papers, and served on influential committees, including the International Commission on Microbiological Specifications for Foods (ICMSF) (as Past Secretary); the National Advisory Committee on Microbiological Criteria for Foods (NACMCF); and the National Academies of Science Committees (NAS).

In retirement, Dr. Swanson's interests include genealogy research, travel, and needlework ignored for many years.