



SCHEDULE

FRIDAY, JULY 24

IAFP Workshops | 8:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.

SATURDAY, JULY 25

IAFP Workshops | 8:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.
 Committee and PDG Chair & Vice Chair Meeting | 3:00 p.m.–5:00 p.m.
 Welcome Reception | 5:00 p.m.–6:30 p.m.

SUNDAY, JULY 26

Affiliate Council Meeting | 7:30 a.m.–9:00 a.m.
 Committee and PDG Meetings | 8:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.
 Student Lunch | 12:00 p.m.–1:30 p.m.
 Editorial Board Reception *(by invitation)* | 4:30 p.m.–5:30 p.m.
 Opening Session and Ivan Parkin Lecture | 6:00 p.m.–7:30 p.m.
 Cheese and Wine Reception | 7:30 p.m.–9:30 p.m.
 Exhibit Hours | 7:30 p.m.–9:30 p.m.

MONDAY, JULY 27

Symposia, Roundtable & Technical Sessions | 8:30 a.m.–5:15 p.m.
 Poster Session | 8:30 a.m.–6:15 p.m.
 Exhibit Hours | 10:00 a.m.–6:15 p.m.
 Exhibit Hall Lunch | 11:45 a.m.–1:30 p.m.
 Exhibit Hall Reception | 5:15 p.m.–6:15 p.m.

TUESDAY, JULY 28

Committee and PDG Chairperson Breakfast *(by invitation)* | 7:30 a.m.–9:00 a.m.
 Symposia, Roundtable & Technical Sessions | 8:30 a.m.–5:15 p.m.
 Poster Session | 8:30 a.m.–6:15 p.m.
 Exhibit Hours | 10:00 a.m.–6:15 p.m.
 Exhibit Hall Lunch | 11:45 a.m.–1:30 p.m.
 Business Meeting | 12:30 p.m.–1:15 p.m.
 Exhibit Hall Reception | 5:15 p.m.–6:15 p.m.
 President's Reception *(by invitation)* | 6:30 p.m.–7:30 p.m.
 Student Mixer | 7:00 p.m.–9:00 p.m.
 Past Presidents' Dinner *(by invitation)* | 7:30 p.m.–9:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 29

Symposia, Roundtable & Technical Sessions | 8:30 a.m.–3:30 p.m.
 Poster Session | 8:30 a.m.–3:30 p.m.
 Networking Lunch | 11:45 a.m.–1:30 p.m.
 Closing Session and John H. Silliker Lecture | 4:00 p.m.–4:45 p.m.
 Awards Reception and Banquet | 6:00 p.m.–9:30 p.m.

GENERAL SESSIONS

OPENING SESSION

IVAN PARKIN LECTURE



GREGORY ASTILL, Ph.D.

Senior Economist,
 DecisionNext
 Overland Park, Kansas



ELIZABETH A. BIHN, Ph.D.

Director, Produce
 Safety Alliance,
 Cornell University
 Ithaca, New York

CLOSING SESSION

JOHN H. SILLIKER LECTURE

RUTH PETRAN

Principal & Founder,
 Ruth Petran Consulting, LLC
 Senior Advisor, The Acheson Group
 Minneapolis, Minnesota

Talk Title: *"From Fundamentals to Frontiers: A Consultant's Guide to Tackling Food Safety Risks"*



REGISTRATION INFORMATION

WHO SHOULD ATTEND:

Food safety professionals in government, industry, academia and research focused on food microbiology; quality control; regulatory inspections; food safety consulting; risk assessment; HACCP and plant management; technical services; sanitation; food processing, packaging and distribution operations; toxicology; food safety auditing; microbiological research; and retail food service. Students are encouraged to fully participate.

REGISTRATION INCLUDES:

- Program Book
- Technical Sessions
- Morning Coffee
- Exhibit Hall Reception (Mon. & Tues.)
- Welcome Reception
- Poster Presentations
- Breaks
- Networking Lunch (Wed.)
- Ivan Parkin Lecture
- Symposia
- Exhibit Hall Admittance
- John H. Silliker Lecture
- Cheese and Wine Reception
- Roundtables
- Exhibit Hall Lunch (Mon. & Tues.)
- Awards Banquet



If you require ADA Assistance, please contact Andrea Belzer at abelzer@foodprotection.org

IAFP WORKSHOPS

WORKSHOP 1 – CFS Hygienic Design Certification, (OFF-SITE at CFS Institute)

2.5 Day – Thursday, July 23 (1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.), Friday, July 24 and Saturday, July 25, 2026 (8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.)

WORKSHOP 2 – Demystifying Dry Cleaning: Understanding the When, How, and Why of Dry Cleaning & Sanitizing (Disinfecting)

2 Day – Friday, July 24 and Saturday, July 25, 2026 (8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.)

WORKSHOP 3 – Selecting and Validating Pathogen Reduction Processes for Low-Moisture Foods and Ingredients

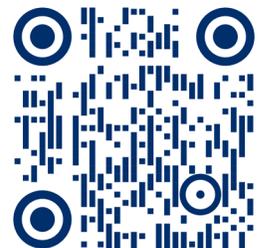
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WORKSHOP 4 – Advancing Best Practices for Sanitation Verification Technologies

1 Day – Saturday, July 25, 2026 (8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.)

WORKSHOP 5 – Building an AI Culture in Food Safety: Practical Use Cases for Professionals

1 Day – Saturday, July 25, 2026 (8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.)



REGISTER ONLINE AT
[FOODPROTECTION.ORG](https://www.foodprotection.org)

MEETING VENUE

IAFP 2026 sessions will take place at the New Orleans Ernest N. Morial Convention Center in New Orleans, Louisiana.

HOTEL INFORMATION

For hotel information, go to our website at [foodprotection.org](https://www.foodprotection.org).

Warning: Hotel reservations should be made through the IAFP website. *BEWARE OF HOUSING PIRATES!*