

# **Affiliate View**

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# View from the Chair: Food Safety a Priority

Thank you for the honor of serving as the 2015–2016 Affiliate Council Chair!

IAFP 2015 was another huge success, and I'd like to sincerely thank **David Tharp** and the IAFP staff for all the hard work they put into making this event so wonderful! The meeting set another record of 3,269 registered attendees while maintaining the quality of symposia, presentations, and roundtable discussions that everyone expects. If you missed a session, you can view or download it with the specific Registration ID number (required) E-mailed in August.

We also have two upcoming international meetings: **Dubai Interna**- tional Food Safety Conference and Exhibition, October 25–28, Dubai, UAE, and the China International Food Safety and Quality Conference and Exhibition (CIFSQ), November 4–5, in Beijing.

During IAFP 2015, we welcomed two international Affiliates: the Food Safety Consortium (based in Hong Kong) and the Argentine Food Safety Commission, bringing our total to 54 Affiliates! It was great seeing so many Affiliates represented at this year's Affiliate Council Meeting. Part of the meeting was devoted to a discussion on reactivating a "stagnant" Affiliate (see the Minutes on page 13).



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### 54 Affiliates Across the Globe

 Africa Argentina Australia Brazil Canada | Alberta British Columbia Ontario Quebec China Chinese in North America Colombia Hong Kong Hungary Indian in North America Korea Lebanon Mexico New Zealand Portugal Southeast Asia Spain Taiwan Turkey United Arab Emirates United Kingdom
United States | Alabama Arizona Arkansas California/Southern Capital Area Carolinas Connecticut Florida Georgia Idaho Illinois Indiana Iowa Kansas Kentucky Michigan Minnesota Minnesota/Upper Midwest Missouri Nebraska New Jersey New York North Dakota Ohio Pennsylvania South Dakota Texas Washington Wisconsin (Continued from page 1)

Thanks to **Turonda Crumpler**, Southern California Association for Food Protection, for her service this past year as Affiliate Council Chair. I'd also like to welcome **Neil Bogart**, Delegate for the **Alabama Association for Food Protection**, who was elected as the 2015–2016 Affiliate Council Secretary. **IAFP 2016** in St. Louis, MO will be great!

Autumn in Ohio means football season. Unlike most people who look forward to the game itself, my big concern is food safety for the approximately 105,000 spectators inside the Ohio Stadium and the thousands more nearby at temporary and mobile food facilities. According to Wikipedia, Ohio Stadium is the fourth largest non-racing sporting stadium in the world, based on normal capacity attendance (with one in North Korea as the first). While licensing and inspecting these food facilities, my sanitarians also watch for anything that seems amiss or doesn't belong in one of our licensed food facilities so that we can alert The Ohio State University's security area.

It's a big responsibility to keep that many people safe at largescale outdoor events. Of course, as sanitarians, we have our usual concerns: that food comes from approved sources; it's cooked to proper temperatures; it's kept hot or cold at proper temperatures; it's not cross-contaminated by food employees or by environmental sources; food employees who properly wash their hands as needed; and food employees who wear gloves when necessary in compliance with the Ohio Uniform Food Safety Code. Extra concerns include: When was the food delivered? Has it been protected from tampering or was it left in an unsecured area? Can the facility keep that amount of food cold? Is there adequate hot water capacity for the entire event? Do all food employees have proper food safety training? Can the person in charge of the facility effectively manage that many food employees to produce safe products?

Fortunately, training and skill sets allow sanitarians to address more than just food safety to keep the public safe - always our primary concern. They coordinate with OSU Security, training on the Incident Command System, and are outfitted with radios, allowing them to communicate with the many agencies also working at the event (along with our supervisory staff off-site and emergency staff throughout the state). Sanitarians are trained to ask questions and make observations to more quickly recognize a deliberate or unintentional event of public health concern and trace its cause.

I do wish all my staff could attend IAFP's Annual Meetings to take advantage of the educational and networking opportunities. However, the **Ohio Association for Food Protection's**  meetings do provide exposure to world-class speakers and the ability to interact and build relationships with other food safety professionals.

This year, let's make sure that **Susan Smith** receives **all** 54 Annual Reports! Start thinking about applying for awards at the

## "Remember, you can't win if you don't apply (for Affiliate awards)!"

same time. Remember, you can't win if you don't apply! The Affiliate Awards are your chance to be recognized for all the hard work and efforts that your Affiliate invests during the past year. I was very impressed to read about the Affiliate activities this past year – they really are the heart and soul of IAFP! Congratulations to those who received awards this year (*see page 12*).

And please let me know if you have any suggestions to better serve you in the upcoming year.

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## Contributors

#### Georgia Association for Food **Protection: Variety of Food Safety Topics Covered**

Reported by Tori Stivers, Delegate

Georgia Association The 2015 Spring for Food Protection Meeting of the Meeting of the Georgia Association for Food Protection (GAFP) was held May 13 and hosted by the Kroger Company at their Atlanta headquarters. Fortythree attendees heard presentations on a wide range of food safety and

Ynes Ortega, Associate Professor with the University of Georgia (UGA) Center for Food Safety in Griffin, talked about the parasite,

other related topics.

# Affiliates in the Spotlight

Featuring your communications with IAFP

Cyclospora, and our inability to identify triggers for seasonal outbreaks, which are endemic in certain parts of the world. She also discussed the difficulty of isolating Cyclospora in food and water samples, since humans are the only reservoir. Recent outbreaks have occurred from fecal contamination of drinking water and swimming water, raspberries, and strawberries.

The next speaker was **Tom Ford**, Vice President of Food Safety Global Retail Services with Ecolab Kay Chemical Company, who presented on how his company uses 16 years of data collected from 200,000 grocery store audit inspections to predict situations that could potentially lead to foodborne outbreaks, thereby enabling their clients to prevent food safety problems.

A presentation about Norovirus detection, prevention and control in foods was given by Jennifer Cannon,



Speakers at the GAFP Spring Meeting included (from left): Jennifer Cannon, Tom Ford, Ynes Ortega, and Wendy White. (Not pictured: Jack Spruill)

also an Associate Professor at UGA's Center for Food Safety. According to the CDC, 70 percent of Norovirus outbreaks are attributed to foodservice handling. Pomegranate seeds, raspberries, and frozen strawberries have been implicated in recent outbreaks. Dr. Cannon talked about the difficulty in isolating Norovirus and her work on the NoroCORE food virology project (http://norocore.ncsu.edu) to develop faster and more reliable detection methods.

GAFP President Wendy White, Director of Corporate Food Safety & Quality Systems with Golden State Foods, gave an interesting talk about food fraud. She mentioned the huge 2015 recall of cumin resulting from the presence of undeclared peanuts as an example of how financially devastating and widespread food fraud can be. Convoluted supply chains make it difficult to identify the origin of raw or prepared ingredients and, thus facilitate fraudulent mislabeling of food. Companies should be alert to situations that could lead to shortages of ingredients and consider ways to test for and prevent food fraud.

Jack Spruill, Marketing Director with the Georgia Department of Agriculture, spoke about the Georgia Grown program and how successful it has been in raising awareness of locally-produced foods, even though it is funded solely by membership

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fees and corporate donations. Georgia is the largest producer of domestic blueberries, but only 4.5 percent are consumed in-state. Ninety-five percent of our pecans are shipped out of Georgia.

During the business meeting, the following officers were elected:

President: Steven Fuller President Elect: John Szymanski Vice President: Krissa Jones Past President: Wendy White Secretary: Rae Hunter Treasurer: Mark Norton Delegate: Tori Stivers

**Wendy White** was recognized during the meeting for her service as President, and **Ed Giera** was acknowledged for initiating the GAFP website and serving as the webmaster for several years.

GAFP is grateful to our corporate sponsors: Chick-Fil-A; ClorDiSys Solutions; Food Safety Net Services; Gregory Pest Solutions; Golden State Foods; Kroger; Industrial Magnetics; Publix; and Chemstar Corporation.



Incoming President Steven Fuller (center) recognizes retiring GAFP webmaster Ed Giera and outgoing President Wendy White.

#### Florida Association for Food Protection: "Don't Gamble on Food Safety"

Reported by Marjorie Jones, President



The 2015 Annual Education Conference of the Florida Association for Food Protection (FAFP) was held May 28–29 at

the Embassy Suites Hotel in Apopka. The successful meeting included 105 attendees, 14 exhibitors and four student posters. With the theme of "Don't Gamble on Food Safety," the two-day event included 10 speakers presenting



on a variety of topics, including the sanitary transportation of food under FSMA; food allergies; using big data to make better-informed food safety decisions; emerging pest control technologies; updates on the Blue Bell ice cream outbreak and emerging risks associated with foodborne pathogens; the role of the Conference for Food Protection; the burden of foodborne disease; nanotechnology and food safety; and biofilm control and highlysensitive analytical methods and how they affect food safety monitoring.

Our speakers included the following highly regarded, well-known professionals:

Dr. Gary Acuff, IAFP Past President; Dr. Jordan Maeson; Dr. Laura Strawn; Dr. John Szpylka; Dr. Ron Harrison;



Gary Acuff, IAFP Past President, was one of 10 presenters at FAFP's 2015 Annual Education Conference.

Dr. Keith Schneider; David McSwane; Dr. Arie Havelaar; Dr. Ray Matulka; Dr. Dale Grinstead; Stewart Watson; and Susan Turcovski. In addition, four graduate students from the University of Florida displayed posters and presented on their respective graduate research projects.

The Affiliate's social event was held during the evening of the first day. FAFP is well known (actually our reputation precedes us!) for hosting creative and fun networking activities,



and this year's event was a Casino Night, fitting perfectly with our meeting's theme. The meeting room was turned into a casino with professional

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gaming tables and dealers. Game winners collected tickets, which were then entered into a drawing for prizes given away at the conclusion of the evening.



FAFP's conference would not have been such a success without the support of our 14 exhibitors! To encourage interaction between attendees and exhibitors, each attendee received a 'passport' on which each exhibitor attached a sticker indicating that the holder had visited their respective booth. Once the 'passport' was completely filled, participants could enter into a drawing for a *Fitbit* exercise monitor.

FAFP's Annual Conference was a 'winner,' and plans are underway for the 2016 meeting.

## New Zealand Association for Food Protection: Part of the NZIFST Conference

Reported by Sally Hasell, President

The New Zealand Institute of Food Science and Technology (NZIFST) celebrated its 50th anniversary at the NZIFST Conference held June 30–July 2 in Palmerston North, the cradle of food technology in New Zealand. Members of the New Zealand Association for Food

Protection (NZAFP) organized a full-day food safety program during the conference. One highlight was special guest and IAFP President-Elect Linda J. Harris from the University of California – Davis. Linda presented a plenary address to the entire conference delegation on the safety of low-moisture foods and later spoke in a session on the safety of horticultural products. This topic was of particular relevance to the New Zealand food industry due to the recent outbreak of versiniosis, likely linked to vegetables. Speakers in this session also reported on surveys that have been carried out on the microbiological safety of New Zealand produce and discussed regulatory options.

In keeping with the 50th anniversary theme, sessions on food microbiology focused on what has changed over this time in the laboratory and



Linda J. Harris, IAFP President-Elect, was a featured speaker at the NZAFP meeting, held June 30–July 2.

what can be done today. The ability to track and analyze bacterial isolates from human cases and through the food chain is beginning to have a significant impact on food safety control systems. Other interesting points coming out of the presentations were that cheeses with the same name can have guite different physical properties and compositions, meaning that their food safety properties cannot be assumed based on name; reducing Salmonella and *Campylobacter* from poultry flocks can be achieved by very different means; and the need for food safety input to meal preparation and menu design in the giant hotels of today is essential given the enormous scale of these operations.

NZAFP is grateful to IAFP for the support of the Executive Board Speaker Program. We also thank Linda for her availability – both to speak at the conference and to meet after with a food safety group at the Ministry for Primary Industries. Several NZAFP members subsequently attended **IAFP 2015** in Portland, Oregon.

Ohio Association for Food Protection in North America: Summer Meeting and Tour Reported by Christina Wilson, Delegate



### The Ohio Association for Food Protection (OAFP) held its 2015 Summer Meeting and Tour on

July 16 in Huber Heights.

Long-time member and former OAFP Delegate **Gloria Swick-Brown** was recognized as the recipient of the 2015 OAFP Lifetime Achievement Award for her many years of (Continued from page 5)



(Left) Connie Freese, OAFP Past President, congratulates Gloria Swick-Brown, who received the OAFP Lifetime Achievement Award at the Affiliate's 2015 Summer Meeting.

service to the Affiliate (since she was unable to join us at the January meeting).

**Bailey Schultz**, RS, Food Safety Specialist with the Ohio Department of Agriculture, talked about bakeries in the state. **Eric DiCaprio**, post-doctoral researcher with The Ohio State University, presented "Internalization of Human Norovirus in Fresh Produce and Non-Thermal Technologies to Inactivate Human Norovirus." A session delivered by **Matthew Tyler**, RS, Registered Sanitarian II with Dayton & Montgomery County Health Department, was titled "Increasing Knowledge with Food Safety Training at Public Health." This session was



A tour at the Bowman and Lendes Turkeys plant topped off the 2015 OAFP Summer Meeting and Tour for attendees.

based upon the same research as his recently-published article in *Food Protection Trends*.

After lunch, and in preparation of our tour, **Regina Salter**, Compliance Officer with the USDA, provided an insightful presentation, "Meat Inspection," that included some eye-opening videos. This led into the afternoon tour at Bowman and Landes Turkeys. During the tour, the group viewed the turkey processing plant, including the harvesting, cooking, and packaging areas, along with detailed explanations of each area.

#### Chinese Association for Food Protection in North America and China Association for Food Protection: Joint Meeting Held During IAFP 2015

Reported by Ruiqing Pamboukian, CAFPNA President



The joint meeting of the Chinese Association for Food Protection in North America (CAFPNA) and the China Association for

**Food Protection (CAFP)** was held July 26 during **IAFP 2015** in Portland, Oregon. More than 60 members from North America and China attended the meeting, representing academia, industry and government, as well as many students.

Dr. Ruiging Pamboukian, CAFPNA President, and Dr. Xiumei Liu, CAFP President, welcomed the attendees before the featured presentation, "The Progress of China Food Safety Law and Food Safety Standards," was given by Dr. Liu. She summarized the progress that China has made in food safety during the recent years. Although the situation of food safety is improving, we still face many challenges in different areas. For example, food producers still need to be trained for their responsibilities. Government has strengthened risk monitoring, but the supervision system continues to need risk-based improvement. Other areas needing to be strengthened include food safety risk communication and public education.

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More than 60 attendees took part in the joint meeting of the Chinese Association for Food Protection in North America and the China Association for Food Protection during **IAFP 2015** in Portland, Oregon.

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**David Tharp**, IAFP Executive Director, provided brief remarks on behalf of the Association. He informed members about the global growth of IAFP and stated that he appreciated what the two Affiliates have accomplished during the past year. He encouraged each member to continue to make progress towards professional development by joining IAFP's programs, especially China's food safety program.

Dr. Pamboukian congratulated the growth of our affiliation with a current count of 198 members and thanked all board members and members for their support throughout the year. She reported on CAFPNA activities that were carried out during the past year, including the successful educational webinars organized and offered to CAFPNA and the facilitation roles to organize and host the China International Food Safety & Quality Conference & Expo (CIFSQ) in 2014. Mentor-Mentee and Student Committee Chairs Zengxin Li and Yue Cui reported on the activities and success stories of the Mentor-Mentee Program that provides insight and guidance on career planning/ development, builds connections, and strengthens professional relationships by sharing best practices and experiences between professionals and students. Since its implementation, the program has received positive feedback; however, participation is relatively low. We hope more members will participate in this program in the future so other students and members who need career planning/development advice

can benefit while best practices are shared among members. Advice and assistance for students' career development was also discussed among the members.

**Dr. Xianming Shi**, CAFP Vice President, addressed the activities he participated in during the past year, as well as the upcoming events. Dr. Shi is one of the government-appointed food safety experts, having visited several countries to learn food safety management systems. He has also addressed the demand from students in China for more information about studying abroad and establishing mentor-mentee relationships with food safety professionals in the U.S.

Election of new officers for the Chinese Association for Food Protection in North America took place following the meeting discussion and include:

President: Zachary (Zuoxing) Zheng President Elect: Xiuping Jiang Secretary: Luxin Wang Treasurer: Wen Zou Delegate: Ruiqing Pamboukian

Incoming President Zheng then led an active discussion among audience members regarding plans for 2016 activities, including continuing to improve the Affiliate website, using webinars as a tool to connect with members while providing educational opportunities, and working closely with CAFP to improve communication and enhance collaboration between the two Affiliates.

The meeting concluded with warm hugs and a "See you next year!" Both Affiliates look forward to a productive year going forward.

## **News Briefs**

Southeast Asia Association for Food Protection: Second Annual Meeting Held During IAFP 2015 Reported by Hyun-Gyun Yuk, President

The Southeast Asia Association for Food Protection (SEA AFP) held its second Annual Meeting during IAFP 2015 on July 27 in Portland, Oregon, with 20 members in attendance.

After a brief discussion about communication tools within the Affiliate, including an SEA AFP LinkedIn group, information was shared regarding the inaugural **Asia-Pacific Symposium on Food Safety** (*held August 21, 2015*).



The Southeast Asia Association for Food Protection's Annual Meeting was held during **IAFP 2015**.

The Affiliate is also planning to help organize the **4th Asia Pacific International Food Safety Conference**, taking the baton from the **Taiwan Association for Food Protection**, which organized the last conference. This key conference is scheduled for September 9–12, 2016 in Penang, Malaysia and is co-organized with IAFP and ILSI Southeast Asia. (Continued from page 7)



Members of the Korea Association of Food Protection met during IAFP 2015.



Jeremy Chenu, AAFP President (center) is pictured with the 7th Food Safety Symposium speakers (from left) Hari Prakash Dwivedi, Tom Lewis, Julian Cox, Linda J. Harris, and Laura Strawn.

#### Korea Association of Food Protection in North America: 52 Attendees during IAFP 2015 Reported by Kunho Seo, Delegate

The Annual Meeting of the Korea Association of Food Protection (KAFP) took place July 27 during IAFP 2015 at the Oregon Convention Center in Portland. Most of the 52 attendees represented universities, government, research and industry as experts in worldwide food safety, bringing together a wealth of knowledge based on their experiences and expertise.

The **Korean Affiliate Symposium**, scheduled for October 23, 2015 in Seoul, was discussed. Strategic plans for increasing KAFP membership were also brainstormed.

Following the meeting, a Korean dinner was enjoyed by the group at a Thai restaurant in Portland and sponsored by 3M in Korea.

## Australian Association for Food Protection: Annual Meeting and Election of Officers

Reported by Jeremy Chenu, President

In conjunction with bioMérieux, the Australian Association for Food Protection (AAFP) held its 7th Food Safety Symposium, on 13 August 2015. With the theme of "Food Safety – Out of This World!," the symposium was held during the Australian Institute of Food Science and Technology's 48th Annual Convention and the 15th Australian Food Microbiology Conference at Luna Park in Sydney.

Expertly chaired by **Dr. Julian Cox** from the University of South Wales, the session focused on extraordinary challenges and innovations in food safety and featured presentations from three international speakers: **Dr. Linda J. Harris**, University of California – Davis (courtesy of IAFP's Executive Board Speaker Program); **Dr. Laura Strawn**, Virginia Tech; and **Dr. Hari Prakash Dwivedi**, bioMérieux. Also included in the program were two local experts: **Dr. Tom Lewis**, RDS Partners; and **Ms. Robin Sherlock**, DTS FACTA.

Following the meeting, AAFP conducted its Business Meeting, with the following officers elected to serve on the Executive Board for 2015–2016:

President: Jeremy Chenu Past President: Edward Jansson Secretary: Duncan Craig Delegate: Sandy Hume



Members of the Africa Association for Food Protection met during **IAFP 2015**.

**NOTE:** Although the information below indicates a target completion date of June 30, 2015, additional donations or memorials will continue to be accepted through the listed methods.



## The family of Dr. Lloyd O. Luedecke would like to increase scholarship opportunities for current and future students by increasing the endowment for the Washington Association for Food Protection/L.O. Luedecke Scholarship, recently named in his honor.

#### GOAL

Add \$20,000 to the endowment by June 30, 2015, which will provide \$800 new scholarship money annually forever – *more equals more!* The endowment has been awarding \$1,600 annually in recent history.

The family pledges to match the contributions of organizations, companies, friends and former students on a 1:1 basis for the next \$10,000 donated to the WAFFP/L.O. Luedecke Endowed Scholarship.

#### Getting there: ACT TODAY!

Please give online at https://secure.wsu.edu/give/default.aspx?fund=696 OR send a check, made payable to WSU, to: Office of Alumni and Friends, College of Agricultural, Human, and Natural Resource Sciences, Washington State University, P.O. Box 646228, Pullman, WA 99164-6228. Please note on the memo line that the donation is for the WAFFP/Luedecke Endowed Scholarship (account 7222-8255).

#### BACKGROUND

The Washington Association for Food Protection (WAFFP) is a non-profit organization dedicated to promoting food safety through education, technology and collaboration. Originally known as the Washington Milk Sanitarians, the organization became an Affiliate of what is now known as the International Association for Food Protection (IAFP) in 1951. WAFFP has been supporting students majoring in food science through the distribution of scholarships since 1982.

Dr. Lloyd O. Luedecke was an active member of WAFFP for nearly 50 years. He joined the Washington Milk Sanitarians in 1962, the same year he became a faculty member at Washington State University. Dr. Luedecke was honored many times during his career with excellence awards in teaching and advising. His students and advisees genuinely loved him and trusted that he wanted only what was best for them. During his years as a member of the Milk Sanitarians (which became the Washington Milk, Food & Environmental Association, eventually becoming WAFFP), Dr. Luedecke held many positions of leadership.

In 1999, Dr. Luedecke was recognized by WAFFP with induction into the "WAFFP Hall of Fame" for his life-long achievements in food safety. He was also recognized by IAFP with the Fellow Award in 2000 and with the Honorary Life Membership Award in 2003.

Dr. Luedecke was instrumental in the establishment of the endowed scholarship that has benefited dozens of students in the field of food science. Through his encouragement, guidance and dedication to educating our future food scientists, many of his students have become leaders within the food industry. Upon his death on June 4, 2014, the scholarship was renamed to honor Dr. Luedecke's memory as a trusted friend, educator, mentor, and beloved colleague.

# Affiliate Chronicles: IAFP 2015

## Affiliate Council Welcomes 2015–2016 Secretary Neil Bogart



Neil Bogart was elected by acclamation of the IAFP Affiliate Council as Secre-2016 term on July 25. Neil's

at the close of IAFP 2015. He will succeed Christina Wilson as Chairperson for the 2016–2017 term.

Neil is the Quality Systems Manag- two years. In 2002, he returned er with Red Diamond, Inc., in Alabaster, Alabama, which offers beverage and foodservice products. University. He is a certified chef and food scientist, graduating from culinary school in 1996.

Prior to becoming a food safety consultant, Neil spent 12 years in the restaurant and cleaning chemical industry. During that time, he worked as a sous chef in numerous the company to SQF Level 2 tary for the 2015- restaurants, including the Ritz Carlton – Naples, and as Executive his third year. Chef for the Seafood and Steak term commenced House before owning Chef Neil's Home Gourmet and Catering.

> After selling his business, Neil joined Ecolab Kay Chemical for to college for his degree in Food Safety from Mississippi State

Upon graduation, Neil worked for Randolph Associates, Inc. as a Food Safety Consultant for five

years. In 2011, he joined Red Diamond, Inc. in the newly-created position of Quality Systems Manager. Within his first year, Neil took Certified and to Level 3 during

Neil joined both IAFP and the Alabama Association for Food Protection (AAFP) in 2006. He was elected to the AAFP Executive Board in 2013 and currently serves as their Delegate and Vice President.

For fun, Neil enjoys running obstacle course races (OCRs) and participating in mud runs, such as the Warrior Dashes.

Welcome, Neil!

## Two Affiliates Receive Charters at IAFP 2015

Congratulations to IAFP's two newest Affiliates, who officially received their Charters during the IAFP 2015 Opening Session on July 25 in Portland, Oregon. We welcome the Food Safety Consortium, based in Hong Kong (approved in June 2015), and the Argentine Food Safety Commission (approved in July 2015). The two additions bring our total to 54 IAFP Affiliates located worldwide.



Two Affiliate Charters were presented at the Opening Session during IAFP 2015 in Portland, Oregon.

Left: Don Zink, IAFP President, presents Terence Lau, President of the Food Safety Consortium (based in Hong Kong), with its official Charter.

Right: Don Zink presents the Charter for the Argentine Food Safety Commission to Gabriela Stancanelli, Affiliate Delegate (center) and Fabiana Guglielmone, Affiliate President.



# Foundation Benefits from Affiliate Donation

The IAFP Foundation depends on generous donations through the annual Silent Auction and direct monetary gifts to fund ongoing programs toward food safety education and resources worldwide. This year's Affiliate cash contribution was donated by the Florida Association for Food Protection (FAFP). And once again, its much anticipated skit at the Annual Business Meeting provided a political farce when several presidential 'candidates,' including "Hillary," "Chris," "Ted," "Jeb," "Rand," and none other than "The Donald" - complete with bad comb-over - suddenly appeared from the audience and took part in a "debacle of a debate" in front of the lectern of IAFP President Don Zink. The group then presented the Foundation with its generous donation of \$1,300 before "The Donald" relinquished his hairpiece to the true Donald (Zink), who was challenged to pose in it for photos with Members after the meeting's conclusion. Each \$5 donation required five minutes of "wig wear," resulting in an additional \$300+ in donations over the next hour.

Thanks once more, FAFP, for your monetary contribution to the Foundation and for providing a comedic 'hair-raising' break in official business!

You'll find dozens of photos from **IAFP 2015** at: https://www.flickr.com/photos/iafp/albums



The Florida Association for Food Protection took advantage of the plethora of political candidates running for U.S. President during their skit at the **IAFP 2015** Annual Business Meeting. Several 'candidates' made their intentions known, including "The Donald," who challenged IAFP President Don Zink to wear his hairpiece during photo opportunities for \$5 each. All funds went to the IAFP Foundation.

## 2015 Affiliate Award Recipients

IAFP annually presents five awards to Affiliates based upon efforts and achievements recorded in their Annual Reports. The **IAFP 2015** Affiliate Award Recipients shown below were honored in Portland, Oregon. Deadline for submitting your calendar year 2015 Affiliate Annual Report is **February 11, 2016**.



C.B. Shogren Memorial New York State Association for Food Protection (From left) Amy Rhodes, Steve Murphy, and Turonda Crumpler



Affiliate Member Education Taiwan Association for Food Protection Turonda Crumpler and Lee-Yan Sheen



Affiliate Communication Materials New York State Association for Food Protection Turonda Crumpler and John Bartell



Best Affiliate Overall Meeting Arkansas Association for Food Protection Turonda Crumpler and Nancy Gushing

Affiliate Membership Achievement North Dakota Environmental Health Association (no representatives in attendance)

#### 2015 Affiliate Council Meeting Minutes

The Affiliate Council met on July 25 at **IAFP 2015** in Portland, OR. Following are the official minutes as published in the November-December issue of Food Protection Trends.

#### Affiliate Delegates Present:

North America

Alabama Neil Bogart Alberta Lynn McMullen Arkansas Nancy Gushing Capital Area Jenny Scott Carolinas Linda Leake Chinese-NA Li Ma Florida Peter Hibbard Georgia Tori Stivers Indian in NA Harshavardhan Thippareddi Julie Sundgaard Minnesota Iames O'Donnell Missouri New Jersev Virginia Wheatley New York Steve Murphy Christina Wilson Ohio Janice Bowermaster Pennsylvania Quebec Julie Jean So. California Turonda Crumpler Texas Alex Castillo Upper Midwest Tom Berry Wisconsin Michael Schoenherr

International Argentina Fabiana Guglielmone Australia Sandy Hume Brazil Mariza Landgraf China Xiumei Liu Janeth Luna Colombia Hong Kong Terence Lau Korea Kunho Seo New Zealand Roger Cook Taiwan Lee-Yan Sheen United Arab Emirates Bobby Krishna United Kingdom David Lloyd

#### IAFP Board/Staff Members Present:

Don Zink, Tim Jackson, Don Schaffner, David Tharp, Lisa Hovey and Susan Smith.

#### **Representatives/Visitors/Guests Present:**

Charles Muyanja (Africa); Peter Kennedy (Africa); Siobhan Egan (Africa); Deana Rolheiser (Alberta); Elena Enaches (Capital Area); John Allan (Capital Area); Xianming Shi (China); Zhinong Yan (China); P.C. Vasavada (Indian in NA); Dave Blomquist (Minnesota); John Bartell (New York); Roy Biggs (New Zealand); Sally Hasell (New Zealand); Gloria Swick-Brown (Ohio); Gene Fry (Pennsylvania); Hyun-Guyn Yuk (Southeast Asia); Alvin Lee (Southeast Asia); Keng Ngee Teoh (Southeast Asia); Chia-Yang Chen (Taiwan); Meitha AlThani (United Arab Emirates); T.J. Fu (Chinese in North America); Stephanie Olmsted (Washington); Isaac Rukundo (Africa); Helen Taylor (United Kingdom); Luz Maria Alzate (Colombia); Keng Ngee Teoh (Southeast Asia); Gabriela Lordache (Alberta)

#### **Recording Secretary of Minutes:** Christina Ritchey Wilson

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 7:05 a.m., Saturday, July 25, 2015 by Turonda S. Crumpler, Chairperson.

The agenda was reviewed and unanimously approved.

**Delegate Roll Call:** Conducted at 7:06 a.m. by Susan Smith.

**Review of Minutes 2014**: Tori Stivers moved that the Minutes as published in *FPT* from the 2014 Affiliate Council be approved, Tom Berry seconded the motion, and the motion was approved.

#### Report from Affiliate Chairperson:

Turonda Crumpler provided the following updates:

There were two new affiliates during the past year: Food Safety Consortium (based in Hong Kong); and the Argentine Food Safety Commission. The Wyoming Affiliate unfortunately has relinquished their status with IAFP.

We now have 54 affiliates. More groups are currently in process to become Affiliates. Affiliates with milestone anniversaries were recognized: Ohio: 35 years Colombia: 40 years Ontario: 57 years Indiana: 65 years Pennsylvania: 75 Years

**Report from IAFP President:** Don Zink updated the Affiliate Council Meeting attendees with the status of IAFP.

#### Report from IAFP Executive Director:

David Tharp welcomed the Delegates to Portland and IAFP 2015. There have been additions to website, including postings of JFP (back to 1967), and FPT (back to the beginning in 1981) articles with Foundation support for online member access. Financially, IAFP is in very good shape.

Report from IAFP Staff Liaison: Susan Smith reported the following: IAFP had 42 of 53 (79%) active Affiliates file an Annual Report, down 8% from 2014. All Affiliates need to comply with IAFP Bylaws by submitting an Annual Report. Additionally, all Affiliates are encouraged to submit for awards. Submissions were down this year, but you can't win if you don't apply. Submit bound copies for awards. Delegates and Presidents are required to be IAFP members to meet compliance. Affiliates need to keep their websites up-to-date -Susan relies on them. Affiliates should take advantage of the IAFP Board Speaker Program. Turn in summaries to Susan for Affiliate View - no matter how brief.

**Roundtable Discussion:** Twenty-two minutes were devoted to roundtable discussions. The suggested topic was how to reactivate a "stagnant" Affiliate. One person from each table briefly relayed their group's discussion to the entire group as summarized below:

#### Roy Biggs:

Problem was antipathy. Possible solutions include: use of social media; free membership for the rest of the year for students; and identifying and satisfying training needs

#### Stephanie Olmsted:

Problems include: inactivity of members; shrinking membership; younger generation not interested in volunteering beyond work time. Possible solutions include: asking regional grocery chains, restaurant chains, etc. to get involved; asking members to invite someone; offering discounts to new members and students; invited guests by members could receive a dues discount; tagging along with another organization (like Washington Affiliate does with ILSI). The same people always do everything at

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the Affiliate – if affordable, hire a meeting planner; and partner with FDA for regional meetings.

#### Tori Stivers:

Florida successfully holds 2-3 short lunch meetings/year with 2-3 speakers for \$10– \$12 and offers CEU credits; cater meeting topics to membership – train regulators (standardization training); vary board composition like IAFP does (between education, industry, regulatory); offer student scholarships; create a mentor/mentee committee.

#### Nancy Gushing:

Challenges include: trying to find members. Possible solutions include: poster competitions for students; t-shirt competition for students; use LinkedIn; cold calls to local/state/area businesses/industry to ask what their needs are; print "Save the Date" cards and ask vendors to help distribute prior; recruiting new officers; ask vendors to post on their websites that they are attending the Affiliate meeting; get industry to bring in speakers of interest; hold (and promote) lunch & learn sessions sponsored/supported by vendors; get vendors to come in and offer lunch to a few people (let vendor invite some of them, so they can showcase their product); hold co-meetings

with like-minded groups (i.e., ASM); invite food science students to help create a Tshirt contest for students; make 'cold calls' to local/state/area businesses/industry to ask about their needs.

#### Lynn McMullen:

All Affiliates are struggling at this table – could there be some incentive from IAFP to new members, such as a complimentary *JFP* subscription or a discount? Could an Affiliate hold a subscription to *JFP* to allow Affiliate members access as an incentive to joining the Affiliate?

#### Michael Schoenherr:

How can IAFP help more? Can IAFP build a template website? It is hard to find finances and resources to build and/or manage a website. Could IAFP partner with state and local government?

#### Sioban Egan:

Challenges include: lack of organization; lack of commitment; technological/ logistical issues; members are located around the world; communication options are limited; differing time zones. New Affiliates have little to discuss initially. Affiliates need to find champions for their organization. Who can attend IAFP Annual Meetings and can finances be partially covered? 80% of work is done by 20% of the people – need to recognize the 20% and work to support them. Need driving forces/innovation; better early planning and organization; use successful Affiliates as models.

#### Lynne Fruhner:

Challenges include: competing with corporate conferences while keeping costs down; social media more negative on profession. Possible solutions: UAE Affiliate all online due to its size (over 1,000 members); use Facebook; hold smaller workshops; webinars; student engagement on board.

#### **Election of Affiliate Council Secretary:**

Turonda announced that there was one candidate willing to stand for election, and asked if there were any nominations from the floor. With no additional nominations, she introduced Neil Bogart from the Alabama Affiliate, who provided a brief summary of his professional experiences and accomplishments. Nominations were closed and Lynne Fruhner moved to elect Neil Bogart as 2015–2016 Affiliate Council Secretary. James O'Donnell seconded the motion, which passed by acclamation.

#### Presentation of the Affiliate Awards:

Turonda highlighted the achievements of the award winners and presented the 2015

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IAFP Affiliate Council Meeting, July 25, 2015.

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Affiliate Awards to the following:

Affiliate Membership Achievement: North Dakota Environmental Health Association

**Affiliate Communication Materials**: New York State Association for Food Protection

**Affiliate Member Education**: *Taiwan Association for Food Protection* 

**Best Affiliate Overall Meeting**: Arkansas Association for Food Protection

New York State Association for Food Protection received the C.B. Shogren Memorial Award, which will be presented at the Awards Banquet on July 28, 2015.

#### Old Business: None.

**New Business:** Turonda acknowledged the following:

- Long-time IAFP Member and Ontario Affiliate Officer Clive Kingsbury unexpectedly passed away in late 2014.
- The Washington Affiliate is collecting funds for a scholarship in memory of Lloyd Luedecke. More information will be included in the *Affiliate View* on how to donate.

Affiliate Reports: Delegates/Representatives gave two minute oral summaries of their respective Affiliate activities for the 2014 year. Reports included challenges, successes, and summaries of meetings and membership.

**Final Comments:** Turonda gave thanks to all the Affiliates for a challenging but rewarding year.

#### **Recommendations to the Executive Board:**

 Since funds and/or technical resources are often unavailable for some Affiliates, the Affiliate Council asks that the Board consider providing funding/resources to develop a website "template" for Affiliates to help them develop their own or











improve upon their existing website, respectively.

- Could certain Affiliates hold a subscription to *JFP* to allow their respective Affiliate members access as an incentive to joining the Affiliate (since print availability is becoming less and less through libraries, etc.)?
- To help "reactivate" a stagnant Affiliate, can IAFP offer an incentive to new Affiliate members, such as complimentary *JFP* subscription or a Membership discount?

**Passing of Gavel:** Chairperson Turonda Crumpler passed the gavel to Christina Wilson, signifying the beginning of Christina's term as Affiliate Council Chair.

Meeting Adjourned: 9:49 a.m.

Chairperson: Turonda S. Crumpler





## **IAFP Headlines**

## **Upcoming Deadlines**

## Annual Reports

The deadline has now been established for submitting your IAFP Affiliate Annual Report for 2015 activities. **Affiliate Annual Reports are due Thursday, February 11, 2016.** Affiliate officers will be E-mailed the updated Annual Report forms later in October, as well as periodic reminders to submit your respective Affiliate Annual Report, as required by IAFP Bylaws. We will accept online submissions; however, if you wish to apply for one or more of the five Affiliate Awards, please submit your Annual Report **by mail**, providing the required four copies.

For Affiliates that have active websites, please take time to update them to reflect current activities and news. IAFP relies on Affiliate websites to be current for accuracy in reporting recent and upcoming events and other information. For Affiliates applying for one or more awards in 2016 (based on their 2015 Annual Report), updated websites (if applicable) will be taken into the overall review consideration as part of the decision-making process.

Also, before submitting your Annual Report, please verify IAFP Membership of your Affiliate President and Delegate. Both positions are **required** to be IAFP Members during term(s) of service.

## IAFP 2016 Awards

The deadline is **Tuesday**, **February 23**, **2016** for **IAFP 2016** Award nominations and the Travel Award and Student Travel Scholarship applications. Award and scholarship recipients will be honored at **IAFP 2016** in St. Louis, Missouri next July. Updated award and scholarship criteria and instructions to nominate/ apply are now available on our website. Please take time to read all instructions carefully to avoid errors. Contact Susan Smith in the IAFP office with questions.

## **International Meetings**

IAFP continues to be a world leader in food safety through our support of and participation in many international conferences. We were pleased to take part in the **INOFOOD Summit**, October 5–6 in Santiago, Chile. Held every two years, this conference is a forum for high-level discussion in Latin America of the most significant issues related to safety, quality and technology in the food sector.

Upcoming 2015 conferences taking place soon include the **Tenth Dubai International Food Safety Conference and Exhibition** and **IAFP's Third Middle East Symposium on Food Safety**. This conference,



scheduled for 25–28 October 2015 in Dubai, United Arab Emirates, is organized by the Food Control Department of Dubai Municipality and is supported by IAFP. More than 200 presenters from around the world will share the latest in food safety information with an expected attendance of more than 1,700 delegates.

The second key conference is the Ninth China International Food Safety & Quality (CIFSQ) Conference + Expo in Beijing, November 4–5, 2015.



This important top-level event brings together food safety professionals across China and from around the globe for two intensive

days of learning and networking.

Also, plan to attend **IAFP's European Symposium on Food Safety**, scheduled for 11–13 May 2016 in Athens, Greece. Since 2005, IAFP's European



Symposium has been shaping the future of food safety by providing a forum for the exchange of

ideas with colleagues from across Europe working in industry, government and academia. The Symposium is an excellent forum to gain knowledge about the latest developments and techniques in food science and safety. Information for all conferences can be found on our website at **www.foodprotection.org.** 

## **Updated Website**

If you haven't already, check out IAFP's updated website! Our fresh design is inviting for users, and information is now easier to locate. Plus, the website can now be conveniently accessed from any mobile device, allowing users to view us from anywhere!



# Affiliate Calendar

Let IAFP help advertise your meetings on our website and in our publications. Submit your event details directly to our online calendar, or E-mail to ssmith@foodprotection.org.

## Affiliates in Action Third Quarter 2015

#### July

- Africa Association for Food Protection
- China Association for Food Protection and Chinese Association for Food Protection in North America (combined)
- Indian Association for Food Protection in North America
- Korea Association of Food Protection
- Southeast Asia Association for Food Protection

#### August

 Australian Association for Food Protection

#### September

- Brazil Association for Food Protection
- Arkansas Association for Food Protection
- Indiana Environmental Health Association
- Upper Midwest Dairy Industry Association
- New York State Association for Food Protection
- Washington Association for Food Protection
- Georgia Association for Food Protection
- Quebec Food Protection Association
- Kansas Environmental Health Association

#### October 2015

**6–7:** *Iowa Association for Food Protection*, 2015 Annual Meeting, Ames, IA. Contact Lynne Melchert at lynne.melchert@swissvalley.com.

8: New Jersey Association for Food Protection, 2015 Fall Seminar, New Brunswick, NJ. Contact Carol Schwar at info@njfoodprotection.org.

**14–15:** Associated Illinois Milk, Food and Environmental Sanitarians, 2015 Annual Meeting, Champaign, IL. Visit http://www.aimfes.org.

**15–16:** *Mexico Association for Food Protection,* 2015 Annual Meeting, Pueblo, Mexico. Contact Santos Garcia at santos@microbiosymas.com.

**20–22:** North Dakota Environmental Health Association, 2015 Annual Meeting, Jamestown, ND. Visit http://www.ndeha.org/.

**27:** *Minnesota Food Protection Association*, 2015 Annual Meeting, Plymouth, MN. Contact Julie Sundgaard at julie.sundgaard@romerlabs.com.

#### November 2015

**4:** Wisconsin Association for Food Protection, 2015 Workshop and Conference, Madison, WI. Visit http://wifoodprotection.org.

**5:** Ontario Food Protection Association, 57th Annual Meeting General Meeting & Symposium, Mississauga, Ontario. Visit http://www.ofpa.on.ca.

**18–19:** Alabama Association for Food Protection, 2015 Annual Meeting, Montgomery, AL. Contact G.M. Gallaspy at ggallaspy@adph.state.al.us.

**18–19:** Hungarian Association for Food Protection, 2015 Annual Meeting, Budapest, Hungary. Contact Csilla Mohacsi-Farkas at csilla.farkas@uni-corvinus.hu.

To be featured in the next issue of *Affiliate View*, send your news and photos by **December 4** to Susan Smith at ssmith@foodprotection.org.

# IAFP Support for Affiliate Meetings

Whether to complement the mission and promotional materials of your Affiliate, or to show your relationship with the International Association for Food Protection, we offer the following supplies for use or distribution at your meetings:

- IAFP table top display. This attractive table top exhibit display shows attendees that you are affiliated with IAFP.
  - IAFP 2015–2016 Presentation. A PowerPoint slide show with a suggested 15minute script. This is the same presentation used by members of the IAFP Executive Board when invited to speak at Affiliate meetings.
- Promotional materials box. Contents include a complimentary IAFP Membership certificate and brochures, current issues of FPT and JFP, and IAFP Annual Meeting flyers. Additional complimentary resources are available upon your request.

To request these items for your next meeting, call or E-mail Susan Smith at the IAFP Office.



# IAFP Executive Board Speaker Program

for Affiliates

#### Alejandro Mazzotta, Ph.D., Chobani, LLC President

- Food Safety Management Systems
- Microbial Food Safety and Thermal Processing
- Process Validation Training Programs



### Linda J. Harris, Ph.D., University of California – Davis *President–Elect*

- Treenuts: Food Safety Risks and Intervention Strategies
- Low-Moisture Foods: Food Safety Challenges and Opportunities
- Microbial Food Safety and Culinary Herbs



## Mickey Parish, Ph.D., U.S. Food & Drug Administration - CFSAN/OFS *Vice President*

- Science and Policy in Government
- Microbiology of Juices and Beverages
- Salmonella and Spices



## Tim Jackson, Ph.D., Nestle, USA Secretary

- Food Safety Management
- Food Microbiology
- Regulatory Food Safety



## Don Zink, Ph.D., U.S. Food & Drug Administration - CFSAN *Past President*

- Microbial Food Safety
- Preventive Controls in Food Poisoning
- Food Safety Research Strategy and Future Needs



## Christina Ritchey Wilson, J.D., Columbus Public Health Affiliate Council Chair

- Using Data to Effectively Manage Performance
- Compliance and Enforcement
- Sanitarians and the Law



# Neil Bogart, Red Diamond, Inc. *Affiliate Council Secretary*

- Food Safety Management System Development
- Sensory Analysis
- Big Data What Do I Do With All of It?

## How It Works

- IAFP Board Members are available to speak at Affiliate meetings on numerous topics involving food safety.
- 2. Each Affiliate may request one Executive Board speaker for one Affiliate meeting within a 12-month calendar year.
- A minimum of 15 minutes should be allowed for the Board Member to deliver information about the International Association for Food Protection in addition to their main subject(s) (see #1).
- 4. IAFP will pay the Board Member's expense to travel to the Affiliate meeting location.
- 5. The Affiliate covers local expenses, including meals, lodging, and local transportation for the Board Member.
- The Board Member makes their own travel reservations and will submit an expense report to the IAFP office within 10 days of completion of their travel to the Affiliate meeting. Any local expense (see #5) will be billed to the Affiliate.
- 7. A two-month advance notice is required.
- To invite a Board Member to speak at your Affiliate meeting, contact Susan Smith, IAFP Affiliate Services, at +1 800.369.6337 or +1 515.276.3344; or E-mail ssmith@foodprotection.org.

## IAFP Speaker Program (expanded)

#### **Gary Acuff,** Ph.D. Texas A&M Center for Food Safety

- Addressing Risk Using Performance Objectives
- Proper Use of Pathogen Surrogates in Process Intervention Validation
- What is Really Achievable in Pathogen Reduction for Beef?



#### **Michael Brodsky,** Ph.D. Brodsky Consultants

- Managing Food Safety and Security in the 21st Century
- Emerging Issues in Food Safety
- The Fallacious Fecal Coliform or What is a Fecal Coliform Anyway?



#### Jim Dickson, Ph.D. Iowa State University

- Foodborne Pathogens In Meat: Progress and Challenges
- Interventions to Control Foodborne Pathogens in Meat
- ♦ Food Safety Issues with Pet Food
- Process Validation for Food Safety

## **Jeff Farber,** Ph.D. University of Guelph

- Overview of Raw Milk Cheese Issues in Canada
- Risk Assessment and Risk Management of Foodborne Listeriosis in Canada
- A Dummy's Guide to Free Online Predictive Modelling Tools
- Emerging Foodborne Pathogens



Kathy Glass, Ph.D. University of Wisconsin – Madison

- Opportunities and Limitations of Clean Label Antimicrobials
- Strategies to Maintain Microbial Food Safety in Reduced-sodium Foods
- Intervention Strategies to Control Listeria monocytogenes in Ready-to-Eat Foods



- Environmental Assessment (Root Cause Analysis) in Foodborne Outbreak Investigations
- Traceback in Foodborne Illness Investigations
- Integrating the Food System: Tools to Get Us There



## Gale Prince SAGE Food Safety, LLC

- So You Chose Food Safety as a Career Choice
- Food Safety Culture Drives Excellence
- Food Safety Modernization Act (FSMA)



#### **Don Schaffner,** Ph.D. Rutgers University

- Understanding and Managing Food Safety Risks
- Quantitative Microbial Risk Assessment of Foods
- Development and Application of Predictive Models for Food Microbiology



#### Katie Swanson, Ph.D. KMJ Swanson Food Safety, Inc.

- Useful Microbiological Testing for Food Safety Management
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