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## View from the Chair: View from My Back (With Help from a Friend)

*As colleague and friend to Roger Cook, Philippa Ross-James shares with us the following musings from her time spent with your Affiliate Council Chairperson.*

**M**any membership organizations face similar challenges of building and retaining their membership. The reasons for this are fairly well understood; these days, people have a huge demand on their time, with competing priorities. But what is not so well understood is how to overcome this problem.

While none of us has the complete solution, Roger has espoused his theory from his hospital bed and asked me to pass it on. It's about having fun.

Roger realizes that this theory is not new; the Affiliate Council discussed it briefly in Columbus this year. The Florida Affiliate is severely and chronically in-

fectured with it; our Past Chair, Carl Custer, has a rare variant of the disorder; and—dare he say it—the Board is also showing symptoms.

The literary journalist Brendan Gill is quoted as saying, “Not a shred of evidence exists in favor of the idea that life is serious.” And when you think about it, he's right. It is possible to enjoy life without losing respect for the people who could be affected by our actions. Injecting a bit of fun into our organization's culture could go a long way towards keeping its members engaged.

Take Roger himself as an example. He and those from IAFP's New Zealand/Australian contingent (and one or two “honorary South Pacific citizens”) make up IAFP's own “Brat Pack,” bringing their own version of enjoyment to IAFP's proceedings.

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## Affiliates Across the Globe

**Australia** **Brazil** **Canada** Alberta British Columbia Ontario Quebec **Korea** **Mexico**  
**New Zealand** **Portugal** **Spain** **Turkey** **United Arab Emirates** **United Kingdom**  
**United States** Alabama Arizona California California/Southern Capital Area Carolinas Connecticut Florida Georgia Idaho  
Illinois Indiana Iowa Kansas Kentucky Metropolitan Michigan Minnesota/Upper Midwest Missouri Nebraska New York  
North Dakota Ohio Pennsylvania South Dakota Texas Washington Wisconsin Wyoming

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Yet who would question their commitment or professionalism in the roles they hold? While technical excellence is still the key objective of IAFP Affiliates, how many of us can claim to concentrate for more than an hour on dry educational and technical topics? Add humor, entertainment, and audience participa-



Roger on October 9: Looking up from down under.

tion—and watch the number of members grow!

Roger has recently been ultimately reminded of the dead-right Scottish proverb advising people to “Be happy while you’re living, for you’re a long time dead.” Following a major skiing accident, he spent two weeks flat on his back with

crushed vertebrae. While his full recovery is assured, Roger says this scare has made him thankful for his sense of humor. His spirits have, like the mountain he fell off, been a bit up and down; but if he didn’t have the resilience that his sense of humor gives him, his recovery would undoubtedly be drawn out. He asks, “How many times can you count the spots on the same ceiling panel day after day after day?”

Consider the similarities, Roger asks. A broken back—an Affiliate’s broken membership; pain—the shared disappointment among Affiliate leaders; and the general helplessness of both situations. Not much difference, eh! So, if humor be the panacea for one, then humor may be the panacea for the other.

Lastly, Roger has noticed that you can’t do this alone. Think *mentor*.

Yes, Roger has had family, friends, and nurses to get him through the first couple of weeks. These were like his current Affiliate champions. But the real bonus was a roommate with a similar broken back. They shared the pain, the screams, the heart break, the challenges, the

jokes, the fun, stirring the nurses, the wives—a problem shared is a problem solved. So, find an Affiliate with the same problem and nurse each other back to full health.

To kick off Roger’s new edict, I propose a competition. To help cheer him on his way to recovery, please E-mail me your best “Roger” joke. (For instance, when Roger was young he announced to his parents that he planned to become a microbiologist. His mother’s response was, “Oh Roger, why don’t you try and be a full-sized one?”)

E-mail me your “Roger” joke by December 1. Prizes will be awarded for the best one, and extra points will be awarded if your joke includes skiing! I and a panel of my choosing will be the judges.

And do watch for Roger back on his feet to provide the next “View from the Chair.”

Yours in fun and safe food,

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# Affiliate Bio Brief

## Dan Erickson

*Delegate, Upper Midwest Dairy Industry Association*



**OCCUPATION** | Dairy Consultant / Food Safety Auditor, Harold Wainess & Associates, North Saint Paul, MN

**BACKGROUND** | Growing up on a small Minnesota dairy farm teaches one a lot about life. My childhood years were filled with the wonders and reality of farm life with a close knit family of four brothers. My first job away from the farm during my high school years found me working at the local grocery, whose owner was a stickler for cleaning, especially in the meat department—what a great experience! After high school I decided for a try at a career in the US Air Force, and was assigned missile maintenance technician at the Minot Air Force Base in North Dakota, where I served four years in the 91 Field Missile Maintenance Squadron, Periodic Inspection Team. During that time, I also helped a couple maintain their 800-acre wheat farm on the North Dakota prairie.

**CAREER HIGHLIGHTS** | After four years of military service, I returned to Minnesota with visions of farming with my brothers. The reality was a down turn in the farm economy which found me working as a milk hauler/sampler for a small town cheese company. This proved to be a favorite job, as I was able to visit with many dairy farmers and make a lot of friends along the routes. This was also my entry into the dairy industry and an opportunity to learn about providing safe, quality food for others.

While delivering a load of milk to the receiving station one day, our field representative told me that the State of Minnesota was looking for inspectors to help bring manufacturing grade dairy farms into compliance with new hygiene and sanitation requirements. I tendered my application and began my career as Dairy Sanitarian for the Minnesota Department of Agriculture (MDA) in March 1984, spending two years as district dairy inspector in Stearns County. Upon accepting a promotion to Interstate Milk Shipper Certification Officer at the MDA central office, I moved to Saint Paul. There, I worked with all aspects of Minnesota's dairy industry and, over the next 17 years, became involved with the National Conference on Interstate Milk Shipments, which was experience beyond compare. The cross-discipline opportunities at the Department of Agriculture were invaluable; it's an experience I highly recommend.

**PORTFOLIO** | In 1984, I became a member of the Minnesota Sanitarians Association (MSA), an IAFP Affiliate that later merged with the Central Minnesota Dairymen and Dairy Processors, Inc. to become the Upper Midwest Dairy Industry Association (UMDIA). I served in all offices of MSA, and was president when we made a bid to host IAFP 2001 in Minneapolis. Our incomparable and energetic Local Arrangements team included Paul Nierman, Mary Anderson and Vickie Lewandowski.

In 1993, I was asked to attend the 3-A Sanitary Standards Annual Meeting to serve with the Committee on Sanitary Procedures (CSP); several years later, with support from committee members and academic advisor/mentor Dr. Ron Schmidt, I was made CSP Chair. During my five-year term ending in 2003, CSP made many changes to procedures for standards development and the standards that dictate how milk handling and processing equipment is manufactured, being careful to make those changes based on current methods and science. Serving on the CSP was another unique experience in food safety and quality. For this service to the public and the industry, I was given the IAFP Sanitarian Award at IAFP 2002 in San Diego.

At the IAFP 2008 Affiliate Council Meeting, I accepted the nomination to serve as Affiliate Council Secretary.

**PERSONAL ENDEAVOURS** | I met my wife, Tammy, while I was working as district dairy inspector and she was an inner city elementary school teacher in Chicago (farm boy meets city girl). Tammy and our two daughters, Katie and Emily, were with me when I received the Sanitarian Award in San Diego. We recently helped Katie settle at the University of Minnesota to begin her freshman year.



*Photo courtesy of haroldwainess.com.*

# Affiliates in the Spotlight



## Take the spotlight!

To be featured in the next issue, send a brief article and photos by January 2 to: [lmcdonald@foodprotection.org](mailto:lmcdonald@foodprotection.org). Your photos will also appear in the 2009 Affiliate Photo Show DVD.

**Editor's Note:** This department typically features meeting articles and photos submitted by our Affiliate organizations, followed by brief highlights of their news and activities. For this issue, beginning on page 8, we shift the spotlight to the Affiliate individuals and groups who enhanced IAFP's 95th Annual Meeting, held August 3–6 in Columbus, Ohio.

## Affiliate Clips | Highlights of your communications with the IAFP office

**Arizona Environmental Health Association (AZEHA)** awarded its inaugural "Arizona Environmental Health Professional of the Year" award to **Marlene Gaither**, Program Manager for Environmental Health at Coconino County Health Department. AZEHA established the award in 2007 to recognize the contributions of an outstanding professional in advancing environmental health protection, education, or promotion in the State of Arizona.



To encourage regional student funding and interest in food protection, **British Columbia Food Protection Association**

(**BCFPA**) has developed a scholarship fund for its student members. Two scholarships, for \$1,500 and \$500, will be awarded at the Annual General Meeting on December 1, 2008. Applications are available at [bcfpa.net](http://bcfpa.net), and must be received by November 1.

**Florida Association for Food Protection (FAFP)** held an Educational Luncheon on October 1 at the Uni-



versity of South Florida (USF) in Tampa. Speakers were **Drs. Raymond Harbison** and **Thomas Mason** of the USF College of Public Health's Center for Environmental/Occupational Risk Analysis and Management. Dr. Harbison presented "Food as a Bioterrorism Weapon" and Dr. Mason discussed "Food Safety in the Context of National Security." Attendees received 2 CEUs. FAFP is also encouraging its student members, and dependents of members, to apply for its 2009

Spring Semester Scholarships. To be eligible for the \$500 scholarship, students must be enrolled full-time in a food safety related degree program and submit an application by November 15, 2008. Details are available at [fafp.net](http://fafp.net).

On September 16, members of **Georgia Association for Food Protection (GAFF)** gathered at Publix in Marietta for their 2008 Fall Meeting, *Hot Topics in Food Industry*. Morning session speakers were **Sandy Shepherd** of Georgia Department of Agriculture, who delivered "Got Fish...It's What for Dinner"; and **Dina Austin Scott** of Steritech Group speaking on "SQF: Moving Your Food Safety Program Beyond the Next Level." Afternoon speakers were **Dan Redditt** of the FDA followed by **Jeff McGovern** of Orkin Client Services, who presented "Big Box Issues." Student Award Recognition and the Business Meeting took place be-



tween sessions. Due to site security requirements, those planning to attend the Winter Meeting on Febru-

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ary 17, 2009, must pre-register by February 1.

The IAFP office would like to acknowledge the **Kansas Environmental Health Association (KEHA)**



for its exceptional efforts in communicating with our office. By simply adding Affiliate Services (Leilani McDonald: lmcdonald@foodprotection.org) to its Listserv system, we receive all communications sent to KEHA members regarding meetings, elections, and other activities. This type of regular correspondence from our Affiliates ensures that IAFP's resources reflect current and accurate information, and that we have the opportunity to promote likeminded events and organizations.

**Steve Murphy**, Delegate of **New York State Association for Food Protection (NYSAFP)**, was one of



four instructors for the July 22–24 Certified Milk Inspectors (CMI) School at Cornell University. This is one

of the numerous educational opportunities provided by NYSAFP. The nearly 20 registrants studied regulations pertaining to dairy farm inspections; basic dairy science; product quality factors with emphasis on dairy microbiology and testing; dairy mastitis and somatic cell counts; and food safety and defense. A required course for New York

State CMIs, it also serves as a good refresher for experienced CMIs and is an excellent resource for those in related fields. The course is offered every year in July.

**Ontario Food Protection Association (OFPA)** held its 5th Annual Golf Tournament and Professional Development Day on June 10 at the Springfield Golf and Country Club in Guelph. Each year, this popular "Golf & Tech Talk Combo" offers three morning speakers followed by



an afternoon shotgun-start golf and post-tournament

social. Featured speakers were **Robert Weibe** of Massam Analytics, presenting "Forensics of Food, aka CSI-Food"; **Steve Jones** of Unique Development presenting "Leadership Styles for Front-line Supervisors"; and **Larry Wallace** of Wallace Risk Management Services presenting "Food Plant Security."

**Margaret Burton**, President and Delegate of **Southern California Association for Food Protection (SCAFP)**, prepared an excellent

Power Point presentation highlighting the educational sessions she experienced at IAFP 2008 in Columbus. The presentation was given by Ms. Burton and Thilde Peterson to attendees of SCAFP's August 13 meeting at Fresh Start Bakery in Ontario, California, and forwarded to



the IAFP office in September.

*Hot Topics in the Agri-food*

*Industry* was the theme of the **United Kingdom Association for Food Protection's (UKAFP)** 4th Annual Meeting, which took place on June 18 at the Village Hotel in Cardiff, Wales. Held in association with Food Network Wales, the program featured **Bill Marler** delivering the keynote presentation, "Caused Food Poisoning? See You in Court!" Supporting speakers included **David Lloyd, Dr. Denise Worsfold, Dr. Chris Griffith, Dr. Katrin Plassman, Dr. Paul Crus, and Will Williams.** ■

### Affiliates in Action Third Quarter 2008

#### July

- ◆ Australian Association for Food Protection (AAFP)

#### August

- ◆ Affiliate Council Meeting, educational sessions, and other events at IAFP 2008

#### September

- ◆ Georgia Association for Food Protection (GAFFP)
- ◆ New York State Association for Food Protection (NYSAFP)
- ◆ Upper Midwest Dairy Industry Association (UMDIA)
- ◆ Washington Association for Food Protection (WAFP)
- ◆ Wisconsin Association for Food Protection (WAFP)

We know that IAFP Affiliates are making things happen—and we want to share it here in the *Affiliate View*! We welcome your meeting articles & photos; events on your calendar; tips for Affiliate growth & networking; and recognition of your members' achievements.

To be featured in the next issue, send your news and photos

by **January 2** to:

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## 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:

- ◆ **Tri-fold display.** This attractive table-top exhibit display, recently updated to reflect our new image, shows attendees that you are affiliated with IAFP.
- ◆ **Promotional materials box.** Contents include current issues of *FPT*, *JFP*, and the *Affiliate View*, preview copies of our *Procedures to Investigate Foodborne/Waterborne Illness* booklets; Food Safety & Food Allergen Icons cards; and a variety of IAFP Membership and meeting materials.
- ◆ **IAFP Annual Meeting Photo Show DVD.** This seven-minute DVD (playable on TV or computer) captures the activities and opportunities for professionals at our renowned food safety conference.

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

# Affiliate Calendar

Let IAFP help advertise your meetings in this newsletter and in our journals. Keep IAFP on your membership mailing list, or send your event details to [lmcdonald@foodprotection.org](mailto:lmcdonald@foodprotection.org)

## October

**28–30:** *North Dakota Environmental Health Association, Annual Conference*, Radisson Inn, Bismarck, ND. Visit [www.ndeha.org/conference](http://www.ndeha.org/conference).

**29–30:** *Michigan Environmental Health Association, Annual Food Protection Conference*, Holiday Inn Gateway Centre, Flint, MI. Contact Janet Phelps at 810.257.3199 or [jphelps@gchd.us](mailto:jphelps@gchd.us), or visit [www.meha.net](http://www.meha.net).

## November

**6–8:** *Mexico Association for Food Protection, Annual Meeting* held concurrently with the 10th International Food Safety Conference and featuring speaker Gary Acuff, Sheraton Baganvillas Resort, Puerto Vallarta, Jalisco, México. Contact Alex Castillo at [a-castillo@tamu.edu](mailto:a-castillo@tamu.edu) or visit [inocuidad.cucei.udg.mx](http://inocuidad.cucei.udg.mx).

**12:** *Southern California Association for Food Protection, Import Safety of Food conference* featuring Lieutenant Commander John Urban of the FDA, Jack in the Box Regional Office, West Covina, CA. Contact Margaret Burton at [margaret.burton@jackinthebox.com](mailto:margaret.burton@jackinthebox.com) or visit [scafp.info](http://scafp.info).

**18–21:** *New Zealand Association for Food Protection with New Zealand Microbiology Society, NZAFP Annual Meeting* held concurrently and featuring speaker Lee-Ann Jaykus, Christchurch, New Zealand. Contact Lynn McIntyre at 64.3.351.0015 or [lynn.mcintyre@esr.cri.nz](mailto:lynn.mcintyre@esr.cri.nz).

**19–20:** *Alabama Association for Food Protection, Annual Meeting* featuring speaker Frank Yiannas, Double Tree Hotel, Birmingham, AL. Contact G.M. Gallaspy at 334.206.5375 or [ggallaspy@adph.state.al.us](mailto:ggallaspy@adph.state.al.us).

**20–21:** *Ontario Food Protection Association, 50th Annual Meeting & Workshop* featuring speaker Vickie Lewandowski, Mississauga Convention Centre, Mississauga, Ontario. Contact Gail Seed at 519.463.6320 or visit [www.ofpa.on.ca](http://www.ofpa.on.ca).

## December

**1:** *British Columbia Food Protection Association, Annual General Meeting* featuring speaker Vickie Lewandowski, Hilton Vancouver Metrotown, Burnaby, BC. Contact Terry Peters at 604.666.1080 or [terry\\_peters@telus.net](mailto:terry_peters@telus.net), or visit [bcfpa.net](http://bcfpa.net).

## February

**17:** *Georgia Association for Food Protection, Winter Meeting*, CDC Tom Harkin Global Communications Center, Atlanta, GA. Contact Pam Metheny at 678.450.3061 or [pam.metheny@waynefarms.com](mailto:pam.metheny@waynefarms.com), or visit [gaafp.org](http://gaafp.org).

**18–19:** *Kentucky Association of Milk, Food and Environmental Sanitarians, Innovations in Retail Food Safety*, Executive West Hotel, Louisville, KY. Visit [kamfes.com](http://kamfes.com).

# Resources for Meeting Planners

## IAFP Executive Board Speaker Program

### Guidelines

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 Leilani McDonald, IAFP Affiliate Services, at 800.369.6337 or 515.276.3344; or E-mail [lmcdonald@foodprotection.org](mailto:lmcdonald@foodprotection.org)



Stan Bailey, Ph.D., bioMérieux, *President*

- ◆ *Salmonella*, Methods
- ◆ *Salmonella*, Control in Chickens
- ◆ Rapid and Automated Methods in Food Microbiology



Vickie Lewandowski, M.S., Kraft Foods, *President-Elect*

- ◆ HACCP (all aspects)
- ◆ Safety of Dairy Products
- ◆ Applied Molecular Methods for the Food Industry



Lee-Ann Jaykus, Ph.D., North Carolina State University, *Vice President*

- ◆ Foodborne Viruses
- ◆ Molecular Detection of Foodborne Pathogens
- ◆ Microbial Food Safety Risk Assessment



Isabel Walls, USDA Foreign Agricultural Service, *Secretary*

- ◆ Food Safety Risk Assessment
- ◆ Food Defense



Gary Acuff, Ph.D., Texas A&M University, *Past President*

- ◆ Evolving Food Safety Issues
- ◆ Effective Validation of Critical Control Points
- ◆ History of Microbiological Testing and Role in HACCP



Roger Cook, New Zealand Food Safety Authority, *Affiliate Council Chair*

- ◆ *Campylobacter*: Thorn in the Side of Risk Managers; Wonderful Challenge to Risk Assessors
- ◆ Molecular Typing: Today's Primary Tool for Attributing Source to Foodborne Diseases
- ◆ National Microbiological Monitoring Programs and Databases in Meat Production



Dan Erickson, Harold Wainess & Associates, *Affiliate Council Secretary*

- ◆ 3-A Sanitary Standards
- ◆ Dairy Regulation/Milk Processing
- ◆ Dairy/Food Contact Packaging Materials



# Affiliate Chronicles: IAFP 2008

## Ohio Association of Food and Environmental Sanitarians: Local Efforts in Global Hospitality

Unless IAFP Annual Meeting attendees are familiar with the faces and color-of-the-day shirts worn by Association Staff members, it would not be unreasonable for them to regard a **Local Arrangements Committee (LAC)** member as an employee of the Association. After all, these numerous and colorfully “uniformed” individuals are working in most visible areas of the meeting site—behind desks, at a table or booth, in the halls between sessions.

Though not officially employed by the Association, each year the LAC members dedicate their talents and countless hours—before, during, and after the meeting— to fully supporting the Staff behind the scenes and ensuring that attendees feel welcome and inspired to explore their surroundings.

At IAFP 2008 in Columbus, the LAC was enthusiastically chaired by Gloria

Swick-Brown, Delegate of the **Ohio Association of Food and Environmental Sanitarians (OAFES)**, who sported festive buckeye jewelry in honor of her state (and made sure there were buckeyes for all!).

Please join us in thanking all of these generous officers and members of OAFES for enhancing the Columbus experience for all attendees:

- ◆ *Chairperson:* Gloria Swick-Brown
- ◆ *Registration Desk:* Kelli Dodd
- ◆ *Welcome Bags:* Christina Wilson
- ◆ *Dairy and Industry Donations:* Gina Nicholson
- ◆ *Direction Host and Spouse/Companion Room Host:* Nancy Labuhn
- ◆ *Special Events Host:* Connie Freese
- ◆ *Silent Auction:* Miranda Warner
- ◆ *Audiovisual Library and Speaker Ready Room:* Larry Holbert



*Local Arrangements Committee Chair Gloria Swick-Brown welcomes attendees at the Opening Session on August 3. Ms. Swick-Brown received an IAFP Fellow Award that evening.*

- ◆ *Golf Tournament and Award Banquet Host:* Don Barrett
- ◆ *Host Uniforms:* Jim Hartman

## IAFP Announces New Affiliates at IAFP 2008 Opening Session

At the IAFP 2008 Opening Session on August 3, President Gary Acuff was pleased to announce that three international Affiliate associations had been established during the fiscal year.

**Turkish Food Safety Association (TFSA)** officers include **Samim Saner**, President; **Serap Nazir**, Vice President; **Nerma Gokce**, Treasurer; and **Muhteber Ersin**, Secretary. A link to TFSA is provided on the IAFP Web site.

**Spain Association for Food Protection (SAFP)** was founded by **Emiliano Quinto**, President, and **David Rodriguez-Lazaro**, Presi-



*United Arab Emirates Association for Food Protection officers received their organization's charter on August 3. Pictured (L to R): IAFP President Gary Acuff, Khalid Mohammed Sharif, Bashir Hassan Yousif, Bobby Krishna, and IAFP Executive Director David Tharp.*

dent-Elect. Vice President is **Marta Hernandez-Perez**, and **Rosa Capita** is Secretary and Treasurer.

**United Arab Emirates Association for Food Protection (UAEAFP)** began forming after the February 2008 Dubai International Food Safety Conference. Officers include **Khalid Mohammed Sharif**, President; **Aisha Abushelaibi**, President-Elect; **Mariam Shenasi**, Vice President; **Bashir Hassan Yousif**, Secretary; and **Bobby Krishna**, Delegate.

There are presently 43 active IAFP Affiliates, with numerous other organizations forming with the intent of establishing affiliation with IAFP.



## Affiliate Council Welcomes Dan Erickson as 2008–2009 Secretary

At the 2008 Affiliate Council meeting on August 3, **Dan Erickson**, Delegate of the **Upper Midwest Dairy Industry Association (UMDIA)**, received and accepted the unanimous nomination to serve as Affiliate Council Secretary for the 2008–2009 term, to succeed as Chairperson for the 2009–2010 term.

In his role as Food Safety Auditor for Harold Wainess & Associates in Saint Paul, Minnesota, Mr. Erickson is a frequent international traveler. An active member of the UMDIA Affiliate since 1984, he joined IAFP in 1994 and

has represented his organization on the Affiliate Council since 1998. In 2001, he chaired the Local Arrangements Committee for IAFP's 88th Annual Meeting in Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Along with many years of dedicated service to the 3-A Committee on Sanitary Procedures (CSP), Mr. Erickson served the *Food Protection Trends* Management Committee (2003–2006) and has been involved in the Dairy Quality and Safety PDG since 1997. In 2002, he earned the IAFP Sanitarian Award.



Dan and fellow Delegates at the 2008 Affiliate Council Meeting.

As Secretary, Mr. Erickson agreed to be profiled in depth for the "Affiliate Bio Brief" on page 3 of this issue.

## Affiliates Grow IAFP Foundation Through Pledges and Silent Auction



IAFP Foundation Chairperson Gale Prince accepts a donation from the "cast" of Florida Association for Food Protection.

IAFP is grateful to the many Affiliate organizations who generously contributed to the IAFP Foundation during the Annual Meeting in Columbus.

Through Silent Auction donations and direct monetary gifts, the efforts of these

Affiliates expedited the \$12,000 raised for the Foundation Fund during the course of IAFP 2008:

- ◆ **Brazil** Association for Food Protection
- ◆ **British Columbia** Food Protection Association
- ◆ **California** Association of Dairy, Milk and Environmental Sanitarians
- ◆ **Illinois** Milk, Food and Environmental Sanitarians
- ◆ **Korea** Association of Milk, Food and Environmental Specialists
- ◆ **Florida** Association for Food Protection
- ◆ **Metropolitan** Association for Food Protection
- ◆ **Michigan** Environmental Health Association
- ◆ **Missouri** Milk, Food and Environmental Health Association
- ◆ **New York State** Association for Food Protection

- ◆ **Ohio** Association of Food and Environmental Sanitarians
- ◆ **Ontario** Food Protection Association
- ◆ **South Dakota** Environmental Health Association
- ◆ **United Arab Emirates** Association for Food Protection
- ◆ **United Kingdom** Association for Food Protection
- ◆ **Wyoming** Environmental Health Association

Both Brazil Association for Food Protection and Florida Association for Food Protection presented their Foundation checks in person at the August 5 Business Meeting. Florida, not to be outdone by their performances of years past, offered their check following the riotous "Veggie Tales from the Crypt," their gripping skit-saga of fresh produce and the aftermath of outbreak. ■



John Bruhn (California Association of Dairy and Milk Sanitarians) and Helene Uhlman (Indiana Environmental Health Association) were among the Affiliate officers awarded with IAFP Honorary Life Memberships on August 6. Pictured from left to right: Gary Acuff, IAFP President; Helene Uhlman; John Bruhn; and Gale Prince, IAFP Foundation Chairperson, who also received the award.

## Affiliate Council Meeting

*The Affiliate Council met on August 3 at IAFP 2008 in Columbus, Ohio. Following are the official minutes to be published in the November issue of Food Protection Trends.*

### **Affiliates Present:**

#### **North America**

Alabama: Tom McCaskey  
Alberta: Gary Gensler  
Associated Illinois: Dennis Gaalswyk  
British Columbia: Terry Peters  
California: John Bruhn  
Capital Area: Carl Custer  
Florida: Peter Hibbard  
Georgia: Sid Camp  
Indiana: Helene Uhlman  
Michigan: Gene Paez  
New York: Steve Murphy  
Ohio: Gloria Swick-Brown  
Ontario: Joseph Odumeru  
Pennsylvania: Eugene Frey  
Southern California: Margaret Burton  
Texas: Fred Reimers  
United Kingdom: David Lloyd  
Upper Midwest: Dan Erickson  
Washington: Stephanie Olmsted  
Wisconsin: Kathy Glass

#### **International**

Australia: Deon Mahoney  
Brazil: Maria Teresa Destro  
Korea: Ki-jae Cho  
New Zealand: Roger Cook

**Board Members and Staff Present:** Gary Acuff, Stan Bailey, Vickie Lewandowski, Lee-Ann Jaykus, Isabel Walls, Jeffrey Farber, David Tharp, Lisa Hovey and Leilani McDonald.

**Guests:** Ian Jensen, Australia; Christina Wilson, Ohio; Judy Greig, Ontario; and Thilde Peterson, California (SCAFP).

**Meeting Called to Order:** 7:06 a.m.

**Recording Secretary of Minutes:** Roger Cook.

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 7:06 a.m. by Affiliate Council

Chair Carl Custer. There were 30 members and guests present. The agenda was approved with two items added to new business (Indiana/Ontario).

The minutes of the 2007 Affiliate Council Meeting were reviewed and approved with one amendment: correction of "Murhpy" to "Murphy" (Texas, Georgia).

**Report from Affiliate Council Chairperson:** Carl Custer announced and acknowledged the 2008 Affiliate Award winners and announced new international Affiliates from Turkey, Spain and the United Arab Emirates (UAE). He noted the receipt of more Affiliate Annual Reports for 2007 than previously, and congratulated Affiliates for their pleasing and innovative membership recruitment activities. He thanked Leilani McDonald, Affiliate Staff Liaison, for her exceptional work with the Affiliate Report and administration over the year.

**Report from IAFP President:** Gary Acuff presented the 2008 President's report and asked that Affiliates encourage participation of students in their activities.

**Report from the IAFP Office:** David Tharp, Executive Director, presented the 2008 office report.

**Report from the IAFP Affiliate Liaison Staff:** Leilani McDonald also thanked Affiliates for their Annual Reports, noting that she had received 33 for 43 Affiliates. She apologized for adding Delegates to the mailing list instead of just the President, but noted that this had improved communication.

**Election of the Affiliate Council Secretary:** Carl Custer announced that Dan Erickson of the Upper Midwest Dairy Industry Association received the sole nomination for Affiliate Council Secretary (Indiana, Washington). Dan Erickson was voted by acclamation.

**Unfinished Business:** There was no unfinished business.

### **New Business:**

**Educational Session.** Unfortunately, Don Schaffner's flight to Columbus was cancelled and he was unable to present his Educational Session on development of Affiliate Web sites. Leilani was requested to post Don's presentation including PowerPoint slides to the IAFP Web site.

Instead, Delegates described their experiences with Web site development. Points of interest included:

1. Commercial prohibitively expensive, but relatively easy to do oneself after completing online continuing education courses (9 weeks) using programs such as Front Page or Dream Weaver, or with help from students, kids or other volunteers with Web page development abilities. Might cost less than a meal or two. A platform called "Common Spot" should be avoided.
2. Updating the Web site also commercially expensive at approximately \$600, but easier to have an elected Webmaster from the Affiliate membership do it.
3. Need to take precautions to prevent access by hackers.
4. Increases the number of inquiries and facilitates membership subscription.
5. Facilitates online monthly newsletter and reports.

**Membership Growth Issues.** Leilani McDonald and Dan Erickson opened discussion on the economic impact of the current economy on Affiliate membership and activities. While some noted staff cuts, new Affiliate establishments, and "sinking lid" policies at universities, others noted no change or an increase in membership. Strategies such as provid-

ing quality programs at an affordable rate in a “cool” place should minimize any losses. Adding adjuncts such as industry workshops to more general meetings will defray costs. Involving students will assist with membership continuity.

Sid Camp described how the Georgia Affiliate has started a new stipend award to enable food safety professionals from regulatory bodies to attend the IAFP Annual Meeting.

Dan Erickson, with full support from the Council, asked that the Board encourage IAFP Members to become members of their Affiliate, and that Affiliates be recommended to encourage their members to become IAFP Members, especially given the new, less financially onerous fees structure. Leilani McDonald was asked to also include a request in the *Affiliate View* newsletter, and to investigate a written proposal from John Bruhn to use membership postcards or E-cards.

**Planning Issues.** Several suggestions were provided for the 2009 Educational Session and *Affiliate View*. The Chair, Secretary and Leilani are to further investigate. Topics included:

1. Web site development for Affiliates, carried over from 2008
2. Affiliate award holders to describe their achievements and any novel programs to encourage membership

3. Tax requirements for non-profit organizations
4. Simple development of CEUs and CLUs for Affiliate workshops
5. Audiovisual equipment for Affiliates

To ensure that all Delegates have the opportunity to share their Affiliate’s activities and successes (see agenda, Affiliate Reports), Leilani McDonald suggested that Affiliates could bring a one-page, tabulated summary for distribution to attendees of the 2009 Affiliate Council Meeting.

**IAFP Requirements for Affiliates.** Carl Custer and Leilani McDonald referred to Affiliate compliance with the requirements that Affiliates:

1. File an annual report with IAFP
2. Hold an annual meeting
3. Maintain President as IAFP Member
4. Maintain Delegate as IAFP Member
5. Have at least five IAFP Members within their membership

Many Affiliates have failed to meet all of these requirements. Tennessee and Mississippi Affiliates have been out of compliance for several years, have not communicated in that time, and hence face being removed from the list of recognized IAFP Affiliates.

**Affiliate Social Activity.** Helene Uhlman suggested the possibility for a separate social event for the Affiliate Council to encourage networking. The suggestion was well received, but it was agreed that time for such an event during the IAFP Annual Meeting would be difficult to schedule.

**Affiliate Reports:** Delegates offered a summary of their Affiliate’s activities and accomplishments in the past year.

**Recommendations to Executive Board:** That the Board encourages IAFP Members to become members of their Affiliate, and that Affiliates be recommended to encourage their members to become IAFP Members, especially given the new, less financially onerous fees structure.

That the Board encourage Affiliates to take a greater role in intrastate communication during food safety issues such as outbreak investigations. Approve Dan Erickson as the new Affiliate Council Secretary

**Passing of the Gavel:** Chairperson Carl Custer passed the gavel to Roger Cook, signifying the beginning of his term as Affiliate Council Chair.

**Next Meeting Date:** 7:00 a.m., Sunday, July 12, 2009, in Grapevine, Texas.

**Adjourned:** 9:40 a.m.

**Chairperson:** Carl Custer.



IAFP Affiliate Council Meeting, August 2008.

# 2008 Affiliate Award Recipients

Each year, IAFP awards five of its Affiliates for efforts and achievements presented in their Annual Reports. Let IAFP recognize the work of *your* Affiliate. Plan to submit your Annual Report by February 3, 2009.



Affiliate Membership Achievement Award  
Florida  
Association for Food Protection



Affiliate Membership Achievement Award  
Ontario  
Food Protection Association



C.B. Shogren Memorial Award  
British Columbia  
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Best Affiliate Educational Award  
Texas  
Association for Food Protection

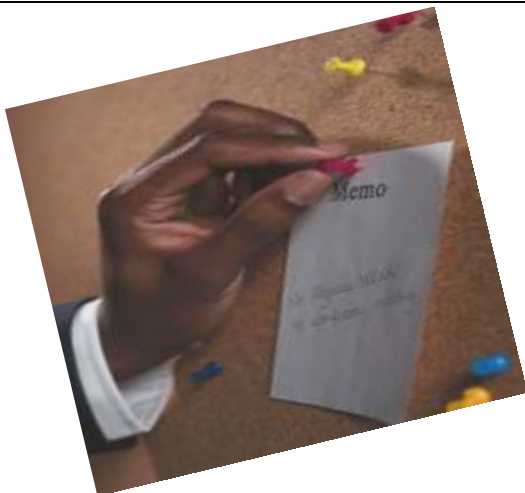


Best Affiliate Overall Meeting Award  
Turkish  
Food Safety Association



Accepting awards on behalf of their associations were (left to right from Carl Custer, Affiliate Council Chair): **Joseph Odumeru**, Ontario Food Protection Association; **Terry Peters**, British Columbia Food Protection Association; **Mayra Marquez Gonzales**, Texas Association for Food Protection; and **Todd Rossow**, Florida Association for Food Protection. Not present for photo: Turkish Food Safety Association.

# IAFP Bulletin Board



## IAFP 2008 in “The Discovery City”

In a quick search of city nicknames, Columbus, Ohio, appears to have earned a number of titles including “The Crossroads of Ohio,” “The Discovery City,” and “The Arch City.”

For the more than 1,840 attendees of IAFP 2008, held at the Hyatt Regency Columbus in August, the city was certainly a venue for new research, new technology, and new colleagues—all of which captured Columbus’s nickname-themes of choices, discoveries, and useful structures.

We are grateful for every helping hand and inquiring mind that contributed to the success of our 95th Annual Meeting.

Watch for photos and highlights of IAFP 2008 in the November issue of *Food Protection Trends* and on our Web site.

## Next Affiliate Annual Reports to Cover 2008 Activities

In mid-October, IAFP Affiliate officers received Annual Report instructions and forms by E-mail. The reports, due on **February 3, 2009**, are intended for completion by the Secretary of each Affiliate organization.

Again this year, monthly E-mail reminders will be sent, and Leilani McDonald will notify all officers of an Affiliate when their organization’s Annual Report has been submitted.

Several Affiliates have suggested that all officers of an Affiliate organization plan to review the report for completion and accuracy before it is submitted to the IAFP office.

## Making Food Safety History in Lisbon

Legendary Lisbon, Portugal, will be the backdrop of IAFP’s **Fourth European Symposium on Food Safety**, to be held November 19–21 at the Sana Lisboa Hotel.



In collaboration with ILSI Europe, the Society for Applied Microbiology, and the World Health Organization, IAFP has organized a comprehensive program of “Advancements in Food Safety,” featuring prominent industry speakers. The conference is further made possible by the technical cooperation of the Food and Agricultural Organization of the United Nations.

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IAFP 2008 marked the succession to the 2008–2009 Executive Board (L to R): **Gary Acuff**, Past President; **David Tharp**, Executive Director; **Vickie Lewandowski**, President-Elect; **Lee-Ann Jaykus**, Vice President; **Isabel Walls**, Secretary; **Roger Cook**, Affiliate Council Chairperson; and **Stan Bailey**, President.

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## Where in the World is IAFP?

As a major catalyst in the mission of protecting the worldwide food supply, the Association's dedicated work and event planning goes on year round.



Following our August meeting in Columbus, IAFP partnered and supported the September 24–25 **China International Food Safety and Quality Conference +**

**Expo (CIFSQ)**, held for a second year in Beijing. A link to the CIFSQ Web site ([www.chinafoodsafety.com](http://www.chinafoodsafety.com)) can be found on our home page, and meeting highlights should be available there soon.

As mentioned in the previous article, registration continues for our **Fourth European Symposium on Food Safety**, to be held November 19–21 in Lisbon, Portugal.

IAFP is presently an organizational and supporting force for the **4th Dubai**

**International Food Safety Conference (DIFSC)**, scheduled for February 24–26, 2009, in Dubai. For detailed information, visit [www.foodsafetydubai.com](http://www.foodsafetydubai.com), or click on the meeting logo on our home page.

## Food Protection Trends Going All Out, Online

We are pleased to be offering all food safety professionals a glimpse of the up-and-coming *Food Protection Trends Online*! During our planning and production phase, we invite you to preview the sample issues presently available on the home page of our Web site, [www.foodprotection.org](http://www.foodprotection.org).

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## Highlights of the Executive Board Meeting August 1–7, 2008 | Columbus, OH

*an unofficial summary of actions*

### Approved the following:

- ◆ Minutes of April 23–25, 2008 Executive Board Meeting
- ◆ United Arab Emirates Affiliate Charter
- ◆ Budget for FYE August 31, 2009

### Discussed the following:

- ◆ E-mail votes taken since the last meeting
- ◆ Board schedule and responsibilities for IAFP 2008
- ◆ Banquet script for Awards presentations
- ◆ Financial results from the Latin America Symposium on Food Safety-Campinas, SP, Brazil – May 26–28, 2008
- ◆ IAFP participation in COLMIC meeting during 2009
- ◆ IAFP participation in the China International Food Safety & Quality, Beijing, China September 24–26, 2008
- ◆ 2008 European Symposium planning, Lisbon, Portugal – November 19–21, 2008
- ◆ IAFP's participation in the Dubai International Food Safety Conference, Dubai, U.A.E. – February 24–26, 2009
- ◆ IAFP's International Symposium for 2009 – Korea
- ◆ IAFP participation in a future India food safety conference
- ◆ Met with representatives of the U.A.E. Association for Food Protection and the Dubai International Food Safety Conference
- ◆ Appointing Michael Brodsky as Parliamentarian for the IAFP Business Meeting
- ◆ How to influence TV chefs on safe food handling practices
- ◆ Produce Session at IAFP 2008—possibility to serve as basis for a Timely Topics follow-up in the fourth quarter 2008 or first quarter of 2009
- ◆ Food Quality proposal
- ◆ Met with representatives from Springer Publishing Co.
- ◆ Non O157 *E. coli* white paper
- ◆ JFP Food Worker papers
- ◆ Letter from former FPT Editor
- ◆ WHO-NGO update
- ◆ Board position descriptions
- ◆ New Sustaining Members
- ◆ SQF International Conference
- ◆ 3-A Sanitary Standards, Inc.
- ◆ Affiliate compliance report
- ◆ Sample Prep Working Group – white paper drafted and in review
- ◆ Compendium on Methods for Microbial Examination of Foods
- ◆ Opportunities for students to further serve IAFP
- ◆ IRS Form 990 issues to consider for future tax reporting
- ◆ International Leadership Award sponsorship
- ◆ Conferences requesting speaker recommendations
- ◆ Applied Laboratory Methods logo
- ◆ Exhibit at FoodMicro 2008, Aberdeen, Scotland – September 1–4, 2008

### Reports received:

- ◆ *IAFP Report*
- ◆ *Food Protection Trends*
- ◆ *Journal of Food Protection*
- ◆ IAFP Web site
- ◆ Financial statements
- ◆ Board Members attending Affiliate meetings
- ◆ *Affiliate View* newsletter
- ◆ Future Annual Meeting schedule
- ◆ Exhibiting (IAFP On the Road)

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