View from the Chair:
Safety First! Let’s Move Virtual!

(Editor’s Note: Julie Jean’s column was submitted prior to IAFP 2020, A Virtual Annual Meeting.)

First of all, thank you for the honor of serving as the 2020–2021 Affiliate Council Chair!

IAFP 2020, A Virtual Annual Meeting, will certainly be one-of-a-kind this year. It’s very different in this time of uncertainty due to COVID-19, with a second wave threatening. Unfortunately, we’re unable to attend in person to see old colleagues and meet new friends in this annual tradition. However, I’m convinced this new format will surprise everyone, and we’ll all be able to make the most of this situation. In addition, it will provide opportunities for many more food safety professionals to take part without the expenses associated to travel and accommodations.

Each year among all the ‘normal’ tasks, IAFP has the challenge of organizing its largest conference of the year. This year, the Association’s biggest challenge was organizing the equivalent of three

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meetings in a very short time: The Annual Meeting initially planned in Cleveland in July 2020, then postponed until October, and finally the difficult decision to hold a first-ever virtual meeting October 26–28. We sincerely thank David Tharp and the IAFP Staff who have worked so hard to put this year’s meeting together in a shorter-than-normal time frame. We’ll undoubtedly discover new ways to communicate scientific results and network with the food safety community from the safety and comfort of our homes.

Autumn in Quebec is associated with colorful panoramic views of maple trees turning from green to red. It’s definitely my favorite season for hiking in the region to recharge and take in the crisp fall air. Despite the challenges and difficulties we face during this pandemic, signs of hope and positivity can still be found just about anywhere – you just have to look up! Inspired by a campaign many believed was launched in Italy, some Montreal and Quebec families, while confined in their homes, have created colorful rainbow artwork to place in their windows, allowing passersby to see the French slogan, “ Ça va bien aller, ” meaning “ It’s going to be OK. ” In a sign of solidarity and support for people to stay home and be safe, even Montreal’s Trudeau Airport has changed the “ O ” in Montreal to match the children’s pictures with rainbow colors.

The rainbow is an important symbol, representing equity, diversity, and inclusion. During this challenging year of coronavirus, protests, and urban unrest, IAFP is in the process of developing a Diversity Council to address issues and implement meaningful and improved inclusivity, diversity, and equity efforts going forward. More information about this group will be shared as it develops further.

The 2020 Affiliate Council Meeting took place September 18 for the first time in a virtual format. The meeting started at a reasonable hour for most of us and went very well. We were happy to welcome two new Affiliates, the Bangladesh Association for Food Protection in North America and the revamped California Association for Food Protection, which now encompasses the entire state and replaces the Southern California Association for Food Protection Affiliate, bringing our total to 57 Affiliates!

Congratulations and welcome! Also, Jiyoon Yi, the International/Affiliate representative for the Student PDG, introduced herself and explained her new position dedicated to improving the communication and activities that can optimize student involvement within the Affiliates. We are delighted to welcome this new initiative, the energy, and new ideas coming from the student group to better promote food safety!

Please join me in welcoming Wendy White, Delegate from the Georgia Association for Food Protection, as our newly elected Affiliate Council Secretary. Wendy has been involved for many years in IAFP and currently serves on the Foundation Committee as Vice Chair. Read more about Wendy on page 7.

Finally, I want to thank Maria Ma, Past Affiliate Council Chair, for her hard work for the Affiliates and her commitment to IAFP and food safety. Maria has done an outstanding job of representing the Affiliate groups, and I hope to do the same during my term.

Do not hesitate to contact me anytime about your concerns, suggestions, or questions to better serve you in the upcoming year.

Stay safe and I hope to see many of you “ on the screen ” during this year’s Annual Meeting, October 26–28!

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The Australian Association for Food Protection (AAFP) held its 13th Annual Business Meeting virtually on June 16, 2020. Officers elected for the 2021-2022 term are:

- **President:** David Myatt
- **Past President:** Deon Mahoney
- **Secretary:** Robin Sherlock
- **Delegate:** Gary Boniface

IAFP annually presents five awards to Affiliates based upon efforts and achievements recorded in their Annual Reports. The 2020 Affiliate Award recipients shown below were honored during the **2020 Affiliate Council Virtual Meeting** on September 18, 2020. Deadline for submitting your calendar year 2020 Affiliate Annual Report is **February 16, 2021**.

### C. B. Shogren Memorial

**Florida Association for Food Protection**

Vanessa Cranford, President

### Affiliate Communication Materials

**New York State Association for Food Protection**

Betsy Bihn, President

### Affiliate Membership Achievement

**Georgia Association for Food Protection**

GAFP Officers

### Best Affiliate Overall Meeting

**Quebec Association for Food Protection**
2020 Affiliate Council Virtual Meeting Minutes

The Affiliate Council met virtually on September 18. Following are the official minutes that will be published in the January-February issue of Food Protection Trends.

Affiliate Delegates Present:

- Africa: Peter Kennedy
- Alabama: Neil Bogart
- Alberta: Lynn McMullen
- Argentina: Fabiana Guglielmone
- Arkansas: Jerri Lynn Pickett
- Bangladesh in NA: Mohammad Islam
- British Columbia: Justin Falardeau
- California: David Shelep
- Capital Area: Jenny Scott
- Carolinas: Linda Leake
- Chinese in NA: Zengxin Li
- Colorado: Juliany Rivera Calo
- Florida: Peter Hibbard
- Georgia: Wendy White
- Illinois: Brad Suhling
- Indian in NA: Harshavardhan Thippareddi
- Japan: Shigenobu Koseki
- Minnesota: Carrie Rigdon
- New York: Amy Rhodes
- Ohio: Christina Wilson
- Oklahoma: Maria Ma
- Pennsylvania: Peggy Good
- Quebec: Julie Jean
- Texas: Cindy Anderson
- United Kingdom: David Lloyd
- Washington: Stephanie Olmsted
- IAFF Board/Staff Present: Kali Kniel, Ruth Petran, David Tharp, Lisa Hovey, Didi Loynachan, Dina Siedenburg, Susan Smith.

Visitors/Guests: Mohammad Samiul Alam (Capital Area); Kara Baldus (Wisconsin); Debabrata Biswas (Bangladesh in NA); Julie Blackwell (California); Peggy Cook (Arkansas); Mami Furukawa (Japan); Erin Headley (Wisconsin); Sefat Khuda (Bangladesh in NA); Kunihiro Kubota (Japan); Salina Parveen (Bangladesh in NA); Tom Sidebottom (California); Juliana Simone (Michigan); Sultana Solaiman (Capital Area); Raul Avila Sosa (Mexico); Jiyoon Yi (Student Representative).

Meeting Called to Order: 10:02 a.m. (US Eastern Time), Friday, September 18, 2020.

Minutes Recording Secretary: Julie Jean.

Agenda: The agenda was reviewed and approved.

Delegate Roll Call: Captured by virtual call log-in.

Approval of 2019 Minutes: The 2019 Minutes were approved.

Report from Affiliate Chairperson: Maria Ma provided the following updates:

Recognition of two new Affiliates: Bangladesh Association for Food Protection in North America and the California Association for Food Protection, which replaced the Southern California Association for Food Protection.

Acknowledgment of 2020 milestone Affiliate
anniversaries (responses from attendees):

- New York – 97 years
- Pennsylvania – 86 years
- Wisconsin – 77 years
- Florida – 75 years
- Washington – 69 years
- Texas – 39 years
- Africa – 5 years
- Argentina – 5 years

Report from IAFP President: Kali Kniel welcomed all participants. She encouraged all Affiliates to keep communicating despite the pandemic and urged everyone to continue to support the Foundation during this time when donations have slowed. The Foundation has been able to provide many free webinars with high attendance over the past few months during the pandemic. She also congratulated this year’s Affiliate Award recipients.

Report from IAFP Executive Director: David Tharp reported that it’s been a very challenging year for IAFP with plans changing for this year’s Annual Meeting dates and moving from in-person to virtual meetings. Net revenues from Annual Meeting normally contribute anywhere from $500,000 – $900,000 into the general operations to keep membership fees affordable. Our fiscal year ended August 31, 2020 so no meeting dollars will be contributed into general funds in 2020. The Association’s financial planning built reserves in the general fund to $3.5 million as of August 31, 2019. The audit for fiscal year 2019 will be conducted in October, so we are unable to report on the current year’s results until after that is completed. In 2019, we added $72,000 to the general fund. When adding the past three year’s results, we added a total of almost $1 million to the general fund. Positive investment results along with financially successful Annual Meetings in 2017, 2018 and 2019 helped to boost the general fund. Building up the general fund has proven to be very useful since we are sure to incur a loss in fiscal year 2020. He encouraged Delegates to use IAFP Connect, a great communication tool that includes an Affiliate Council Community allowing delegates to communicate with each other and help find speakers, post comments, ask about membership development, help in meeting planning (including virtual meetings), and with any board issues. If you are an IAFP Member, you can access IAFP Connect.

Report from IAFP Staff Liaison: Susan Smith reported 45 of 53 active Affiliates (85%) had filed their Annual Reports, but all Affiliates need to submit an Annual Report as stated by IAFP Bylaws. All Reports are to be submitted electronically as one email if possible. No problems or issues were noticed during latest submission process. This year, 12 Affiliates applied for Awards, down three from 2019. Several affiliates were extremely close in the award selection process, so Affiliates were reminded to keep submitting for past year activities and events. Affiliate Delegates and Presidents are required to be active IAFP Members so check membership status before submitting. Affiliates were reminded to take advantage of IAFP’s Executive Board Speaker Program for an affordable and informative speaker for upcoming meetings after the pandemic diminishes. Updates to websites were encouraged to gain the most recent activities and information. If Affiliates collect dues through IAFP, update us with any changes in dues.

Important Information to Report from Delegates: Because of the virtual format of the meeting, the
usual two-minute oral Activity Reports from attending Delegates/Representatives were not offered this year. However, important information was presented by several Affiliates. Peter Kennedy, Delegate for the African Continental Association for Food Protection, stated he was approached by a third-party vendor to run the administrative (meetings) piece of their Affiliate and asked for input from attendees. David Tharp suggested he contact the American Society for Association Executives (ASAE) for information. GoToMeetings require a payment. Delegate Amy Rhodes stated the New York Affiliate will meet through Cornell University on Zoom virtually the week of September 21 from 10–2 with an IAFP Speaker and breaks in between. Peter Hibbard, Delegate for the Florida Affiliate, reported they are collaborating this year with the Georgia Affiliate to conduct a conference through Zoom. They have used Zoom through the University of Florida. He stated the Affiliate website has also been updated.

**Election of Affiliate Council Secretary:** Maria Ma announced that Wendy White, Delegate from Georgia, was willing to stand for election, and asked if there were any nominations from attendees. With no other nominees, Wendy was asked to provide a brief introduction, and by unanimous votes from the Delegates, was elected as incoming Affiliate Council Secretary.

**Presentation of the Affiliate Awards:** Maria highlighted the achievements of the award recipients and announced the 2020 Affiliate Awards as follows:

**Affiliate Membership Achievement** – Georgia Association for Food Protection

**Affiliate Member Education** – Wisconsin Association for Food Protection

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

**Best Overall Affiliate Meeting** – Quebec Food Protection Association

The Florida Association for Food Protection received the **C.B. Shogren Memorial Award**, which will be part of the pre-recorded Awards Recognition Presentation during IAFP 2020.

**Old Business:** None.

**New Business:** Jiyoon Yi, IAFP Student PDG’s International/Affiliate Representative, provided a brief update on her role as a liaison between both groups and students to improve communications, activities, etc. and maximize student involvement within the Affiliates. Neil Bogart, Alabama Delegate, mentioned that contributions can be made to the IAFP Foundation through the AmazonSmile program, which donates 0.5% of the costs for your eligible purchases on Amazon to the Association at no extra costs to the donator. Promotions will be sent by IAFP Staff reflecting this option. Susan Smith stated that a GoToMeetings Checklist will soon be sent to all Affiliates for planning virtual meetings due to the pandemic.

**Recommendations to the Executive Board:** None.

**Passing of the Gavel:** Chairperson Maria Ma passed the gavel to Julie Jean, signifying the beginning of Julie’s term as Affiliate Council Chair.

**Next Meeting Date:** Sunday, July 18, 2021, Phoenix, Arizona.

**Meeting Adjourned at:** 11:42 a.m. (US Eastern Time).

**Chairperson Name:** Maria Ma.
Affiliate Chronicles: IAFP 2020

Affiliate Council Welcomes 2020–2021 Secretary Wendy White

Wendy White was elected by acclamation of the IAFP Affiliate Council as Secretary for the 2020–2021 term on September 18, 2020. Wendy’s term commenced at the close of the Affiliate Council Virtual Meeting. She will succeed Julie Jean as Chairperson for the 2021–2022 term.

Wendy is a Food Safety & Quality Program Manager for Georgia Tech’s extension branch, the Georgia Manufacturing Extension Partnership (GaMEP) in Atlanta, Georgia. She teaches professional education courses and works with food and beverage companies to improve their food safety systems, achieve audit certification, and become compliant to government regulations. Prior to joining the University in 2019, Wendy spent her career in the food industry, most recently as Director of Corporate Quality for a global food manufacturer.

Wendy joined IAFP in 2002 as a Master’s student under the tutelage of Dr. Larry Beuchat at the University of Georgia’s Food Science Department. She has served as the Chair of both the Developing Food Safety Professionals and the Meat and Poultry Professional Development Groups (PDGs) and is the current Vice Chair of the IAFP Foundation Committee. In 2011, she received the President’s Recognition Award. She was a founding member of both the IAFP Student PDG and the Developing Food Safety Professionals PDG, and is a firm supporter of IAFP’s Student Mentoring Program.

Wendy joined the Georgia Association for Food Protection (GAFP) in 2002 as a student, winning the Affiliate’s Jim Ayres Student Scholarship Award that year. She was voted onto the GAFP Executive Board in 2012 and has served as the Affiliate’s Vice President, President-Elect, and President.

Welcome, Wendy!

Two Affiliates Receive Charters at 2020 Affiliate Council Virtual Meeting

Congratulations to IAFP’s two newest Affiliates, the Bangladesh Association for Food Protection in North America (BAFPNA) and the California Association for Food Protection (CAFP), who were introduced during the 2020 Affiliate Council Virtual Meeting on September 18 and by IAFP President Kali Kniel at the Opening Session of IAFP 2020, A Virtual Annual Meeting. Both Affiliates were approved by the IAFP Executive Board in July. CAFP replaces the former Southern California Association for Food Protection, and now encompasses the entire state.

President: Salina Parveen (pictured)
Vice President: Debabrata Biswas
Secretary: Nur Hasan
Treasurer: Sefat E. Khuda
Delegate: Mohammad Aminul Islam

President: Julie Blackwell
Vice President: Tom Sidebottom
Secretary: Luxin Wang
Treasurer: Sherman Mah
Delegate: David Shelep
Holding a Virtual Affiliate Meeting?

As discussed in the 2020 Affiliate Council Virtual Meeting, the decision to go virtual during the pandemic poses many questions. This GoToMeeting Checklist will help you get started with some of the basics.

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### Before the meeting
- Establish an objective – and stick to it. What key decisions need to be made? What actions need to be taken? If you can’t define the objective, you aren’t ready to have a meeting.
- Choose your people carefully. Be mindful when inviting people to your meeting – you’re probably not the only person asking for their time. No one wants (or needs) a calendar of back to back meetings.
- Set the agenda. For smaller meetings, a few bullets will suffice. Larger meetings may require a more structured approach. Either way, craft an agenda and send it out beforehand so your attendees are prepared.
- Get clarity on goals. Reach out to each attendee and ask them what they hope to accomplish in the meeting. This will give you insight into who cares about what, which can help you manage any conflicts that may arise.
- Assign roles and share expectations. Maximize everyone’s time by assigning meeting roles and communicating expectations up front. Ensure that presenters are equipped with the tools and materials they need.
- Establish meeting protocols. When should people ask questions? Will you tolerate latecomers? Having to recap for the benefit of late arrivals can be disruptive and a waste of time.

### During the meeting
- Put your best face forward. Video allows you to establish rapport with your peers and encourages personal connections. As the organizer, your participation on video will set a great example – so make it a point to activate your webcam unless you absolutely need to avoid it.
- Orchestrate the discussion. Confidently guide the conversation, maintain the tempo and ensure no single voice drowns out everyone else. Make certain your voice is dominant, your visuals are captivating and your speech is interesting enough to keep people following you.
- Appoint a timekeeper. This will help the meeting run on schedule, so you can focus on the subject matter. The timekeeper should keep an eye on each agenda item and inform everyone when it’s time to move on.
- Take notes. You’ll want to have a record of questions, tasks and follow-up items that have been directed at you and other attendees. If you’re not the world’s greatest multi-tasker, our Smart Meeting Assistant provides word-for-word speech transcription without lifting a finger.

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For more meeting tips, visit GoToMeeting.com.
Let IAFP help advertise your meetings on our website and in our publications. Submit your event details directly to our online calendar, or email ssmith@foodprotection.org.

October 2020

2: Colorado Association for Food Protection, 2020 Annual Conference (canceled due to COVID-19 restrictions).


(Held) 8: Iowa Association for Food Protection, 2020 Annual Meeting (virtual due to COVID-19 restrictions).


November 2020

11–13: Mexico Association for Food Protection Annual Meeting, Puebla, Mexico (virtual due to COVID-19 restrictions). For more information, visit https://amepal.com/.


Affiliates in Action
Third Quarter 2020

The following scheduled meetings were conducted virtually or canceled due to COVID-19 restrictions:

July

♦ Australia Association for Food Protection (virtual)
♦ Ohio Association for Food Protection (canceled)

September

♦ Arkansas Association for Food Protection (canceled)
♦ Quebec Food Protection Association (canceled)
♦ Washington Association for Food Protection (canceled)
♦ Indiana Environmental Health Association (canceled)
♦ New York State Association for Food Protection (virtual)

To be featured in the next issue of Affiliate View, send your news and photos by December 18 to Susan Smith at ssmith@foodprotection.org.

IAFP Support for Affiliate Meetings

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

♦ IAFP pop-up display. This updated and attractive pop-up display shows attendees that you are affiliated with IAFP.

♦ IAFP 2020–2021 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 issues of FPT and JFP, and IAFP Annual Meeting flyers. Additional complimentary resources are available upon your request.

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

for Affiliates

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 Services, at +1 515.276.3344; or email ssmith@foodprotection.org. (Please do not contact Board Members directly until approved by IAFP.)

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- The Future: Culture Independent Confirmation & Qualitative Chemical Hazard Characterization

Ruth Petran, Ph.D., Ecolab Inc. President-Elect

- Sanitation Preventive Controls
- Norovirus Management

Michelle Danyluk, Ph.D., University of Florida Vice President

- What You Need to Know About the Produce Safety Rule
- Managing Risk in a Field of Uncertainty: Pathogens in the Produce Production Environment
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IAFP Speaker Program *(expanded)*

**Gary Acuff, Ph.D.**
Acuff Consulting, LLC
- Addressing Risk Using Performance Objectives
- Proper Use of Pathogen Surrogates in Process Intervention Validation
- What is Really Achievable in Pathogen Reduction for Beef?

**Michael Brodsky, Ph.D.**
Brodsky Consultants
- Managing Food Safety and Security in the 21st Century
- Emerging Issues in Food Safety
- The Fallacious Fecal Coliform or What is a Fecal Coliform Anyway?

**Jim Dickson, Ph.D.**
Iowa State University
- Foodborne Pathogens in Meat: Progress and Challenges
- Interventions to Control Foodborne Pathogens in Meat
- Food Safety Issues with Pet Food
- Process Validation for Food Safety

**Jeff Farber, Ph.D.**
University of Guelph
- Overview of Raw Milk Cheese Issues in Canada
- Risk Assessment and Risk Management of Foodborne Listerialosis in Canada
- A Dummy’s Guide to Free Online Predictive Modelling Tools
- Emerging Foodborne Pathogens

**Kathy Glass, Ph.D.**
University of Wisconsin – Madison
- Opportunities and Limitations of Clean Label Antimicrobials
- Strategies to Maintain Microbial Food Safety in Reduced-sodium Foods
- Intervention Strategies to Control *Listeria monocytogenes* in Ready-to-Eat Foods

**Linda Harris, Ph.D.**
University of Wisconsin – Madison
- Tree Nuts: Food Safety Risks and Intervention Strategies
- Low-moisture Foods: Food Safety Challenges and Opportunities
- Low-moisture Foodborne Outbreak Case Studies: Lessons Learned
- Microbial Food Safety and Culinary Herbs

**Alejandro Mazzotta, Ph.D.**
Chobani, Inc.
- Dairy Food Safety and Spoilage
- FSMA and Regulatory Compliance
- Food Safety and Quality Systems

**Mickey Parish, Ph.D.**
U.S. Food & Drug Administration
- Science and Policy in Government
- *Listeria* in Foods

**Gale Prince**
Retired/Consultant
- So You Chose Food Safety as a Career Choice
- Food Safety Culture Drives Excellence
- Food Safety Modernization Act (FSMA)

**Don Schaffner, Ph.D.**
Rutgers University
- Understanding and Managing Food Safety Risks
- Quantitative Microbial Risk Assessment of Foods
- Development and Application of Predictive Models for Food Microbiology

**Katie Swanson, Ph.D.**
KMJ Swanson Food Safety, Inc.
- Useful Microbiological Testing for Food Safety Management
- Preventive Controls for Human Foods Training Curriculum Development

**Don Zink, Ph.D.**
IEH Laboratories & Consulting Group
- FSMA Implementation – Foreign Supplier Verification and Preventive Controls
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IAFP 2023, July 16–19, Toronto, Ontario, Canada