

AFFILIATE VIEW

To provide food safety professionals worldwide with a forum to exchange information on protecting the food supply

VIEW FROM THE CHAIR:

Reflections from IAFP 2026



I am proud to be serving as the Affiliate Council Chairperson. Attending IAFP 2026 in New Orleans, Louisiana, was both a professional and personal highlight!

It had been nearly 20 years since my last visit to New Orleans. I believe my previous trip was around the time Hurricane Katrina devastated the city. Returning after so many years was remarkable. It was wonderful to see the city's resilience and growth, and, of course, the food remains as delicious as ever. This year, I was able to bring my son, niece, and sister along, and they thoroughly enjoyed the experience. The ferry ride and swamp tours were among their favorite activities. It was truly great to be back in such a vibrant city!

Sunday's Affiliate Council Meeting brought together delegates from 24 Affiliates representing food protection organizations across the U.S. and around the world, along

with IAFP Executive Board Members, staff, and numerous guests. It was so good to reconnect with colleagues and friends during the Annual Meeting and to witness the continued growth and engagement of our global food safety community.

During my term as Secretary, I had the unique opportunity to observe the many efforts that take place behind the scenes to support the Affiliate Council activities and prepare for the Annual Meeting. Early in 2026, I also had the opportunity to lead a portion of the year's first Affiliate Council Virtual Meeting, filling in for Helen Taylor, Affiliate Council Chair. That experience provided valuable insight into the leadership and collaboration required to keep our Affiliates connected and engaged.

One of the accomplishments I particularly enjoyed was working with fellow leaders to clarify the Affiliate award application processes, as well as engaging with students involved in IAFP's Student Professional

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AFFILIATES ACROSS THE GLOBE

African Continental	Southeast Asia
Argentina	Spain
Australia	Taiwan
Brazil	Turkey
Canada	United Arab Emirates
Alberta British Columbia	United Kingdom
Ontario Quebec	United States
Bangladesh in North America	Arizona Arkansas
Chile	California
China	Capital Area Carolinas
Chinese in North America	Colorado Connecticut
Colombia	Florida Georgia
Hong Kong	Idaho Illinois Indiana
Hungary	Iowa Kansas Kentucky
Indian in North America	Michigan Minnesota
Japan	Upper Midwest
Korea	Missouri Nebraska
Lebanon	New Jersey New York
Mexico	Ohio Oklahoma
Nepal	Pennsylvania
New Zealand	South Dakota
Portugal	Washington Wisconsin

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Development Group (PDG). Supporting students has always been one of the most rewarding aspects of my professional service. I strongly believe that no student should feel alone in navigating academia when there are so many experienced professionals willing to share their knowledge, mentorship, and encouragement.

For that reason, as Affiliate Council Chair, I am especially excited to continue strengthening the relationship between the Affiliate Council and the Student PDG. As students transition from academia into their professional careers, I want them to know that the IAFP community remains a valuable network of colleagues, mentors, and friends who are invested in their success.

I also look forward to working with our newly-elected Affiliate Council Secretary, Karuna Kharel, Delegate for the Nepalese Association for Food Protection. I am confident that Karuna will bring valuable perspectives and leadership to the Council in the coming years.

As we move into the remainder of 2026, I encourage everyone to begin preparing for IAFP 2027 in Kansas City, Missouri, July 18–21. I also look forward to our next Affiliate Council Virtual Meeting on Tuesday, November 17 at 8:00 a.m. (Central Time). During that meeting, we'll continue discussions from the July 26 meeting regarding the development of a formal delegate substitution process and other initiatives aimed at strengthening Affiliate engagement and participation.

Thank you for your continued commitment to food safety and food protection. I hope to connect with many of you again in November and throughout the coming year.

Takiyah Ball

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AFFILIATES IN THE SPOTLIGHT

FEATURING YOUR COMMUNICATIONS WITH IAFP

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Capital Area Food Protection Association: Spring Meeting Draws 70 Attendees

Reported by Elizabeth Reed, Past President



The Capital Area Food Protection Association (CAFP) held its 2026 Spring Meeting on April 24, at the FDA Wiley Building in College

Park, Maryland. The meeting brought together food safety professionals from government agencies, industry, and academia, reflecting the broad, cross-sector collaboration that characterizes CAFPA's mission to serve the food safety community across Washington, D.C., Maryland, Virginia, and Delaware.

The meeting opened with a Federal Regulatory Outlook Session featuring senior officials from both the USDA and FDA. Dr. Mindy Brashears, USDA Under Secretary of Agriculture for Food Safety, presented on USDA's food safety priorities and policy directions. This was followed by Dr. Donald Prater, FDA Principal Deputy Associate Commissioner for Food (now Acting Deputy Commissioner for Food), who addressed the agency's human foods priorities and programs.

Dr. Conrad Choiniere, FDA Director, Office of Microbiological Food Safety, spoke next on improving risk management in microbial food safety through data and collaboration. The session concluded with a Q&A with all three speakers.

The afternoon featured two in-depth scientific sessions centered on the theme of *Salmonella* risk and control. Session I included a presentation from Dr. Byron Chaves, Rutgers University, on the drivers of *Salmonella* risk in food systems, representing the academic perspective, followed by Dr. Padmini Ramachandran, FDA's Office of Regulatory Service, who discussed precision serotyping of *Salmonella* in the genomics era.

Session II focused on meat and poultry safety, with Dr. Tommy Wheeler, U.S. Meat Animal Research Center, presenting on sampling

and detection tools for *Salmonella* control. Dr. Melanie Abley, USDA's Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS), addressed alternative parameters for *Salmonella* performance standards, including enumeration, serotype, and genomic-based factors.

Attendees had the opportunity to engage in informal networking during an on-site lunch, as well as during sponsor presentations.

The meeting concluded with closing remarks that highlighted key takeaways from the regulatory and scientific sessions, along with announcements and a call for future speakers and topics.

Overall, the CAFPA Spring Meeting served as a valuable forum for advancing food safety knowledge and fostering collaboration across all food safety sectors on pressing issues in microbial food safety and *Salmonella* risk management.

Portuguese Association for Food Protection: Annual Meeting Highlights One Health and Food Safety in Lisbon

Reported by Ana Lima, PAFP Member

The Portuguese Association for Food Protection (PAFP) held its 2026 Annual Meeting on June 19 in Lisbon as part of the International One Health Conference, organized by Lusófona University, Lisbon Center. The event was integrated into the celebration of the 22nd anniversary of the Veterinary Medicine Degree at the university and marked the official launch of the One Health Institute of the Faculty of Veterinary Medicine, an interdisciplinary initiative that integrates research, education, and outreach activities across the One Health spectrum, with food safety serving as one of its core pillars.

The event attracted approximately 200 participants, including undergraduate and

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Laurentina Pedrosa, President of the Portuguese Association for Food Protection, welcomed attendees to the 2026 Annual Meeting on June 19 in Lisbon, Portugal.

graduate students, faculty members, researchers, Affiliate members, food industry professionals, veterinarians, and representatives from regulatory authorities. The diverse audience fostered active discussion and networking opportunities, reinforcing the role of PAFP as a platform for collaboration among academia, industry, and public health stakeholders committed to advancing food safety and One Health initiatives in Portugal.

The opening session was led by the Rector of Lusófona University, and the inauguration of the One Health Institute was conducted by Professor Laurentina Pedrosa, Dean of the Faculty of Veterinary Medicine and PAFP President.



The scientific program brought together national and international experts to discuss major challenges facing food protection, public health, and environmental sustainability. A keynote presentation by Dr. Manpreet Singh (above), IAFP President, highlighted antimicrobial resistance (AMR) in foodborne pathogens associated with meat and poultry

production and emphasized the need for integrated farm-to-fork control strategies.

This theme was further explored through presentations from Portuguese experts, including an overview of current strategies for AMR control and a state-of-the-art review of AMR in dairy cattle production, presenting recent data and trends from Portugal. Research findings from the I-MVET Research Unit at Lusófona University showcased innovative approaches to reducing antimicrobial dependence while promoting food safety, animal health, and sustainable food production systems.

A particular meeting highlight was the participation of Dr. Michael Ziccardi (below) and



Dr. Ashley Patterson, UC Davis One Health Institute (USA), who contributed valuable international perspectives on One Health implementation, veterinary emergency preparedness, and interdisciplinary collaboration. Together with Dr. Singh's participation, these contributions strengthened the international dimension of the event and promoted the exchange of knowledge between Portuguese and global food safety and One Health communities.

The meeting successfully enforced national and international partnerships and highlighted the growing role of the Portuguese Affiliate in promoting science-based food safety solutions and advancing the One Health agenda, both nationally and globally.

Overall, the event provided an important forum for researchers, regulators, veterinarians, students, and food industry professionals to exchange knowledge and build collaborations aimed at protecting public health through a One Health approach.

The meeting was supported by the Faculty of Veterinary Medicine, the I-MVET Research Unit,



Portuguese experts covered current strategies for antimicrobial resistance control and a state-of-the-art review of AMR in dairy cattle production.



The I-MVET Research Unit at Lusófona University showcased innovative approaches to reducing antimicrobial dependence while promoting food safety, animal health, and sustainable food production systems during the PAFP Annual Meeting.

and the newly-launched One Health Institute, reflecting their shared commitment to advancing food protection, public health, and sustainable food systems through research, education, innovations, and international collaboration.

New Zealand Association for Food Protection: Building Connections and Capacity in Food Protection During 2026

Reported by Aswathi Soni, President & Delegate

The New Zealand Association for Food Protection (NZAFP) reaffirmed its commitment to advancing food protection, strengthening international collaboration, and supporting the next generation of food safety professionals during its 2026 Annual General Meeting

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Aswathi Soni, NZAFP President and Delegate, and Roger Cook, NZAFP Member, pose at the Affiliate's food safety booth during the joint conference of the New Zealand Institute of Food Science and Technology (NZIFST) and the New Zealand Food Safety Science & Research Centre (NZFSSRC), held June 30–July 2.

(AGM). Held June 30–July 2 at the AUT North Shore Campus in Auckland, the AGM took place along with the three-day joint conference of the New Zealand Institute of Food Science and Technology (NZIFST) and the New Zealand Food Safety Science & Research Centre (NZFSSRC). The events attracted more than 200 attendees, bringing together food safety professionals, researchers, regulators, industry representatives, and students from across New Zealand.

The AGM provided an opportunity for members from industry, academia, and government to reflect on the Affiliate's achievements over the past year and discuss priorities for future growth. The meeting also included the election of the new NZAFP leadership team for the 2026–2027 term, including the following:

President/Delegate: Aswathi Soni
Past President: Craig Billington
Secretary: Michelle Neyra

Supporting emerging food safety professionals remained a key focus on discussions during the AGM. Members explored a range of initiatives designed to increase student engagement and participation in Affiliate activities. Ideas included encouraging greater involvement from academic supervisors; creating stronger networking opportunities between students and representatives from industry, academia, and New Zealand Food Safety; and promoting



Roger Cook was among the speakers at the NZIFST and NZFSSRC joint conference.

career development pathways for those entering the food protection profession.

NZAFP also identified webinars and other virtual engagement initiatives as practical ways to maintain connections with students and professionals throughout the year, regardless of location. These efforts are expected to enhance the sharing of knowledge and help build a stronger pipeline of future food protection leaders.

New Zealand continued to maintain a visible presence on the international stage with several attendees at IAFP 2026 in New Orleans, Louisiana. Aswathi Soni and Nicola Dermer, New Zealand Food Safety (NZFS), represented the Affiliate at the Affiliate Council Meeting, contributing to discussions on food safety priorities and international collaboration. The continued involvement of New Zealand professionals at both the national and international levels highlights NZAFP's ongoing commitment to promoting food safety excellence, fostering professional connections, and supporting the development of future leaders in food protection. As the Affiliate moves into the 2026–2027 term, its focus on collaboration, exchange of knowledge, and student engagement is expected to further strengthen New Zealand's food safety community and its contributions to global food protection efforts.

Indian Association for Food Protection in North America: Annual Meeting Held During IAFP 2026

Reported by Kavita Patil, Vice President



IAFPNA
Indian Association for Food Protection in North America

The Indian Association for Food Protection in North America (IAFPNA) held its 2026 Annual Meeting on July 27 during

IAFP 2026 in New Orleans, Louisiana, with forty attendees taking part. President Vijay Krishna welcomed the group and introduced the current IAFPNA leadership team for 2025–2026:

President: Vijay Krishna
Vice President: Kavita Patil
Past President: Manreet Bhullar
Secretary/Delegate: Harsimran Kaur Kapoor
Student Liaisons: Bhaswati Chowdhury and Anjana Thankachan

Minutes from the 2025 Annual Meeting were reviewed and approved. A recap of 2025–2026 Annual Meeting highlights were covered, and upcoming activities, program updates, competitions, and member engagement were discussed.

An update was provided on the Affiliate's 3-Minute Thesis (3-MT) Competition. Fifteen applications were received, and five finalists advanced to the final round on July 17, 2026, where student presentations and closing remarks took place. Judges for the competition were Drs. Sadhana Ravishankar, Jitu Patel, and Govindaraj Dev Kumar, who were thanked for their support of the competition. Recipients announced during the Annual Meeting were:

1st Place (\$500): Nirmal Sankaranarayanan, Tennessee State University
2nd Place (\$300): Madhuparna Deb, Kansas State University
3rd Place (\$100): Suhan Balayatanda, Kansas State University

A budget and financial update followed. The Affiliate has a current balance (as of July 28, 2025) of \$962.95. An account with New Chase Bank was opened in 2025. Annual membership support is deposited quarterly. Donations and membership payments are accepted via Zelle or with a QR code. Governance ensures transparency, with the account access shared among the President, Past President, and Vice President. Out of more than 300 Affiliate Members, 10% are currently paid. An increase in support is needed.

The 2026–2027 officers were announced:

President: Open
Interim President: Vijay Krishna
Advisor: Manreet Bhullar

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Vice President: Trushenkumar Shah
Student Liaisons: Open (3 positions)

Goals and aspirations for 2026–2027 were discussed. Core responsibilities include membership support and/or education via events; financial support; student competition(s); and networking hub. The Affiliate wishes to explore collaboration with other IAFP Affiliates for a win-win outcome. The African Affiliate and the Latin American group were contacted about this possibility during the Annual Meeting. Future aspirations include launching an IAFPNA Mentorship Program in 2027, and hosting an IAFP conference in India, with a tentative target year of 2029.

Action items include continuing outreach to increase paid membership; fill open leadership positions (President and Student Liaisons); advance collaboration discussions with the Africa Affiliate and the Latin American group; and plan and prepare for the 2027 Mentorship Program Lunch.

Nepalese Association for Food Protection: Annual Business Meeting Held During IAFP 2026

Reported by Karuna Kharel, Delegate



Nepalese Association for Food Protection

The Nepalese Association for Food Protection (NepAFP) held its Annual

Business Meeting on July 27 during IAFP 2026 in New Orleans, Louisiana. Thirty-seven members and guests attended, including Dr. Manan Sharma, IAFP President-Elect, representing the IAFP Executive Board.

Members reviewed Affiliate accomplishments from 2025–2026, including membership growth, educational webinars, and the successful inaugural NepAFP Virtual Food Safety Research Symposium. The Affiliate also recognized student representatives and outstanding student presenters who received awards and IAFP Membership sponsorships through NepAFP. The students recognized during the meeting as NepAFP Research Symposium Developing Scientists Awards were:

1st Place: Sandesh Chapagain, University of Maryland Eastern Shore
2nd Place: Pratiksha Shrestha, Louisiana State University

3rd Place: Dikshya Shilpakar, Louisiana State University.

The student award winners based in Nepal were also recognized:

1st Place: Preksha Timsina, Central Campus of Technology, Nepal
2nd Place: Bibash Poudel, National College of Food Science and Technology, Nepal
3rd Place: Dhiren Subba Limbu, Central Campus of Technology, Nepal.

A treasurer's report was presented, and members discussed future programming, membership growth initiatives, and upcoming leadership transitions and elections. Nominations/elections are opening for new positions, and the leadership transition occurred for the core positions, including the following:

President: Subash Shrestha
Past President: Achyut Adhikari
President-Elect: Vijay Singh Chhetri
Vice President: Siroj Pokharel
Secretary: Manita Guragain
Treasurer: Manaj Shah
Delegate: Karuna Kharel

African Continental Association for Food Protection: Participants Meet in New Orleans, Louisiana

Reported by Rose Omari, Board Member



The African Continental Association for Food Protection (ACAFFP) held its 2026 Annual Meeting on

July 28 during IAFP 2026 in New Orleans, Louisiana. The meeting was opened by Dr. Rose Omari, who welcomed attendees before outlining the purpose of the Affiliate's Annual General Meeting, normally held during IAFP Annual Meetings. Dr. Omari noted that she was hosting the session on behalf of the ACAFFP Board, on which she serves as a member responsible for membership.

Participants introduced themselves by sharing their names, countries of residence, and places of work or study. Nineteen attendees participated in the meeting, with 17 based in the U.S., one in Ghana, and one in Rwanda.

A presentation and membership engagement followed, covering the Affiliate's mission, vision, goals, objectives, achievements, and challenges. Attendees were encouraged to join ACAFFP and take advantage of the benefits of membership. Information was shared about the upcoming 4th ACAFFP Food Safety Conference, scheduled to take place in Kenya in November 2027. Abstract submissions for this conference were encouraged once the call is announced. The meeting also included an appeal for sponsorships and partnerships for the conference.

Discussion points included:

1. Follow-up with past Annual General Meeting attendees: Some participants noted that, although they had attended previous ACAFFP Annual General Meetings, including the meeting held in 2025, they had not received follow-up communication from the Affiliate. In response, Dr. Omari explained that AGM attendees are usually added to the mailing list, but errors sometimes occur when handwritten email addresses are misread. To address this, all attendees completed a Google form this year, typing out their email addresses. Participants were also informed about the ACAFFP interactive WhatsApp platform and Google Group. Seventeen attendees consented to be added, and many joined the WhatsApp Group immediately.

2. Moving from discussion to impact: Concern was raised that ACAFFP members often engage in extensive discussions without translating ideas into action. Participants were encouraged to use the WhatsApp platform and Google Group to share ideas, network effectively, and identify collaborators for joint project development and implementation. A call was made for Affiliate members in Africa and the diaspora to support one another more actively.

3. ACAFFP visibility and monthly webinars: Two participants said they had not heard of ACAFFP



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before the AGM and asked how the association could become more visible. In response, it was noted that the ACAFP website is now functioning well and contains valuable information, although more can be done to strengthen website content and social media presence.

Participants suggested expanding the reach of ACAFP webinars, which are currently held irregularly, and working more closely with Africans and ACAFP members in the diaspora to showcase innovative work, promote knowledge sharing, and encourage collaboration. Professor Angela Walla, Texas Tech, offered to help initiate monthly presentations by involving her students, after which other interested presenters could join. This approach could help ACAFP members learn about ongoing research, foster collaboration, and

support recruitment of interested students in Africa.

4. Support for importers and others interested in food businesses in Africa: An attendee, who intends to do business in Nigeria but has encountered challenges, asked whether ACAFP could provide support. It was explained that ACAFP may be able to facilitate connections by leveraging relationships it has built with national actors. Dr. Adejare Adegbuyi, a Nigerian resident in the U.S., offered to provide the attendee with the needed support and guidance.

5. Presentation of IAFP one-year Membership certificate: Susan Smith, IAFP Liaison, joined the meeting, welcomed participants, organized a group photo, and presented a one-year IAFP Membership certificate for a new Member. The certificate was awarded to Elijah Ayilaran, a student at Tennessee State University.

6. Closing: The meeting ended at 6:30 p.m. with Dr. Omari encouraging attendees to be active on the WhatsApp platform and take part in the 4th ACAFP Food Safety Conference in 2027.



Elijah Ayilaran, Tennessee State University, receives the complimentary IAFP Membership certificate from Dr. Rose Omari.

Chinese Association for Food Protection in North America

Reported by Quanhong Li, President/Delegate/Contact



The Chinese Association for Food Protection in North America (CAFPNA) held a successful Annual

Meeting on July 28 during IAFP 2026 in New Orleans, Louisiana. Approximately 50–60 attendees participated, with at least one-third being first-time attendees.

The history and mission of the Affiliate was explained for new members' benefit, along with its organizational structure, events hosted, and organized activities.

No guest speakers were on the agenda, but a favorite segment was CAFPNAs "Social Hour," where a large portion of the meeting was devoted to attendees getting to know each other. Participants were asked to complete a questionnaire, along with a short live introduction about themselves to help with networking.

A brief financial overview was provided, along with a big thanks to Affiliate donors. Attendees were encouraged to donate to help support future events.

Events hosted in 2025–2026 were reviewed, including seven webinars and roundtables, along with the Affiliate Travel Award and the student presentation competition. Award certificates were presented to all award recipients, celebrating their accomplishments. Recipients included:

2026 IAFP-CAFPNA Member Travel Scholarship: Chenhao Qian, Cornell University

1st Place CAFPNAs Student Presentation Competition: Yatong Jian, University of Alberta
2nd Place: Shenmiao Li, McGill University
3rd Place: Xue Sha, South Dakota State University

Bylaw amendments were proposed with details waiting to be confirmed. Planned future activities were disclosed and volunteers were encouraged.

Officer elections will take place mid-September 2026.

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Carolinas Association for Food Protection: Joint Meeting Marks a Milestone

Reported by Veronica Bryant, President/Contact

September 2026 marked a milestone for food safety and defense collaboration in North Carolina: the Carolinas Association for Food Protection (CAFP) and the NC Food Safety and Defense Task Force held their first joint conference, combining their expertise into a single agenda, venue, and audience, as opposed to organizing separate events. The meeting was made possible through our generous sponsors, including Ahold Delhaize, Eurofins, Publix, Compass Group, Diversy, Neogen, and L&M.

As a new IAFP Affiliate, this partnership represented a significant opportunity for CAFP to contribute meaningfully to a program with an established, governor-appointed task force. The joint meeting also allowed for broader recognition of both CAFP and IAFP among food safety professionals throughout North Carolina. Based on the two days in Raleigh, North Carolina, with more than 130 attendees, CAFP delivered on that opportunity.

The meeting was held September 1–2, 2026, at the McKimmon Center in Raleigh, with an agenda reflecting the combined interests and priorities of both organizations. Dr. Kristin Schill, University of Wisconsin–Madison, opened with her keynote presentation on *Clostridium botulinum* and infant formula.



Dr. Ben Chapman, NC State University, moderated a panel discussion on September 1 with panelists from Clemson University, the FDA, Harris Teeter, and CDC's National Surveillance Team.

This topic was revisited in an afternoon panel on recalled infant formula and botulism moderated by Dr. Ben Chapman, NC State University, and panelists from Clemson University, the FDA, Harris Teeter, and the CDC's National Surveillance Team.

Presentations were also given on food safety practices in the Wawa convenience store markets and food defense topics from the FBI.

Day Two featured Dr. Lynette Johnson, NC State University, on the university's Front Line Worker Program, a report from the Produce Safety Task Force, and an update on *Cyclospora*, before concluding with a session that drew the most engagement: a tabletop exercise walking

participants through a simulated outbreak investigation. This hands-on exercise allowed attendees to navigate the coordination challenges, information gaps, and time pressures of a real investigation.

The exercise also reflects the broader purpose of the partnership. Food safety organizations rarely have separate concerns in practice, and planning one conference together let attendees walk away with a more complete picture in a single trip. This collaboration, as much as any single session, distinguished this year's event from a typical annual meeting.



Dr. Kristin Schill, University of Wisconsin–Madison, gave the keynote presentation at the joint meeting of the Carolinas Association for Food Protection and the NC Food Safety and Defense Task Force, held September 1–2, 2026.

AFFILIATE CHRONICLES: IAFP 2026

These IAFP Affiliates held meetings on July 27 and July 28 during IAFP 2026 in New Orleans, Louisiana.



Top Left: African Continental Association for Food Protection

Top Right: Bangladesh Association for Food Protection in North America

Left: Nepalese Association for Food Protection



Left: Indian Association for Food Protection in North America



Left: China Association for Food Protection/Chinese Association for Food Protection in North America

2026 AFFILIATE AWARDS

Congratulations to the 2026 Affiliate Award recipients for their hard work during the past year! Five Affiliates were recognized with awards during the Affiliate Council Meeting held on July 26, 2026. The C.B. Shogren Memorial Award was formally presented at the IAFP 2026 Awards Banquet on July 29 in New Orleans, Louisiana.



C.B. Shogren Memorial Award

Ontario Food Protection Association



Affiliate Membership Achievement

Ontario Food Protection Association



Affiliate Member Education

Colombian Association of
Food Science and Technology



Affiliate Communications Materials

Florida Association for Food Protection



Best Overall Affiliate Meeting

Brazilian Association for Food Protection

2026 AFFILIATE COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

The Affiliate Council met on July 26 in New Orleans, Louisiana, during IAFP 2026. Following are the official minutes that will be published in the November–December 2026 issue of *Food Protection Trends*.

Affiliate Delegates Present:

Argentina	Fabiana Guglielmone
Arkansas	Jennifer Acuff
Bangladesh in NA	Md Niamul Kabir
Brazil	Caio Carvalho
Capital Area	Jenny Scott
Carolinas	Robert Price
Chinese in North America	Quanhong Li
Georgia	Dina Scott
Idaho	Bonnie Waldemarson
Japan	Shige Koseki
Kentucky	Eric Martin
Minnesota	Ruth Petran
Missouri	Rick Heiman
Nepalese	Karuna Kharel
New York	Steve Murphy
New Zealand	Aswathi Soni
Portugal	Laurentina Pedroso
Quebec	Julie Jean
Southeast Asia	Alvin Lee
United Arab Emirates	Bobby Krishna
United Kingdom	Helen Taylor
Upper Midwest	Justin Zangl
Washington	Celina To
Wisconsin	Takiyah Ball

IAFP Board/Staff Present: Manpreet Singh, Manan Sharma, Pam Wilger, Wendy White, Lisa Garcia, Susan Smith.

Visitors/Guests: Achyut Adhikari (Nepalese), Leili Afsah-Hejri (Wisconsin), Richa Bedi Navik (United Kingdom), David Blomquist (Minnesota), Neil Bogart, Veronica Bryant (Carolinas), Jessica Burke (Ontario), Henk den Bakker (Georgia), Nicola Dermer (New Zealand), Aakankshya Dhakal (Student), Bob Ferguson (Capital Area), Julia Fukaba (Student), Francisco Garces-Vega (Colombia), Kristen Gibson (Arkansas), Virginia Hamilton



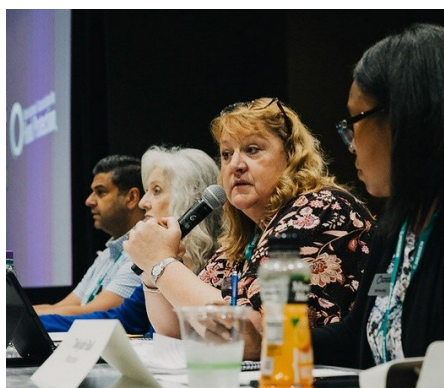
(Kentucky), Maria Hoffmann, Aaron Huckabee (Georgia), Sheetal Jha (Student), Ian Jenson (Australia), Kunihiro Kubota (Japan), Gillian Kuehnle (Student), Daniel Leiva (Student), Ana Lima (Portugal), David Lloyd (United Kingdom), Stefhanie Loaiza (Student), Janeth Luna (Colombia), Morgan Madison (Florida), Deon Mahoney (Australia), Yoshinori Mizoguchi (Japan), Juan Moreira (Colorado), Marin Pavlic (Ontario), Carrie Rigdon (Minnesota), Kristin Sanders (Kentucky), Deborah Sattely (Arkansas), Erica Turley (Illinois), Adriana Vanegas (Student), Deng-Jye Yang (Taiwan).

Meeting Called to Order: 7:36 a.m. (U.S. Central Time), Sunday, July 26, 2026.

Minutes Recording Secretary: Takiyah Ball.

Agenda: The agenda was reviewed and approved.

Approval of 2025 Minutes: A motion was made to approve and seconded.



Report from Affiliate Council Chairperson: Helen Taylor provided the following updates:
1. Attendees were reminded to get badges scanned.

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2. Affiliate 2026 milestone anniversaries: None reported.

3. No new charters were established in 2026.

4. Webinar suggestions are welcomed. Affiliates are encouraged to share their webinar proposals at the PDGs taking place today or email the IAFP office to ensure suggested subjects are relevant to IAFP Membership. It is a great way to share updated technical information.

5. There were three Affiliate Council Virtual Meetings held during the past year. Participation of Affiliates and Affiliate members has

Affiliates and IAFP. He announced that more than 3,200 attendees were registered for IAFP 2026, higher than 2025. He encouraged more Affiliate Members to join IAFP.

Report from IAFP Executive Director: Lisa Garcia commented on how important the Affiliates are to IAFP, helping drive the Association's membership. Webinars are reaching our Membership and beyond, with open access to non-Members made available during the month of June.

Report from Staff Liaison: Susan Smith commented that Annual Reports for 40 of 54 active Affiliates were submitted for 2025 activities, an increase of 2% from last year's submissions. According to the IAFP Bylaws, Affiliates must submit an Annual Report, regardless of activities. Susan sends monthly reminders to all Affiliate Officers. All reports are electronically submitted, including those Affiliates applying for awards. Member lists are no longer required. Limit reports to one email to include the actual report and all attachments, whether applying for awards or not. Susan encouraged more Affiliates to apply for awards. Fifteen Affiliates applied for awards, three more than last year. The Affiliate Award criteria was updated in 2025 to provide more clarity, which may have been part of the increase in applications.

Forty-three Affiliates held meetings in 2025, with some holding two meetings throughout the year. Not all of these Affiliates requested speaker support from IAFP. The IAFP Board Speaker and Expanded Speaker Programs are available, and 16 Affiliates benefited from using it in 2025. IAFP pays the speaker's travel to and from the meeting; Affiliates only pay onsite expenses. This is a great resource to schedule high-level speakers for Affiliate meetings. Speakers can also present remotely at no cost for the



been active with invitations for the three meetings sent in advance from Susan Smith. The attendees were reminded that meeting recordings are available on *IAFP Connect* for those who are unable to attend.

Also, they were encouraged to send agenda topics in advance to be discussed in upcoming meetings. The 2026 meetings will be scheduled this fall and dates/times will be sent to all Affiliate Delegates in advance.

Report from IAFP President: Manpreet Singh, IAFP President, thanked attendees for being active in their



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Affiliate or the Association. Those Affiliates that collect dues through IAFP should inform the Association if dues are increased. Affiliate members were encouraged to register on *IAFP Connect* to receive communications from IAFP. Affiliates were reminded about submitting summaries and photos from meetings to include in *Affiliate View*. IAFP lost one Affiliate, the Alabama Association for Food Protection, in 2025. Interest has been



shown to establish a SE District Affiliate for Alabama, Tennessee, and Mississippi, and an open meeting will be held on Monday, July 27, to discuss in more detail.

Discussions: The 2025 Affiliate Awards updates were discussed, with no issues reported from attendees present. Helen thanked Jennifer Acuff, Takiyah Ball, Caio Carvalho, and Jenny Scott for taking part on the Awards Committee to help update the criteria.

Ian Jenson from the Australia Affiliate raised the question regarding Delegates who are unable to attend the Affiliate Council Meeting and nominating a substitute Delegate to act “by proxy.” Clarification was requested on how Delegate substitutes should be handled. The topic will eventually be elevated to the Board for discussion after development of a more formal process by the Affiliate Council.

Election of Affiliate Secretary: Helen called for nominees from the floor. Potential candidates were reminded they need to serve as



their Affiliate Delegate for the next two years, and be an active IAFP Member. Two candidates volunteered to stand for election: Karuna Kharel, Nepalese Affiliate Delegate, and Carrie Rigdon, Minnesota Affiliate Member. Helen asked each to provide attendees with a brief summary of their involvement with IAFP and their respective Affiliate.

Candidates left the room while Delegates voted. Karuna Kharel was elected by a majority vote.

2026 Affiliate Awards Presentation: Helen highlighted the achievements of the award recipients and presented the 2026 Affiliate Awards as follows:

Affiliate Membership Achievement: *Ontario Food Protection Association* – The Affiliate demonstrated progressive and innovative plans and ideas to recruit and retain members, with a 46% increase in membership throughout 2025. Included in their efforts were relevant multi-channel communications and adding value for the members with newsletters, reduced rates, monthly webinars, etc.



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Affiliate Communications Materials: *Florida Association for Food Protection* – The Affiliate distributed high-quality communication materials to its membership on a regular basis, using multiple mechanisms including various in-person (Town Hall) and digital options. The Affiliate presented an effective mix of communication methods throughout the year to its members.

Affiliate Member Education: *Colombian Association of Food Science and Technology* – The Affiliate demonstrated a contribution towards the education of its Affiliate members throughout the year via an education program it delivered to more than 1,000 learners via meeting(s); conference(s); webinar(s); workshop(s); and classes.

Best Overall Affiliate Meeting: *Brazilian Association for Food Protection* – The Affiliate submitted evidence to the awards committee demonstrating the overall quality of its FoodMicro Latino meeting. The 2025 meeting was attended by 560 delegates who shared learnings and networking at Brazil's first conference, with 46 speakers from seven countries discussing a broad range of food safety subjects including antimicrobial resistance, microbiomes, alternative proteins, AI in microbiology, sustainable processing resistance, fermentation, and artisanal food safety. A significant number of students attended, with 30 receiving awards. The successful conference was supported by numerous exhibitors, sponsors, and partners.

C.B. Shogren Memorial: *Ontario Food Protection Association* – The Affiliate submitted evidence to demonstrate growth in its membership; communicate with, engage, and educate their members about food protection; as well as showing how the Affiliate has improved and/or sustained its food safety efforts during the year. Recent activities demonstrate how it has sustained and promoted the mission of IAFP. The Affiliate will formally receive the award at the Awards Banquet on Wednesday night.



Old Business: The Executive Board approved Takiyah Ball as Affiliate Council Secretary for 2025–2026.



The updated Affiliate Awards application process and accompanying flow chart was approved.

New Business: Fabiana Guglielmone, Argentine Delegate, provided an update on IAFP Latino 2026 to be held in September in Buenos Aires, Argentina.

Quanhong Li, Chinese in North America Delegate, reported that a meeting will be held in Hong Kong in November.

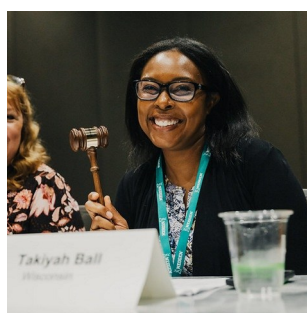
Representatives from the Student PDG spoke to attendees about student activities, including Coffee Hour networking sessions and expanding the number of these; 3-Minute Thesis competition; and improving email engagement and response rates. The day's Student Lunch will include a discussion on Affiliate involvement and opportunities.

Numbered List of Recommendations to the Executive Board:

1. The Affiliate Council recommends that Karuna Kharel, Delegate for the Nepalese Association for Food Protection, be appointed as the next Affiliate Council Secretary.

Passing of the Gavel: Chairperson Helen Taylor passed the gavel to Takiyah Ball, Secretary, signifying the beginning of Takiyah's term as Affiliate Council Chairperson, official after the completion of IAFP 2026.

Next Meeting Date: Virtual meetings will continue with dates and times scheduled well in advance to allow attendees to get them on their calendars. The next in-person meeting is Sunday, July 18, 2027, in Kansas City, Missouri.



Meeting Adjourned: 8:55 a.m. (U.S. Central Time).

Chairperson Name: Takiyah Ball.

AFFILIATE NEWS

AFFILIATE COUNCIL ELECTS 2026–2027

SECRETARY: KARUNA KHAREL



Dr. Karuna Kharel was elected by acclamation of the IAFP Affiliate Council as Secretary for the 2026–2027 term on July 26, 2026. Karuna's term commenced at the close of IAFP 2026 in New Orleans, Louisiana. She will succeed Takiyah Ball as Chairperson.

Karuna is an Assistant Professor of Food Microbiology in the School of Nutrition and Food Sciences at the Louisiana State University (LSU) AgCenter in Baton Rouge, where

she leads an integrated research and teaching program focused on food safety microbiology. Her research focuses on the microbial safety of low-moisture foods, fresh produce, and seafood, with an emphasis on pathogen survival and persistence and the development of effective intervention strategies to reduce foodborne contamination.

Karuna earned her B. Tech. in Food Technology from Tribhuvan University in Nepal and both her M.S. and Ph.D. in Food Science and Technology from Louisiana State University. During her doctoral studies, she was awarded the PROM International Scholarship Exchange of Ph.D. Candidates and conducted part of her dissertation research at the Warsaw University of Life Sciences in Poland. Karuna also completed a food safety internship with the United Fresh Produce Association, now the International Fresh Produce Association, where she contributed to the development of technical and educational resources for the produce industry. Following completion of her Ph.D., Karuna served as a Postdoctoral Associate at the University of Florida, where she conducted produce safety research and supported food safety outreach and training programs for growers and producers.

Throughout her career, Karuna has worked closely with growers, processors, industry stakeholders, and regulatory partners to advance practical, science-based food safety solutions. She is actively involved in mentoring students and early-career professionals and is committed to fostering the next generation of food safety leaders.

An active Member of IAFP since 2017, Karuna previously served as Secretary of the IAFP Student Professional Development Group (PDG) and has participated extensively in IAFP Annual Meetings and professional development activities. She has been involved in the IAFP

Mentor Match Program, both as a mentor and a mentee, and was a founding member of the Nepalese Association for Food Protection (NepAFP), one of IAFP's newer international Affiliates. Karuna currently serves as the Affiliate's Delegate and works to strengthen engagement and collaboration within the global food safety community. Her contributions to food safety and professional development have been recognized through honors, including the IAFP 2021 Student Travel Scholarship; first place in the IAFP 2021 Developing Scientist Competition; and the 2026 3-A SSI HyGEN Excellence Award.

Karuna credits IAFP with providing invaluable opportunities for professional development, scientific exchange, mentorship, and leadership growth throughout her career. As Affiliate Council Secretary for the 2026–2027 term, she looks forward to supporting collaboration and engagement among IAFP Affiliates worldwide.

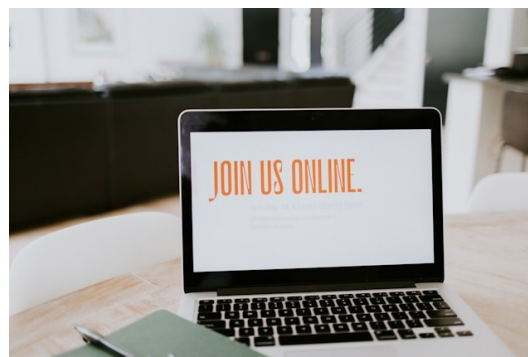
Welcome, Karuna!

QUARTERLY AFFILIATE COUNCIL VIRTUAL MEETINGS NOW SCHEDULED FOR 2026–2027

To retain interaction with our worldwide Affiliates throughout the year, Affiliate Council Virtual Meetings are scheduled on a quarterly basis, helping to better streamline and shorten the Affiliate Council Meeting held during IAFP's Annual Meeting. Plan now to attend one or more of the following scheduled meetings:

- ◆ **Tuesday, November 17, 2026, 8:00 a.m. (Central Time)**
- ◆ **Tuesday, March 9, 2027, 11:00 a.m. (Central Time)**
- ◆ **Tuesday, May 11, 2027, 8:00 a.m. (Central Time)**

Invitations and agendas will be sent in advance to those who are on *IAFP Connect*. All virtual meetings are recorded and made available shortly after on *IAFP Connect*. If you have a topic of discussion you'd like included on a meeting's agenda, contact Susan Smith, Affiliate Liaison, in the IAFP office.



IAFP HEADLINES

JOIN US FOR IAFP'S TWO CONFERENCES
IN 2027!



Planning is underway for IAFP Europe 2027, 28–30 April 2027, in Copenhagen, Denmark. Held every two years, IAFP's European meeting brings together food safety professionals from across Europe and around the world to learn, share, and network.

Submissions for symposia and roundtables for IAFP Europe 2027 are due Monday, September 21, 2026. Abstract proposals are due Monday, October 19, 2026. Visit the IAFP website for information on all submissions.

Award nominations for the 2027 Europe Food Safety Award will open in November 2026 with a deadline of February 9, 2027. This award recognizes an active IAFP Member from Europe for dedicated and exceptional contributions to the profession of food safety in Europe. In addition, graduate and undergraduate students residing in Europe and enrolled full-time in a college or university food safety-related degree program in Europe are encouraged to apply for the IAFP Europe Student Travel Scholarship. Applications will also open in November 2026 with a deadline of January 19, 2027.



IAFP 2027 is also well into the planning stages. Held in various locations throughout North America, our Annual Meeting has grown over the years to become the leading food safety conference worldwide. IAFP 2027 will be held July 18–21 in Kansas City, Missouri, at the Kansas City Convention Center.

Submissions for symposia and roundtables for IAFP 2027 are due Tuesday, September 29, 2026. Workshop proposals for IAFP 2027 are also due on that date. Abstract proposals are due Tuesday, January 12, 2027. Visit the IAFP website for information on all submissions.

Registration and hotel information for IAFP 2027 will be posted on the IAFP website early next year.

MAKE A NOTE: IAFP 2027 AWARD NOMINATION AND APPLICATION DEADLINES

IAFP welcomes your nominations for our Association awards. Criteria and forms for 2027 will be posted later this year on the IAFP website. All applications and nominations will be submitted through an electronic submission system. You are not required to be an IAFP Member to nominate a deserving professional or colleague for one of our awards. We also encourage Members to apply for the IAFP Travel Award for State or Provincial Health or Agricultural Department Employees in North America and for the IAFP Travel Award for Food Safety Professionals in a Country with a Developing Economy. The deadline for most IAFP awards is Tuesday, February 9, 2027. Full-time graduate and undergraduate Student Members enrolled in a food safety program are encouraged to apply for the Student Travel Scholarship. Recipients will receive registration and travel funds to attend IAFP 2027 in Kansas City, Missouri. The deadline for IAFP's Student Travel Scholarship is Tuesday, January 19, 2027.

UPCOMING 2026 INTERNATIONAL MEETINGS

IAFP is proud to support/sponsor four upcoming international food safety meetings, bringing together hundreds of people from around the world to learn, share, and network.



IAFP Latino 2026 will take place in Buenos Aires, Argentina, September 28–29. Organized by IAFP's Affiliate, the Argentine Food Safety Commission, this event is held every two years by scientific associations and societies from different Latin American countries affiliated with IAFP.



INOFOOD 2026 is scheduled for October 26–27 in Santiago, Chile. Held every two years, this summit 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.



The 20th Annual China International Food Safety & Quality (CIFSQ) Conference will take place October 28–29, in Shanghai, China. Attendees from across China and around the globe will spend two intensive days learning, sharing, and networking. IAFP is proud to be a global host.

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The 20th Dubai International Food Safety Conference will be held November 16–18, in Dubai, UAE. The conference is organized by the Food Control Department of Dubai Municipality and supported by IAFP.

These international meetings are listed on the IAFP website.

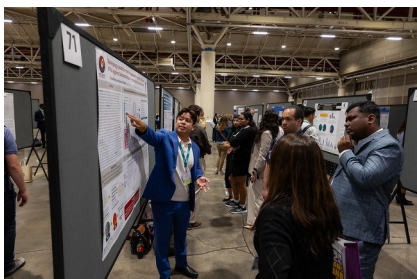
IAFP 2026 RECORDED SESSIONS AND PHOTOS AVAILABLE



Recorded sessions presented at IAFP 2026 (from presenters granting permission) are available for viewing on the IAFP website (go to the Annual Meeting page and click on IAFP 2026 in the archived



section at the top right-hand side of the page). Attendees can view sessions they missed or sessions for a second time at their leisure. Those who couldn't attend can view all available sessions, for a fee, for the latest in food safety topics and discussions.



Hundreds of photos from IAFP 2026 are posted on the IAFP Flickr website for viewing and downloading. Relive this year's Annual

Meeting in New Orleans, Louisiana, through our photo gallery at: [flickr.com/photos/iafp/albums](https://www.flickr.com/photos/iafp/albums). Photos are categorized in albums by day of the week. Pre-Meeting Workshops, the Affiliate Council Meeting, and Exhibitor photos are in separate albums labeled accordingly.

IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO DONATE TO THE IAFP FOUNDATION



IAFP is pleased to announce that more than \$73,000 was donated to the IAFP Foundation throughout IAFP 2026. This includes more than \$10,000 raised through our popular Silent Auction, all of which helped exceed our goal of \$60,000 for the Foundation during this year's Annual Meeting.

Thank you to all who contributed—in-person and online—toward this incredible amount during such a short window. And special thanks go to Fred Weber and Tori and David Stivers who generously challenged our donors through their two \$10,000 matching funds, as well as Gary Acuff and Jenny Scott, who kickstarted this year's donations by contributing \$5,000 each with their 'Mini Matches' at the Opening Session. Know that your contributions will continue to provide educational opportunities through Travel Awards, webinars, speaker support, and other programs. If you didn't get a chance to donate, please visit the IAFP Foundation page on our website. Big or small, every donation counts!



AFFILIATE CALENDAR

PROMOTE YOUR MEETINGS THROUGH IAFP

Affiliates in Action Third Quarter 2026

July

- ◆ African Continental Association for Food Protection
- ◆ Bangladesh Association for Food Protection in North America
- ◆ China Association for Food Protection/Chinese Association for Food Protection in North America
- ◆ Indian Association for Food Protection in North America
- ◆ Nepalese Association for Food Protection

To be featured in the next issue of *Affiliate View*, send your news and photos by December 11, 2026, to Susan Smith at ssmith@foodprotection.org.

September 2026 (some Affiliate meetings took place prior to press date)

1–2: Carolinas Association for Food Protection/North Carolina Food Safety and Defense Task Force 2026 Conference, Raleigh, North Carolina.

1–3: Arkansas Association for Food Protection, 2026 Annual Meeting, Fayetteville, Arkansas. Visit arkaftp.org/.

15–16: Associated Illinois Milk, Food and Environmental Sanitarians, 2026 Fall Educational Conference, Bloomington, Illinois. Visit aimfes.org.

15–17: Upper Midwest Dairy Industry Association, 2026 Fall Conference and Annual Meeting, St. Cloud, Minnesota. Visit umdia.org/.

15–18: New York State Association for Food Protection, 102nd Annual Conference, Syracuse, New York. Visit nysafp.com.

16–17: Quebec Food Protection Association, 2026 Annual Meeting, Quebec City, Quebec, Canada. Visit aqia-qc.org.

17–18: Washington Association for Food Protection, 2026 Annual Meeting, Chelan, Washington. Visit waffp.com/wp1/.

21–23: Indiana Environmental Health Association, 2026 Fall Conference, South Bend, Indiana. Visit iehaind.org.

28–29: IAFP Latino 2026 (Argentine Food Safety Commission), Buenos Aires, Argentina. Visit iafp-latino-2026.aam.org.ar/.

29–30: Ontario Food Protection Association, 2026 Fall Food Safety Symposium & 69th Annual General Meeting, Concord, Ontario. Visit ofpa.on.ca/.

October 2026

5–6: Wisconsin Association for Food Protection, 2026 Fall Meeting, Plymouth, Wisconsin. Visit wifoodprotection.org/.

5–7: Kansas Environmental Health Association, 2026 Fall Conference, Wichita, Kansas. Visit kansasenvironmentalhealthassociation.org/.

21: Iowa Association for Food Protection, 2026 Annual Meeting, Hudson, Iowa. Contact Lynn Melchert at lmelchert@prairiefarms.com.

November 2026

5: Georgia Association for Food Protection, 2026 Fall Meeting, Atlanta, Georgia. Visit gafoodprotection.org/.

26–27: Mexico Association for Food Protection, 2026 Annual Meeting, San Luis Postosi, Mexico. Visit amepal.com.

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 pop-up display. This updated and attractive pop-up display shows attendees that you are affiliated with IAFP.
- ◆ IAFP 2026–2027 Presentation. A PowerPoint slide show with a suggested 15-minute 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 issue of *Affiliate View*, and IAFP Annual Meeting flyers. Additional complimentary resources are available upon your request.

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

IAFP EXECUTIVE BOARD SPEAKER PROGRAM

FOR AFFILIATES



Manan Sharma, Ph.D., The Acheson Group
President

- Produce Safety (Irrigation Water, Soil Amendment)
- Bacteriophages and Food Safety
- Detection Methods of Pathogens in Water/Water Filtration



Pam Wilger, Post Consumer Brands
President-Elect

- Environmental Monitoring
- Dry Industry Microbiology and HACCP
- Sampling, Micro Testing Methods and Lab Management



Wendy White, Georgia Institute of Technology
Vice President

- Sanitation Troubleshooting
- Third-Party Auditing
- Recall and/or Crisis Management



Maria Hoffmann, Ph.D., U.S. FDA
Secretary

- Genomics, Metagenomics, and Precision Genomics for Food Safety
- Genomic Surveillance of Foodborne Pathogens (GenomeTrakr/One Health)
- ISO Standards for AMR Detection Using WGS



Manpreet Singh, Ph.D., University of Georgia
Past President

- Managing Risks in Meat & Poultry Processing
- Food Safety Management Systems in Food Processing
- Antimicrobial Resistance of Foodborne Pathogens



Takiyah Ball, Ph.D., Sargento Foods, Inc.
Affiliate Council Chair

- Food Microbiology
- Tools for Monitoring Emerging Risks
- Career Development for Young Professionals in Industry, Academia, and Government



Karuna Kharel, Ph.D., Louisiana State University Agricultural Center
Affiliate Council Secretary

- Natural Bioactives and Antimicrobial Agents for Food Safety Application
- Thermal Treatment Validation for Low-Moisture Foods: Pecans

How It Works

1. 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.
3. 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.
6. 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.
8. To invite a Board Member to speak at your Affiliate meeting, contact Susan Smith, IAFP Affiliate Liaison, at +1 515.276.3344; or email ssmith@foodprotection.org. (Please do not contact Board Members directly until approved by IAFP.)

IAFP SPEAKER PROGRAM

(EXPANDED)

Caio Carvalho

Consultant

- Food Microbiology
- Career Plan for Young Professionals in Food Safety & Microbiology
- Thermal Process and Aseptic Validations
- Microbiology Management and Value Generation in the Pet Food Supply Chain



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



Kathy Glass, Ph.D.

University of Wisconsin – Madison

- Sporeforming Bacteria: Risks and Control (Including Refrigerated Foods and Powdered Infant Formula)
- Use of Clean Label and Synthetic Antimicrobials in RTE Foods
- Conducting Challenge Studies to Validate Preventive Controls
- Intervention Strategies to Control *Listeria monocytogenes* in Ready-to-Eat Foods



Kali Kniel, Ph.D.

University of Delaware

- One Health
- Foodborne Viruses
- Foodborne Parasites
- Produce Food Safety Issues



Ruth Petran, Ph.D.

Ruth Petran

Consulting, LLC

- Sanitation Preventive Controls
- Norovirus Management
- Hazard Analysis



Gale Prince

Consultant

- Human Factors in Enhancing the Management of Food Allergies in Achieving Food Safety Compliance
- Driving Forces for Hygienic Design of Food Equipment
- The Cost of a Product Recall – Should It be a Budget Item?
- Food Allergens
- A Fifty-Year Food Safety Career Based on a Bar Napkin



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