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## **INVOCATION**

Pamela Wilger, IAFP Secretary

## **MENU**

Rolls with Whipped Butter

House Salad

Chicken Piccata and Potato Crusted Cod

Basmati Rice and Quinoa Pilaf

Triple Chocolate Cake with Whipped Topping and Strawberries

Coffee, Hot Tea and Water

# PRESENTATION OF AWARDS

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## BLACK PEARL

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## GAVEL PRESENTATION TO THE INCOMING PRESIDENT

Awarded to: Manpreet Singh

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## PAST PRESIDENT'S

Awarded to: Mark W. Carter

Presented by: Manpreet Singh



# BLACK PEARL AWARD



## SOBEYS INC.

Stellarton, Nova Scotia, Canada

Sobeys Inc. is the 2025 recipient of IAFP's Black Pearl Award. This honor is given annually to one company for its efforts in advancing food safety and quality through consumer programs, employee relations, educational activities, adherence to standards, and support of the goals and objectives of IAFP.

Sobeys Inc. is one of Canada's leading grocery retailers, proudly serving communities from coast to coast for more than 115 years. Established in 1907 in Stellarton, Nova Scotia, Sobeys has grown from a small meat delivery business into a national food retail powerhouse. As a wholly owned subsidiary of Empire Company Limited, it operates more than 1,600 stores under trusted banners such as Sobeys, Safeway, IGA, Thrifty Foods, Foodland, FreshCo, Farm Boy, Longo's, and Voilà.

Driven by a passion for food and a commitment to excellence, Sobeys prioritizes innovation, sustainability, and community well-being. Initiatives such as food waste reduction, carbon footprint minimization, and partnerships with local suppliers and charitable organizations deepens this commitment. Its expanding e-commerce platform, Voilà, delivers a modern, convenient grocery experience built on quality and service.

At its heart, Sobeys is a family nurturing families. With more than 128,000 teammates, franchisees, and affiliates, the company is united by a shared mission to make a meaningful difference in the lives of Canadians. From fresh, nutritious products to welcoming in-store experiences, Sobeys places customers, communities, and teammates at the center of everything it does.

Food safety remains foundational to Sobeys' operations – an uncompromising pillar that supports its legacy of trust, care, and leadership in Canadian food retail.



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# PRESIDENT'S LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD



**J. STAN BAILEY**

Brookhaven, Georgia

Dr. J. "Stan" Bailey is the recipient of the 2025 IAFP President's Lifetime Achievement Award. This award is given at the discretion of the Association's President to recognize an individual who has made a lasting impact on "Advancing Food Safety Worldwide" through a lifetime of professional achievements in food protection.

Dr. Bailey currently serves as President of Augmented Micro, an LLC in Brookhaven, Georgia, which is dedicated to helping companies optimize their microbiology diagnostic testing to return maximum actionable data from their micro diagnostic laboratory. He previously served as the Sr. Director of Scientific Affairs, bioMérieux Industry, from 2008 to 2023 where he was responsible for applied research and development and validations of microbiology diagnostics for the U.S. and globally.

As a senior research microbiologist for 35 years at the USDA, Agricultural Research Service, Dr. Bailey authored/coauthored more than 500 scientific publications in the area of food microbiology, concentrating on controlling *Salmonella* in poultry production and processing; *Salmonella*, *Listeria*, and *Campylobacter* methodology; and rapid methods of identification.

Dr. Bailey served as IAFP President in 2009. Throughout his 38-year Membership, he has organized and moderated many symposia and served on numerous committees, including the Program Committee, the European Organizing Committee, the *Journal of Food Protection (JFP)* Management Committee, and the *JFP* Editorial Board. He received the IAFP Honorary Life Membership Award in 2019, the IAFP Fellow Award in 2005, and the Maurice Weber Laboratorian Award in 2003. Dr. Bailey is also a Fellow of the American Academy of Microbiology; received the 1997 Federal Laboratory Consortium Technology Transfer Award; and holds seven U.S. patents.

Dr. Bailey's professional stature has been recognized both nationally and internationally through his service as Chairman of the Food Microbiology Division of the American Society for Microbiology in 1992; as Secretary of the Microbiological Methods Committee of the AOAC from 1990 to 1995; as Adjunct Professor in the Poultry Science Department at the University of Georgia and in the Department of Food Science at Kansas State University; as a faculty member for 28 years at the Rapid Methods and Automation in Microbiology Workshop; and as a faculty member at Kansas State University where more than 1,300 scientists from 50 countries have received training. He was named a Fellow of the American Academy of Microbiology in 1994; served as technical advisor on poultry production to the National Advisory Committee on Microbiological Criteria in Foods in 1995 and 2006; served as scientific advisor to the International Life Sciences Institute, Food Microbiology Committee, 1997–2008; received the ARS Technology Transfer Award and Federal Laboratory Consortium Award for technology transfer; received the 2002 USDA–ARS Outstanding Senior Research Scientist of the Year Award; and served on the National Advisory Committee on Microbial Criteria in Foods in 2021.

Dr. Bailey received his B.S. in Environmental Health Sciences, M.S. in Food Science, and Ph.D. in Poultry Science, all from the University of Georgia.

# HONORARY LIFE MEMBERSHIP AWARD



**LINDA J. HARRIS**

Davis, California

Dr. Linda J. Harris is a recipient of the 2025 IAFP Honorary Life Membership Award. Dr. Harris is Distinguished Professor of Cooperative Extension Emeritus in Microbial Food Safety and retired in January 2025 after 29 years in the Department of Food Science and Technology at the University of California, Davis.

Over her 43-year career as a food scientist, Dr. Harris developed an internationally recognized research and education program. She was a pioneer in the study of the microbial food safety of fresh fruits and vegetables, fresh juices, and in the ecology of *Salmonella* and other foodborne pathogens in tree nuts, particularly almonds, pistachios, and walnuts and their production and processing environments. Through her research and extension programs she has had the opportunity to mentor many talented students and post-doctoral scholars.

Dr. Harris has been a member of IAFP since 1988 and has served in a leadership capacity for several PDGs; the Dairy, Food and Environmental Sanitation Management Committee; as a member of the Program Committee; and through organizing and participating in many affiliate, national, and international meetings. In 2013, she was elected Secretary of IAFP and proudly served as President of the Association in 2017.

Dr. Harris has been recognized for her research and education accomplishments through receipt of the Elmer Marth Educator Award in 2004 and the Frozen Food Foundation Freezing Research Award in 2010, and received both the President's Recognition Award and the IAFP Fellow Award in 2019. She is also a Fellow of the Institute of Food Technologists and the American Association for the Advancement of Science.

# HONORARY LIFE MEMBERSHIP AWARD



**IAN JENSON**

Sydney, Australia

Dr. Ian Jenson is a recipient of the 2025 IAFP Honorary Life Membership Award. Dr. Jenson is Director and Principal Consultant of FIRST Management Pty Ltd. in Parramatta in the vicinity of Sydney, Australia. The consultancy concentrates on Food, Innovation, Research, Science, and Technology (FIRST) Management, which includes food safety.

Throughout his professional career, Dr. Jenson has worked for Australian-based international businesses providing bacterial and yeast cultures for fermented dairy products, bread, and fermented beverages, as well as for the Australian red meat industry. He has combined interests in the product, its safety, and international regulations and trade. Working at the interface of academic research and its practical application, Dr. Jenson has authored or co-authored nine book chapters, 34 research papers (many in the *Journal of Food Protection*), two reviews, and numerous conference abstracts and papers. He has also been at the center of producing several Guidelines for the Australian red meat industry.

After membership of the forerunner (IAMFES) of IAFP in the 1980s and 1990s, Dr. Jenson rejoined IAFP in 2003. Since that time, he has been actively involved in several PDGs (Meat & Poultry, International Food Protection Issues as Chair), the Annual Meeting Program Committee, *Food Protection Trends* Management Committee, and several award selection committees. He has twice received the President's Recognition Award.

Dr. Jenson received his B.Sc. from the University of New South Wales in Sydney, Australia majoring in microbiology and biotechnology, and his M.Sc. (by research) in bioprocess engineering from the same university. He completed his Ph.D. in innovation studies at the University of Tasmania.

# HONORARY LIFE MEMBERSHIP AWARD



**JEFFREY KORNACKI**

Madison, Wisconsin

Dr. Jeffrey Kornacki is a recipient of the 2025 IAFP Honorary Life Membership Award. Dr. Kornacki has solved food microbiology problems since obtaining his B.S. in Bacteriology in 1977. Both his M.S. and Ph.D. research addressed dairy product process contamination concerns. He co-authored a patent on ultra-filtered milk cheese production when he worked for Schreiber Foods (1985–1989). Twelve subsequent years were spent microbiological troubleshooting, technical writing/editing, and laboratory management for Silliker Laboratories (now Mérieux NutriSciences).

In 2001, Dr. Kornacki joined the faculty at the University of Georgia's Department of Food Science before founding Kornacki Microbiology Solutions. Since then, he has conducted approximately 1,000 troubleshooting-related plant visits across a vast array of food processing facilities and has assisted many companies during product recalls. He also developed indicator assays for *Salmonella* (HTEB) and *Listeria* spp. (HQA) as well as *Cronobacter* spp.

An IAFP Member since 1979, Dr. Kornacki served on the *Journal of Food Protection* Editorial Board from 2002 to 2004 and as Chair of IAFP's Food Hygiene and Sanitation PDG from 2011 to 2013. He received IAFP's Sanitarian Award in 2010, the Fellow Award in 2017, and both the Harold Barnum Industry Award and the Maurice Weber Laboratorian Award in 2024.

Dr. Kornacki has published on numerous food microbiology topics. He is editor and co-author of *Principles of Microbiological Troubleshooting in the Industrial Food Processing Environment* (2010); *The Microbiological Safety of Low Water Activity Foods and Spices* (2014); *Foodborne Pathogens: Virulence Factors and Host Susceptibility* (2017); and *Standard Methods for the Examination of Dairy Products –18th Edition* (2024). From 2013 to 2015, Dr. Kornacki served as NACMCF Co-Chair of the subcommittee on "Microbiological Criteria as Indicators of Process Control or Insanitary Conditions" and remains an active food safety consultant and IAFP Member.

# HONORARY LIFE MEMBERSHIP AWARD



**RUTH PETRAN**

Minneapolis, Minnesota

Dr. Ruth Petran is a recipient of the 2025 IAFP Honorary Life Membership Award. Dr. Petran is Principal and Founder of Ruth Petran Consulting, LLC in suburban Minneapolis, Minnesota and serves as Senior Advisor, Food Safety, for The Acheson Group. In addition to these part-time activities, Dr. Petran enjoys time with her large family, traveling, and spending time on her sailboat with her husband.

Prior to starting her own business, Dr. Petran held technical food safety and public health leadership roles at Ecolab, Pillsbury, and General Mills. She is skilled at tactical application of technical food safety risk management strategies spanning the global farm-to-fork supply chain and has focused on managing safety and quality concerns of microbiologically sensitive foods and systems. She has led food safety assessments at food manufacturing facilities worldwide, focusing on applied food safety systems and regulatory compliance.

A 40-year IAFP Member, Dr. Petran served as IAFP President in 2023. She received the IAFP Fellow Award in 2018 and the Developing Scientist Award in 1987. She served two terms on the U.S. National Advisory Committee for Microbiological Criteria for Foods, is a Certified Food Scientist, and chaired the Minnesota Food Safety and Defense Task Force.

Dr. Petran holds a bachelor's degree in Consumer Food Science from Cornell University and an M.S. in Food Science and Ph.D. in Public Health, both from the University of Minnesota. Her thesis focused on leveraging data from health department inspections to improve food safety.

# HARRY HAVERLAND CITATION AWARD



## JOSHUA GURTLE

Wyndmoor, Pennsylvania

Dr. Joshua Gurtler is the recipient of the 2025 Harry Haverland Citation Award, which recognizes an active IAFP Member for many years of dedication and devotion to the Association and its ideals and objectives. Dr. Gurtler is a Lead Scientist at the USDA-ARS, in Wyndmoor, Pennsylvania, where he has worked for 18 years, after graduating from the University of Georgia and Auburn University.

Dr. Gurtler has been an IAFP Member for 25 years. During this time, he has attended 23 IAFP Annual Meetings; been a member of 12 PDGs; delivered 52 IAFP research presentations; organized or spoken on 30 IAFP symposia; served as chair or as a member on 10 IAFP committees, including chair of the IAFP Program Committee; and mentored numerous IAFP students. Dr. Gurtler has published 35 articles in IAFP's *Journal of Food Protection*; received the *Journal of Food Protection* Most-Cited Review Article Award in 2014; and has served as one of four scientific editors for the *JFP* since 2018.

Dr. Gurtler's research has involved interventions for inactivating *Salmonella*, *Listeria*, *E. coli*, *Cronobacter*, and *Yersinia pestis* in food and pre-harvest environments. He has two published patents for antimicrobial produce washes. He has served on advisory committees for graduate students at Drexel University, Virginia Tech, and Delaware State University, and has advised the research and thesis writing of DSU students in his lab.

Dr. Gurtler has published 82 peer-reviewed scientific manuscripts and 10 book chapters, is an editor of four books, and has delivered more than 100 presentations and invited talks in the U.S., Canada, China, and South Korea.

### HARRY HAVERLAND

Harry Haverland joined IAFP in 1962 while a Commissioned Officer in the United States Public Health Services and served in many countries including Egypt, Malaysia, Nigeria and Saudi Arabia. During his 35-year Membership, he served as IAFP President in 1982, received the Sanitarian Award and the Honorary Life Membership Award, and was inducted as a Fellow.

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# FOOD SAFETY INNOVATION AWARD



## WESTERN GROWERS

Irvine, California

GreenLink®, a groundbreaking data-sharing program developed by Western Growers, is the 2025 recipient of the IAFP Food Safety Innovation Award. As the first-of-its-kind platform in the produce industry, GreenLink® is transforming how testing data is collected, shared, and applied to drive proactive, risk-based practices.

Launched in 2022, GreenLink® allows growers to anonymously submit and visualize microbiological test results. At its core, GreenLink® unlocks the potential of aggregated data sharing, enables participants to identify and improve management practices, benchmarks performance against the industry, and strengthens preventive practices across the produce supply chain.

What sets GreenLink® apart from other data programs is its commitment to industry and cultural change. The program empowers the industry to harness its own data for smarter, science-based decisions and is now used by more than 240 with more than five million data points.

Through initiatives like the California LGMA Romaine Test & Learn Program and Western Growers' Food Safety Data Sharing Program, GreenLink® is modernizing the food safety framework by demonstrating the power of collective data sharing and analysis. GreenLink's® impact goes beyond food safety learnings, also fostering an improved culture of trust and transparency. The program lays the groundwork for standardized data collection, accelerated improvement opportunities for industry, and for researchers to build informed research risk models – uniting efforts towards long-term data-informed strategies.

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# INTERNATIONAL LEADERSHIP AWARD



**ANDREA MORENO SWITT**

Santiago, Chile

The 2025 IAFP International Leadership Award goes to Dr. Andrea Moreno Switt for her dedication to the high ideals and objectives of IAFP and her promotion of the mission of the Association in countries outside the U.S. and Canada. Dr. Moreno Switt is an Associate Professor and Director of the School of Veterinary Medicine at Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile (UC Chile) in Santiago. She is the Principal Investigator of the Bacteriophage and Foodborne Pathogens Research Laboratory at UC Chile.

Dr. Moreno Switt attended the School of Veterinary Medicine at Universidad de Concepción, where she subsequently completed an M.S. in Microbiology. In 2013, she earned her Ph.D. in Food Science and Technology from Cornell University.

Dr. Moreno Switt was a faculty member at Universidad Andrés Bello in Santiago, Chile, from 2014 to 2019. In 2020, she was recruited to the newly established School of Veterinary Medicine at UC Chile. She has assumed leadership roles at the School of Veterinary Medicine at UC Chile, serving as the first female Director; the first Director of Research and Postgraduate Education; as Deputy Director of the Research Center MICROB-R, which focuses on One Health and Antimicrobial Resistance; and CEO of the recently launched Startup SAFEFOODS.

Dr. Moreno Switt's research focuses on key foodborne pathogens and antimicrobial-resistant organisms, including various aspects of prevalence, transmission, and mitigation strategies based on bacteriophages. To date, she has published 78 peer-reviewed articles and participated in the training of 48 trainees, including postdocs and Ph.D. scientists. She has been involved in food safety advisory roles for both industry and the public sector.

Dr. Moreno Switt joined IAFP in 2012. She placed third in the poster division of the Developing Scientist Competition that year and received the IAFP Larry Beuchat Young Researcher Award in 2019.

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# FOOD SAFETY AWARD



## MICROBIOLOGICAL ANALYSIS LABORATORIES

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The recipient of the 2025 IAFP Food Safety Award is the Microbiological Analysis Laboratories (MBL) at Dubai Central Laboratories (DCL), Dubai Municipality, United Arab Emirates. This year's award is presented to a group or organization for highly significant food safety development or in recognition of a long history of outstanding contributions to food safety.

Driven by its mission to deploy the latest technologies in food testing, MBL stands at the forefront of scientific innovation, regulatory excellence, and sustainability. It is globally recognized for its significant contributions to safeguarding public health and advancing global food safety standards.

Since its establishment in 1997, MBL has been instrumental in shaping Dubai's food safety landscape, transforming challenges into opportunities for progress. With more than two decades of dedicated service, the section has pioneered cutting-edge microbiological testing methods, developed breakthrough halal detection technologies with 0.001% sensitivity, and conducted the Middle East's first microbiological shelf-life studies, setting new benchmarks in regulatory science.

MBL's impact extends far beyond the laboratory. As a hub for knowledge and innovation, it actively contributes to the global food safety discourse through the publication of 10 research papers annually and active participation in international forums. The laboratory also invests in the future of food safety by delivering specialized training programs for industry professionals and nurturing the next generation of scientists through education and engagement initiatives. With more than 4,500 tests conducted annually, MBL stands as a cornerstone of Dubai's unwavering commitment to global leadership in food safety innovation. Its mission extends beyond testing – it reflects a profound dedication to trust, responsibility, and the continuous safeguarding of public health and environment.

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# FROZEN FOOD FOUNDATION FREEZING RESEARCH AWARD



**ANDERSON S. SANT'ANA**

Campinas, Brazil

Professor Anderson S. Sant'Ana is the recipient of the 2025 Frozen Food Foundation Freezing Research Award. This award honors an individual, group, or organization for preeminence and outstanding contributions to research that impacts food safety attributes of freezing.

Professor Sant'Ana is an Associate Professor in the Department of Food Science and Nutrition on the Faculty of Food Engineering at the University of Campinas, Brazil. He holds a B.Sc. in Industrial Chemistry from University of Vassouras in Rio de Janeiro, an M.Sc. in Food Science from the University of Campinas, and a Ph.D. in Food Science from the University of São Paulo, which included a research internship at Rutgers University, USA.

Professor Sant'Ana is actively involved in teaching and mentoring, having supervised more than 40 graduate students and 20 postdocs. He is currently Editor-in-Chief of *Food Research International* (Elsevier) and *Current Opinion in Food Science* (Elsevier). Since 2020, he has been editor of the book series, *Methods and Protocols in Food Science (MeFS)*, published by Springer. He has been a member of the International Committee of Predictive Modeling in Food (ICPMF) since 2013.

Professor Sant'Ana was coordinator of the Graduate Program in Food Science and Coordinator of Extension and Research on the Faculty of Food Engineering/University of Campinas, where he is currently the Director. He is on the list of most cited researchers (Highly Cited Researchers - Clarivate, 2020, 2021, 2022, and 2023). One of his key research areas involves predictive microbiology, which is instrumental in designing effective preservation strategies and shelf-life determination for chilled and frozen products. Additionally, Professor Sant'Ana has investigated the impact of storage temperatures on microbial dynamics, providing insights into how temperature fluctuations can affect the safety and quality of chilled and frozen products, and on the efficacy of different preservation methods in controlling microbial growth in these products.

Professor Sant'Ana joined IAFF in 2009.

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# MAURICE WEBER LABORATORIAN AWARD



## **JULIE JEAN**

Québec City, Québec  
Canada

Dr. Julie Jean is the recipient of the 2025 IAFP Maurice Weber Laboratorian Award, recognizing her dedicated and exceptional contributions in the laboratory and her commitment to developing and applying innovative analytical methods that support food safety.

Dr. Jean is a full professor in the Department of Food Science at the Université Laval in Québec City, Canada. For more than 25 years, her research has focused on method development, validation, and application particularly in food virology, supporting both governmental and industrial sectors.

In 2003 – early in her career – Dr. Jean provided her expertise as a laboratorian to the Canadian Food Inspection Agency to establish virus detection capabilities, laying the groundwork for the National Reference Center for Food Virology and contributing to the development of methods later adopted in Health Canada's Compendium of Methods. She also worked with the Québec Public Health Laboratory to improve norovirus genotyping. Her international collaborations include a sabbatical with WHO in Geneva in 2015. In 2023, she was appointed as an expert to the WHO/FAO Expert Committee on Microbial Risk Assessment of Viruses in Food.

On the industrial side, Dr. Jean conducted a 2016 sabbatical at Nestlé Research Center in Switzerland, studying UV inactivation of viruses in foods helping guide corporate decisions on virus mitigation strategies. She leads the VIROCONTROL project (2020–2025), a food virology research network with seven industry partners. She has also supported companies like bioMérieux and Eurofins in virus detection method development. As another research interest, Dr. Jean's team was an early adopter of the CDC bioreactor for studying biofilms relevant to various food industries.

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# MAURICE WEBER LABORATORIAN AWARD

An IAFP Member since 2001, Dr. Jean received the Developing Scientist Award in 2002 and has since served as Affiliate Council Chair (2020–2021), Chair for the Viral and Parasitic Foodborne Diseases PDG (2021–2023), and President of the Québec Affiliate (AQIA), (2010–2019). She received the Elmer Marth Educator Award in 2016 and the IAFP Fellow Award in 2024 and continues to serve on the IAFP Foundation Committee.

## MAURICE WEBER

As the owner of a busy commercial laboratory, Maurice Weber continued to perform much of the lab work himself, believing that a good laboratorian would turn out accurate results and, without failure, see that the people working under him would do the same.

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# LARRY BEUCHAT YOUNG RESEARCHER AWARD



**NICOLE MARTIN**

Ithaca, New York

Dr. Nicole Martin is the recipient of the 2025 IAFP Larry Beuchat Young Researcher Award, which recognizes young researchers who have shown outstanding ability and professional promise in their careers.

Dr. Martin is an Assistant Research Professor in Dairy Foods Microbiology and the Director of the Milk Quality Improvement Program (MQIP) in the Department of Food Science at Cornell University in Ithaca, New York. She grew up in the beautiful Southern Tier of New York State where she began a life-long love of dairy by working on a local dairy farm. She received her B.S., M.S., and Ph.D. in Food Science, all from Cornell University, with minors in Microbiology and Animal Science.

In her current role, Dr. Martin oversees the farm-to-consumer dairy microbiology research conducted in the MQIP and works closely with dairy industry stakeholders including producers and processors. Her research interests take a holistic approach to dairy product quality and safety, with the mindset that providing consumers with high quality dairy products must start at the farm and be a priority throughout processing, distribution, and retail. In particular, she is interested in the transmission of dairy associated spoilage organisms from environmental niches into raw and processed dairy products, strategies to reduce or eliminate this transmission, the implications of spoilage organisms on finished products, and methods of detection.

In addition, Dr. Martin is a regular contributor to the Cornell Dairy Foods Extension programs, teaching courses such as Fluid Milk Processing for Quality and Safety, The Science of Yogurt and Fermented Dairy Products, and Membrane and Evaporation and Drying Technology.

Dr. Martin joined IAFP in 2014.

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# LARRY BEUCHAT YOUNG RESEARCHER AWARD

## LARRY BEUCHAT

Dr. Larry Beuchat is a Distinguished Research Professor Emeritus at the University of Georgia, where he has been for 49 years. During his 54-year IAFP Membership, he has received the IAFP Fellow Award, the Elmer Marth Educator Award, the President's Recognition Award, the Harry Haverland Citation Award, the GMA Food Safety Award, and the Honorary Life Membership Award.

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# JAMES M. JAY DIVERSITY IN FOOD SAFETY AWARD



## LAWRENCE D. GOODRIDGE

Guelph, Ontario  
Canada

Dr. Lawrence D. Goodridge is the recipient of the 2025 James M. Jay Diversity in Food Safety Award. This award recognizes an individual who has made exceptional contributions to enhancing equity, diversity, and inclusion in the field of food safety.

Dr. Goodridge is a Full Professor and a Canada Research Chair in Foodborne Pathogen Dynamics in the Department of Food Science at the University of Guelph in Ontario, Canada. He is also the Director of Guelph's Canadian Research Institute for Food Safety. He applies genomics to study foodborne bacterial pathogens and antibiotic resistance within a One Health context.

Dr. Goodridge's expertise in food safety and public health has led to many academic, government, and industrial collaborations in the Caribbean, Europe, Asia, and Africa. In addition to these partnerships, he has worked internationally with the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) and the World Bank on food safety related initiatives.

Dr. Goodridge joined IAFP in 2003. He has convened many sessions over the years at IAFP Annual Meetings.

Dr. Goodridge is a member of the DEI Council and Membership Committee and previously served as the Vice Chair and Chair of the Membership Committee. He was the Ivan Parkin Lecturer at IAFP 2024, received the Elmer Marth Educator Award in 2022, and is a past member of the *Journal of Food Protection* Editorial Board.

In addition to his scientific achievements, Dr. Goodridge is an active advocate for diversity and inclusion in academia. He was awarded a North American Colleges and Teachers of Agriculture Charles N. Shepardson Meritorious Teaching Award in 2012. He is the President of the Canadian Black Scientists Network. His insights regarding the importance of representation and mentorship are invaluable.

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# JAMES M. JAY DIVERSITY IN FOOD SAFETY AWARD

## **JAMES M. JAY**

Dr. James Monroe Jay was a food microbiologist for 33 years at Wayne State University in Detroit, Michigan, conducting research and publishing through an adjunct professor appointment at the University of Nevada in Las Vegas. Dr. Jay presented the Ivan Parkin Lecture in 1995 and received the Fellow Award in 1999. He joined IAFP in 1982 and passed away in 2008.

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# EWEN C.D. TODD CONTROL OF FOODBORNE ILLNESS AWARD



**VALENTINA TRINETTA**

Manhattan, Kansas

Dr. Valentina Trinetta is the recipient of the 2025 IAFP Ewen C.D. Todd Control of Foodborne Illness Award. This award recognizes an individual for dedicated and exceptional contributions to the reduction of risks of foodborne illnesses.

Dr. Trinetta is currently an Associate Professor in Food Safety and Public Health at Kansas State University in Manhattan, Kansas, with a distinguished career spanning more than 15 years in foodborne disease research, epidemiology, and the development of prevention and control strategies. She began her professional career as a research and development microbiologist at Ecolab, where she developed and validated novel antimicrobials for use in the food and beverage sector.

Since returning to academia, Dr. Trinetta has been engaged in innovative research on foodborne illness prevention and control, with a focus on pathogen survival in food processing environments and post-harvest intervention technologies. Her research has significantly enhanced the understanding of microbial communities in food production and safety, especially in biofilms. She is one of the first adopters of the CDC biofilm reactor, and her research efforts in emerging post-harvest intervention strategies have helped re-think the role of relatively common compounds that may also exert antimicrobial effects and be used to control pathogens in food, feeds, water, and packaging materials.

Dr. Trinetta has actively contributed to scientific peer-review efforts and has served on the National Advisory Committee for Microbiological Criteria for Foods (NACMCF). She joined IAFP in 2008 and has since served in roles such as a mentor for students, on several award selection committees, and on the Editorial Board and Management Committees for both the *Journal of Food Protection* and *Food Protection Trends*. Dr. Trinetta recently joined the Committee on Control of Foodborne Illness.

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# EWEN C.D. TODD CONTROL OF FOODBORNE ILLNESS AWARD

## EWEN C.D. TODD

Dr. Ewen C.D. Todd is a consultant for Ewen Todd Consulting in Okemos, Michigan, with more than 50 years' experience in food microbiology. Throughout his 38-year IAFP Membership, he has received the IAFP Fellow Award, the Honorary Life Membership Award, and the Harry Haverland Citation Award.

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# SANITARIAN AWARD



**NATHAN MIRDAMADI**

Joplin, Missouri

The 2025 IAFP Sanitarian Award is presented to Mr. Nathan Mirdamadi. The Sanitarian Award recognizes an IAFP Member for dedicated and exceptional service to the profession of the sanitarian in support of public health and the food industry.

Mr. Mirdamadi currently serves as the Global Director of Sanitation at Kerry, where he leads the strategic direction for food safety and sanitation across nearly 140 manufacturing sites, encompassing a diverse portfolio of products and technologies. With nearly 30 years of leadership experience, his career spans various functions, including sanitation, operations management, and finance. He has also been a strong advocate for better understanding and advancement of dry-cleaning methods.

Before joining Kerry, Mr. Mirdamadi spent 10 years at Commercial Food Sanitation (CFS), where he is most proud of leading the development and supporting the global rollout of the CFS Hygienic Design Training (HDT), including the popular DIY Workshop. His earlier roles include leading the sanitation programs at Heinz North America; serving as a sanitation manager at a Kraft Foods dairy facility; as a business unit manager for Ralcorp; and as a financial analyst for Safeway.

An IAFP Member since 2018, Mr. Mirdamadi is also deeply engaged in industry service and supporting professional development. He has chaired the Food Hygiene and Sanitation PDG; served as President and a board member of the Missouri Environmental Health Association, an IAFP affiliate; and led or supported numerous IAFP workshops focused on sanitation and hygienic design. He is a frequent speaker at industry events and supports several other associations through membership and presentations, including Food Allergy Research and Resource Program, Consumer Bankers Association, American Bankers Association, and European Hygienic Engineering and Design Group.

Bilingual in Spanish, Mr. Mirdamadi holds an M.S. in Food Safety from Michigan State University, an MBA from California State University, and a B.S. in Economics and Finance from Missouri Southern State University.

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# ELMER MARTH EDUCATOR AWARD



**FAITH CRITZER**

Athens, Georgia

Dr. Faith Critzer is the recipient of the 2025 IAFP Elmer Marth Educator Award, which recognizes an IAFP Member for dedicated and exceptional contributions to the profession of education.

Dr. Critzer is a Professor in the Department of Food Science & Technology at the University of Georgia in Athens, joining in 2021 after serving as an Associate Professor and Produce Safety Extension Specialist at Washington State University. While at UGA, Dr. Critzer has particularly enjoyed teaching undergraduate and graduate courses in Food Microbiology, where she takes pride in watching students deepen their understanding and apply key scientific principles.

Dr. Critzer joined IAFP in 2014 and has served on both the *Journal of Food Protection* and *Food Protection Trends* Editorial Boards, the *FPT* Management Committee, and as a member of the Annual Meeting Program Committee. She currently serves as Vice President of the Georgia Association for Food Protection. She received second place in the IAFP Developing Scientist Competition in 2007.

Dr. Critzer's research and educational programs focus on identifying food safety hazards associated with the production and packing of fresh fruits and vegetables, as well as developing and promoting risk mitigation strategies. She is passionate about communicating science-based best practices and research findings to the produce industry. Dr. Critzer earned her Ph.D. in Food Science and Technology from the University of Tennessee in 2008.

## ELMER MARTH

Dr. Elmer Marth was a professor at the University of Wisconsin – Madison for 34 years. Throughout his 52-year IAFP Membership, Dr. Marth received the Harold Barnum Industry Award, the Fellow Award, the Harry Haverland Citation Award, the Honorary Life Membership Award, and the GMA Food Safety Award.

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# HAROLD BARNUM INDUSTRY AWARD



## ANGELA SIEMENS

Bolivar, Missouri

Dr. Angela Siemens is the recipient of the 2025 IAFP Harold Barnum Industry Award, honoring her dedication and exceptional service to IAFP, the public, and the food industry.

Dr. Siemens is currently the Senior Regulatory & Technical Advisor for Olsson Frank Weeda Terman Matz PC (OFW Law) in Bolivar, Missouri. She recently retired from Cargill, Inc., where she led the Protein NA Food Safety Program for 18 years. Her career also includes significant roles at Smithfield Foods and in the Oscar Mayer Foods Division at Kraft Foods.

Dr. Siemens' strength as an applied scientist stems from her technical training, political experience, and industry experience. Her deep understanding across multiple industries has allowed her to devise solutions that enhance public health without compromising business processes. As a champion of the belief that food safety is non-competitive, she has been a prominent speaker at food safety conferences, sharing her insights on a wide range of issues.

Dr. Siemens has advocated for applied food safety research that is driven to answer, "what we don't know yet but will need to know." She pushed for ground turkey *Salmonella* risk assessments, and for increasing *Salmonella* knowledge through the beef and turkey supply chains. Dr. Siemens has assured that funding was available for projects that pursued helping the industry "solve the *Salmonella* problem," as well as securing outcomes adoptable at the "speed of commerce." She has been a valuable resource for researchers, offering industry insights. She has built trust with both industry and regulatory bodies through her expertise and credibility, earning recognition as a leader in regulatory and food safety.

Dr. Siemens joined IAFP in 2014.

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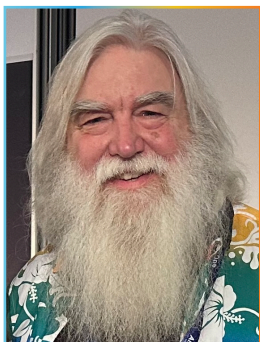
# HAROLD BARNUM INDUSTRY AWARD

## HAROLD BARNUM

Harold Barnum was a Chief Milk Sanitarian for the city and county of Denver, Colorado for more than 20 years before his retirement, at which time he became involved with the development of the Whirl-Pak Bag for NASCO International. Mr. Barnum served as IAFP President in 1953 and received the Honorary Life Membership Award and the Sanitarian Award throughout his longtime Membership.



# JOHN H. SILLIKER LECTURE



## JULIAN COX

Associate Professor – Food Microbiology,  
and Associate Dean – International, Faculty  
of Engineering

UNSW Sydney, NSW, Australia

Dr. Julian Cox is Associate Professor – Food Microbiology, and Associate Dean – International, Faculty of Engineering, at UNSW Sydney, New South Wales, Australia. Though officially semi-retired, Dr. Cox maintains a very active program of activities.

Dr. Cox received his B.Sc. and Ph.D. in Microbiology and Food Microbiology from the University of Queensland. Upon graduation, he spent time in the egg industry before returning to his alma mater as a postdoctoral Fellow researcher of *Salmonella* and eggs.

Dr. Cox then joined The University of South Wales as a researcher before becoming a faculty member and has maintained his affiliation to date. During this time, he served as Associate Dean of Education on the Faculty of Science and as International Associate Dean on the Faculty of Engineering.

While supported by an ongoing research program involving pathogens and poultry and educating within his framework and methods, Dr. Cox's focus shifted increasingly toward teaching success skills and public service. He continues to teach food science and technology as well as education for Ph.D. candidates. He is a regular speaker on food microbiology and food safety at both national and international academic and industry meetings. He undertakes a range of volunteer "passion projects," including as a laboratory auditor for more than 30 years; as an auditor training framework with GFSI; and as Editor-in-Chief of a major reference text, including journal articles, conference papers and abstracts, and book chapters.

Perhaps most notable in Dr. Cox's work is serving as the Scientific Director of the Food Safety Information Council (FSIC), a health promotion charity in Australia that helps reduce the number of people who fall ill from foodborne illnesses. Through this charity, Dr. Cox communicates food safety messages to the public, including regular appearances on radio and television.

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# JOHN H. SILLIKER LECTURE

## **JOHN H. SILLIKER**

Dr. John H. Silliker founded Silliker Laboratories in 1967, now known as Mérieux NutriSciences with more than 75 locations in 18 countries. Throughout his 50-year IAFP Membership, Dr. Silliker received the Harold Barnum Industry Award and the IAFP Honorary Life Membership Award. He passed away in 2015.



# C. B. SHOGREN MEMORIAL AWARD



The Indian Association for Food Protection in North America (IAFPNA) is the recipient of the C. B. Shogren Memorial Award, which is presented to the Affiliate demonstrating exceptional overall achievement in promoting the mission of IAFP. IAFPNA was established in 2013 and brings together professionals of Indian origin across academia, industry, and government to promote food safety and professional development.

IAFPNA actively supports global food protection through workshops, student mentoring, and fostering U.S.-India collaborations. With a strong commitment to IAFP's mission, the Affiliate creates a platform for sharing knowledge and innovation. IAFPNA continues to lead with purpose, building bridges and safeguarding the food supply through education and collaboration.



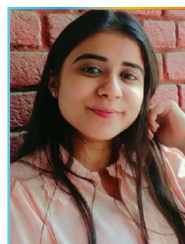
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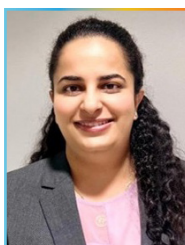
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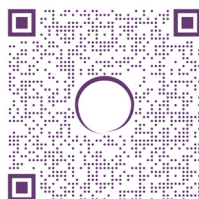


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