

WHAT YOU SHOULD KNOW

Before Attending IAFP 2019 (Louisville, Kentucky)

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DON'T FORGET TO PACK

- Business cards
- Resumes
- Band-Aids (for blisters)
- Comfortable shoes
- Phone/laptop charger
- Portable battery (optional)
- Flash drive (if presenting)
- Umbrella and/or rain coat
- Reusable water bottle/mug
- Comfortable clothes, too!

CARRY THESE WITH YOU

- IAFP Name Badge
- Business cards
- Band-Aids
- Phone/laptop charger
- A pen
- Conference booklet
- Phone
- Meal tickets (received from registration desk)
- Cash to tip bartenders

TIPS FOR A SUCCESSFUL CONFERENCE EXPERIENCE

Do a walkthrough of the Convention Center the day before or first day of the conference so you know where all the restrooms and rooms are, plus you can scope out charging stations and lounge areas.

Plan out your schedule - sessions you want to attend, sessions you're monitoring, and other things you want to do - **before** the annual meeting. You can find the schedule [here](#).

Check out the Student PDG Booth on the showfloor for information and updates on student events throughout the conference.

Feel free to bring your phone, laptop, and chargers with you to the sessions, but **turn the volume off when the session begins** as to not interrupt speakers.

ARE YOU GIVING A TALK?

- If possible, scope out the room.
- Know where the projected slides are and in what direction you'll be presenting.
- Show up early to check on your slides:
 - (a) have they been uploaded to the laptop?
 - (b) are they opening?
 - (c) special formatting required?

DO YOU HAVE A POSTER?

- Set up your poster during designated times.
- Locate your poster and practice your poster "spiel" before you present.
- Not everyone will take the initiative to speak with you first. Engage with individuals as they walk by. (ex: Ask "Would you like to hear about my poster?")

ARE YOU A SESSION MONITOR?

- Plan to attend the session monitor training and know where to find the training video if needed.
- Locate the Speaker Ready Room early!
- Check in at the speaker room to grab materials before the session begins.
- Show up to the session early to make sure that everything is ready.

ARE YOU A STUDENT LIAISON?

- Be in contact with the leaders of the PDG before the annual meeting
- Make sure you know what is expected of you in terms of your student liaison responsibilities
- Plan to attend the PDG's official meeting because these PDGs love to see students get involved!

If you have a mentor (past or present) through the Student PDG's Mentor/Mentee Program, ask them if they are attending IAFP and see if you can meet up. Sitting together at lunch is a great networking opportunity!

CHECK OUT THESE AWESOME SPDG-SPECIFIC EVENTS

Session Monitoring Training

Sunday, July 21st from 11:30-11:50am

this time is approximate, so plan to attend the entire Student PDG meeting if possible to ensure you go through session monitoring training

Ballroom B - Kentucky International Convention Center

Student Professional Development Group (PDG) Meeting

Sunday, July 21st from 10:00am-12:00pm

Ballroom B - Kentucky International Convention Center

Student Luncheon + 3 Minute Thesis Competition

Sunday, July 21st from 12:00-1:00pm

Ballroom A - Kentucky International Convention Center

Official Student Mixer

Tuesday, July 23rd from 7:00-9:00pm

Sellbach Hilton - Rathskeller at Seelbach Hilton

SPDG SPONSORED ROUNDTABLES

RT5: *#Foodsafety: Practical Advice for Digital Communication and Science Storytelling*

Monday, July 22nd 3:45-5:15pm --- Room M100

RT8: *Cultural Influences on Food Safety Research and Education Programs in a Global Society*

Tuesday, July 23rd 10:45am-12:15pm --- Room M104

RT11: *Revitalizing the Future of Food Safety Extension*

Tuesday, July 23rd 1:30-3:00pm --- Room M104

RT15: *Cottage Foods: Harmonizing Food Safety Practices for a Growing Entrepreneurial Industry*

Tuesday, July 23rd 3:45-5:15pm --- Ballroom D

SPDG SPONSORED SYMPOSIA

S13: *Artificial Intelligence and Machine Learning: What They Are and Their Potential Applications for Food Safety and Quality*

Monday, July 22nd 10:45am-12:15pm --- Room M105

S32: *A Precarious Balancing Act: Co-Managing Preharvest Environments to Maximize Food Safety, Sustainability, and Economic Viability of Farm Operations*

Tuesday, July 23rd 8:30-10:00am --- Ballroom C

S34: *Fact or Fiction?: Combatting Consumer Perceptions of Food Safety Myths with Data*

Tuesday, July 23rd 8:30-10:00am --- Room M104

GET OUT OF YOUR SHELL, NETWORK, & MAKE FRIENDS!

Many people, especially students, have similar interests or are in similar research fields as you. Feel free to start by introducing yourself to the old and new Student PDG officer teams.

YOUR SPDG OFFICERS ARE HERE TO HELP! HERE'S HOW YOU CAN REACH US AT IAFP:

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