

AFFILIATE VIEW

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

VIEW FROM THE CHAIR:

A Bridge of Support



Once upon a time, a Food Science student received a scholarship to join a Food Microbiology laboratory at the Food & Drug Regulatory National Agency in Argentina. This was her first contact with relevant technical and scientific publications, like the

well-known *Journal of Food Protection*. At that time, there were few institutions in Argentina which received these kinds of journals, so the student was happy to have this learning opportunity, and each issue was received with joy!

Time passed, and the student became a professional. After spending three years in the research field, she joined the industry as a factory microbiologist and started teaching at the university due to her love of teaching. As this all happened 39 years ago, she acquired quite a bit of industry experience in the fields of consumer safety, process control, and hygiene and quality.

As you may have guessed by now, this is about me. And when I look back, I can't believe that, as IAFP's Affiliate Council Chair, I'm writing this column from my office in Buenos Aires. I am highly honored and thankful to have this amazing opportunity! My thanks to Susan Smith, Affiliate Liaison, for her

constant support since the creation of the Argentine Affiliate in 2015! I also want to thank all the Delegates for voting for me as Affiliate Council Secretary in 2022. And special thanks to Amy Rhodes, who was so kind in helping me understand the ways of working as Secretary and now Chair. Amy, I really enjoyed our chats! Thank you for your openness and support!

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Looking ahead, I believe my main mission is to act as a bridge to support the growth and interaction among our Affiliates. We have a very rich environment, what with some Affiliates celebrating decades of continuous activities (congratulations on 100 years, New York State!). Others are only a few years old and some are struggling to solicit new members. Affiliates need to reinvent themselves to increase membership and improve performance.

I must admit that I loved the interaction during the Affiliate Council Meeting in Toronto when most of our Delegates and Members tried to help another Affiliate Delegate who asked for ideas on reviving

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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	Alabama Arizona
North America	Arkansas California
Chile	Capital Area Carolinas
China	Colorado Connecticut
Chinese in North America	Florida Georgia
Colombia	Idaho Illinois Indiana
Hong Kong	Iowa Kansas
Hungary	Michigan Minnesota
Indian in North America	Upper Midwest
Japan	Missouri Nebraska
Korea	New Jersey New York
Lebanon	Ohio Oklahoma
Mexico	Pennsylvania
New Zealand	South Dakota Texas
Portugal	Washington Wisconsin

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his Affiliate after a decade of inactivity. This is the way forward by sharing best practices which worked for some Affiliates to help others to raise the bar (in Argentina it's called "stealing the pride"). You'll find many of the suggestions offered within the Affiliate Council Meeting Minutes, starting on page 7.

I encourage all of you to continue sharing your best practices in any of our three upcoming Affiliate Council Virtual Meetings (see below). I'm interested in learning from all of you, especially in the field of increasing membership and student involvement. For example, the Argentine Affiliate is in the process of nominating a student as part of its Council. We believe this will bring in fresh ideas, and create a new way to interact with current Members (and potentially new Members) through a better use of digital tools.

Start tracking your 2023 activities to include in your Annual Reports and definitely consider applying for one or more of the Affiliate Awards! It's a great time to receive this kind of recognition for your hard work and efforts completed throughout the year. Susan will begin sending out information and reminders later this year.

Finally, because of the many suggestions during the Affiliate Council Meeting to establish the dates and times for all three one-hour virtual meetings in advance, we listened. Following are dates and times to add to your calendars:

- Tuesday, November 14, 2023—2:00 p.m. (Eastern)
- Tuesday, March 19, 2024—6:00 p.m. (Eastern)
- Tuesday, May 28, 2024—2:00 p.m. (Eastern)

We will share the agendas and access information prior to the respective meeting. Any topic suggestions are welcome, so please let me know.

Stay safe, and contact me with suggestions on how to better serve you in this upcoming year!

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AFFILIATES IN THE SPOTLIGHT

FEATURING YOUR COMMUNICATIONS WITH IAFP

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New Zealand Association for Food Protection: Combined Conference Draws 300 Attendees

Reported by Aswathi Soni, Secretary

The New Zealand Association for Food Protection (NZAFP) held its 59th Annual Conference with the New Zealand Institute of Food Science & Technology (NZIFST) July 3–5, 2023, at the University of Otago in Dunedin. With the theme, "Food in a Challenging World," the three-day event attracted 300 Delegates from various parts of the globe. The theme highlighted the recognition that the food industry operates in an environment characterized by constant change.

During the conference, one of the key focuses was on food safety. As part of the IAFP Speaker Program, Dr. Kathy Glass, University of Wisconsin – Madison, was invited as a presenter. Her presentation, "Formulating Foods for Microbial Food Safety in the Clean Label Era," provided numerous examples from validation studies and demonstrated the challenges with clean-label formulated foods. Dr. Glass emphasized that while commercial clean-label antimicrobials are effective, they might lack standardization to the same degree as their

synthetic counterparts. Variability can exist between suppliers, lots, and their effectiveness against different microbes of concern. Consequently, a case-by-case validation approach is essential.

Dr. Glass was also an invited speaker for the Annual Workshop, hosted by the New Zealand Food Safety Science & Research Centre on July 3 at the University of Otago. Her presentation, "Emerging Threats and Control Methods for *Listeria* in Foods," addressed the evolving challenges posed by *Listeria* in the food industry and highlighted the latest strategies.

Overall, Dr. Glass contributed significantly to both events by sharing her expertise on microbial food safety formulation and emerging threats in foodborne pathogens, providing valuable insights to attendees. The support provided by the IAFP Speaker Program has been instrumental in the success of her participation and the exchange of knowledge.

Chinese Association for Food Protection in North America: Members Meet in Toronto

Reported by Ren Yang, President & Delegate



The Chinese Association for Food Protection in North America (CAFPNA) held its 2023 Annual Meeting on July 17 during IAFP 2023 in Toronto,

Ontario, Canada. This year's event saw a remarkable turnout of 38 attendees, reflecting the continued dedication and engagement of the CAFPNA community.

A notable highlight of the meeting was the presentation of the Outstanding Leadership Award to Cindy Jiang. This prestigious accolade celebrated Cindy's remarkable contributions to the CAFPNA Affiliate through her extensive involvement in voluntary activities such as mentoring, leadership, and unwavering support. With an illustrious 33-year career dedicated to advancing food safety and quality management systems for McDonald's, Cindy's recent retirement marked a significant milestone, and the award served as a tribute to her remarkable legacy.



Dr. Kathy Glass

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The meeting also provided an opportunity to reflect on CAFPNA's accomplishments over the past fiscal year and set the stage for its upcoming meeting in 2024. Members engaged in productive discussions about the organization's initiatives, achievements, and future goals. Additionally, the meeting celebrated the achievements of promising students by awarding three winners in the student competition, acknowledging their exceptional contributions to the field of food protection.

Newly-elected officers include:
 President/Delegate/Contact: Yige Bima
 Past President: Ren Yang
 Treasurer: Scott Li
 Staff: Yaxi Hu, Quanhong LI, Mingxia Zang

CAFPNA's Annual Meeting serves as a platform for networking, knowledge exchange, and recognizing the achievements of community leaders. As an integral part of the IAFP community, CAFPNA continues to play a pivotal role in advancing food safety practices and fostering collaboration among professionals in North America and beyond.

Ohio Association for Food Protection: Summer Meeting Held with Tour

Reported by Connie Freese, Delegate



The Ohio Association for Food Protection (OAFP) held its summer meeting at Anheuser-Busch Company in Columbus on August 22, 2023.

Jonathan Schmidt, OAFP President, welcomed attendees before Yuqi Luo (below), OAFP 2nd Vice President and Food Safety Specialist at Nestlé Development Center, held a roundtable discussion on "Food Safety Mindset in the New Challenge



Eras." Topics discussed included emerging issues on a post-COVID supply chain, evolving new technology in household kitchens, and how social media impacts our consumption behavior.

Abby Kuofie (below), Senior Manager of Quality Assurance at Anheuser-Busch, spoke about the brewing process and key performance indicators.



Approximately 15 attendees toured the Columbus Anheuser-Busch Brewery, one of twelve located throughout the country. This facility produces more than 7 million barrels of beer under 24 different brands. Attendees were able to see its



brewing, bottling, and packaging processes up close and behind the scenes .

At the tour's end, an impromptu session was held with a quality control taster who described how to taste beer for optimal flavor.

Bangladesh Association for Food Protection in North America: Annual Meeting Held During IAFP 2023

Reported by Debabrata Biswas, Vice President

The Bangladesh Association for Food Protection in North America (BAFPNA) held its Annual Meeting on July 17 during IAFP 2023 in Toronto, Ontario, Canada. Dr. Debabrata Biswas, University of Maryland, College Park, and BAFPNA Vice President, welcomed all participants before introducing the executives and board members. Nine members

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Members of the Bangladesh Association for Food Protection in North America held its 2023 Annual Meeting on July 17.

attended in person, with one member attending virtually. In addition, Ruth Petran, IAFP Past President, and Susan Smith, Affiliate Liaison, were in attendance, with Dr. Petran providing a brief overview of affiliate goals and activities of IAFP's Affiliate Council.

The meeting included a scientific presentation by Dr. Mohammad Aminul Islam, Washington State University, on "Investigating the Food Sources of ESBL-Producing *E. coli* Causing Community-Acquired UTI in Bangladesh: A Molecular Epidemiological Study." Dr. Nur Hasan, EzBiome Inc. and BAFPNA President, followed with the Association activities. He congratulated Affiliate members for making impactful scientific contributions (four oral and eight poster presentations) during IAFP 2023. He also congratulated Dr. Salina Parveen, University of Maryland Eastern Shore and BAFPNA Past President, who was the 2023 recipient of the James M. Jay Diversity in Food Safety Award.



During the meeting, BAFPNA announced its first Student Support Award. Dr. Parveen introduced Fariha Chowdhury (left), a student at Shahjalal University of Science & Technology in Bangladesh, as the recipient. Ms. Chowdhury expressed her sincere

gratitude to the Affiliate that partially supported her travel to and attendance at IAFP 2023.

Members discussed future potential activities for IAFP 2024 including possible proposals for symposium and workshops, student grants, and executive committee memberships.

The meeting adjourned through a vote of thanks from Dr. Parveen, followed by a group dinner to celebrate the achievements of the Affiliate members.

African Continental Association for Food Protection: 25 Attend Affiliate Annual Meeting in Toronto

Reported by Moustapha Oke, Secretary



The African Continental Association for Food Protection (ACAFFP) held its 2023 Annual Meeting on July 18 during IAFP 2023 in Toronto, Ontario, Canada.

Twenty-five attendees heard executives and several Board Members provide summaries of activities during the past year. Growing membership and the potential Food Safety Conference in Africa were also items of discussion.

Joseph Odumeru, President, welcomed attendees, introduced Board Members, and talked about the Affiliate's background, vision, mission, and benefits of joining. Top goals of ACAFFP are:

- Provide a forum for food safety professionals to discuss relevant food safety issues;
- Assist members in professional development by providing an enabling environment;
- Information dissemination; and
- Establish partnerships with African governments and other partners.

Achievements in 2022 were:

- ACAFFP highly engaged partners.
- Acknowledgement was given to the IAFP Executive Board for providing a free one-year

membership certificate to an attendee by balloting, which was Edmund Benefo.

- Turners, the new managers of the Affiliate website, is revamping the website. Contents in the old website will be migrated to the new website (acafoodprotection.org.za).
- The website is one of the main means of communicating with members and for sharing information about the food safety challenges, as well as possible solutions on the continent.
- Attendees were encouraged to share information to be posted on the website as current content is needed to keep members and partners informed about relevant food safety issues.
- ACAFFP and its partners, AUC, FAO, and IAFP, are preparing an in-person food safety conference for Africa to be held in Accra, Ghana November 7–9, 2023. (*Editor's note: This conference has been postponed until 2024.*)

Challenges discussed were:

- ACAFFP covers the entire continent; hence, enrolling members from all or many African countries is quite challenging.
- Members live in different times zones so it is challenging to have convenient meeting times.
- Getting funding for the upcoming conference and workshops.

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Members of the African Continental Association for Food Protection held its 2023 Annual Meeting on July 18 in Toronto, Ontario, Canada.

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Goals and objective for 2024:

- Increase membership. Encourage people to join ACAFP and become active members.
- Increase sponsorship.
- Organize webinars.
- Encourage members to volunteer for positions.

Dr. Manpreet Singh, IAFP Secretary, commended ACAFP for its achievements and reiterated the unconditional support of IAFP regarding ACAFP's plans, including the upcoming conference in Accra. He encouraged people to join ACAFP and IAFP.

Moustapha Oke, ACAFP Secretary, reported that current membership is at 193. Four webinars were held during the past year for members. He also announced that the new website is now active.

Rose Omari, Membership Chair, reported the following:

- In terms of membership, ACAFP's mailing list is at 400 with whom we share information about webinars and conferences.
- We expect to register new members during the ACAFP Food Safety Conference.
- Call for abstracts and oral and poster presentations has been announced with a deadline of August 15.

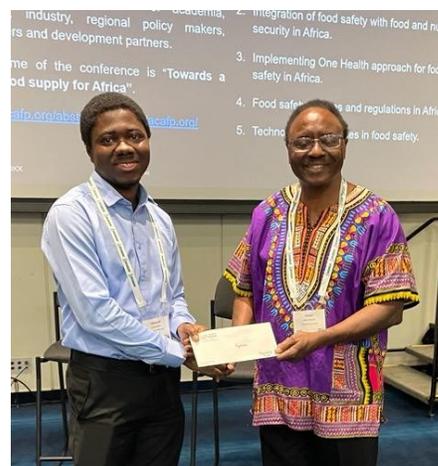
- There's opportunity for organizations and individuals to organize panel discussions, symposia, and learning workshops.
- Opportunity also exists for exhibitions.
- Sponsorships are urgently needed; please contact us with any potential sponsors.

Ajibola Ovedeji and Ifeoluwa Adekoya, Social Media Chairs, reported that as the Social Media Sub-Committee, their responsibilities include the dissemination of information about ACAFP through different media/social media channels including Twitter, LinkedIn, WhatsApp, emails, etc. Through these channels, we engage with the scientific community about the activities of ACAFP and promote upcoming events.

We also work hard to scrutinize the different online channels that ACAFP can use for webinars and online engagements by contacting and meeting different service providers and making recommendations to the board. We attend board meetings and engage with other board members to promote the advancement of the association and the well-organized events and routine activities. We have challenges with the backend handling of our websites and the creation of ACAFP-specific e-communication channels, and we are hopeful these will improve.

The four ACAFP webinars held during the past year were:

- November 24, 2022: "Harnessing the Power of



Edmund Benefo, a student at the University of Maryland, College Park, receives the complimentary IAFP one-year Membership from Joseph Odumeru at the African Continental Association for Food Protection's Annual Meeting on July 18.

Hydroxyl Radicals for Decontaminating Food and Non-Food Surfaces";

- January 31, 2023: "Salmonella and Low-Moisture Foods";
- February 20, 2023: "Utility of Microbiological Indicator Testing in Modern Food Safety Management"; and
- April 24, 2023: "STEC Challenges in Africa."

AFFILIATE BRIEFS

The following Affiliates held Affiliate Meetings during IAFP 2023 in Toronto, Ontario, Canada:



(Above): The Indian Association for Food Protection in North America met on July 17.



(Top right): The Bangladesh Association for Food Protection in North America met on July 17.



(Bottom right): The Southeast Asia Association for Food Protection met on July 18.

(Not pictured): The Korea Association for Food Protection met on July 17.

Affiliate Chronicles: IAFP 2023

2023 Affiliate Awards

Congratulations to the 2023 Affiliate Award recipients for their hard work during the past year! Four Affiliates were recognized with five awards during the Affiliate Council Meeting held on July 16, 2023. The C.B. Shogren Memorial Award was formally presented at the IAFP 2023 Awards Banquet on July 19 in Toronto, Ontario, Canada.



Turkish Food Safety Association

Best Overall Affiliate Meeting (tie)



Colombian Association of Food Safety and Technology



C.B. Shogren Memorial Award

Georgia Association for Food Protection



Affiliate Member Education

Argentine Food Safety Commission



Affiliate Membership Achievement

Ontario Food Protection Association



Affiliate Communication Materials

Ontario Food Protection Association

2023 Affiliate Council Meeting Minutes

The Affiliate Council met on July 16 in Toronto, Ontario, Canada during IAFP 2023. Following are the official minutes that will be published in the November– December issue of *Food Protection Trends*.

Affiliate Delegates Present:

Africa	Joseph Odumeru
Alabama	Neil Bogart
Argentina	Fabiana Guglielmone
Australia	Mark Turner
Brazil	Caio Carvalho
California	William Huntley
Capital Area	Jenny Scott
Colombia	Francisco Garces-Vega
Florida	Taylor O'Bannon
Georgia	Wendy White
Illinois	Brad Suhling
Japan	Shige Koseki
Korea	Yohan Yoon
Mexico	Raul Avila Sosa
New York	Amy Rhodes
New Zealand	Roger Cook
Ohio	Connie Freese
Ontario	Nadia Narine
Quebec	Julie Jean
Southeast Asia	Alvin Lee
Taiwan	Lee-Yan Sheen
United Arab Emirates	Bobby Krishna
United Kingdom	Helen Taylor
Upper Midwest	Dan Erickson
Washington	Minto Michael



IAFP Board/Staff Present: Ruth Petran, Michelle Danyluk, Tim Jackson, Mark Carter, Lisa Hovey, Susan Smith.

Visitors/Guests: Jennifer Acuff (Arkansas), Takiyah Ball (Wisconsin), Julianny Rivera Calo (Colorado), Byron Chaves (Nebraska), Teresa Chung (China), Janeth Luna (Colombia), Carl Custer (Capital Area), Ellen Evans (United Kingdom), Bob Ferguson (California), Karen Fong (British Columbia), Ellen Gravi (Ontario), Erin Headley (Wisconsin), Rick Heiman (Missouri), Minji Hur (Student Representative), Charles Otto III (Georgia), YeonJin Jung (Student Representative), Kunihiro Kubota (Japan), Quanhong Li (New Jersey), Shenmiao "Ivy" Li (British Columbia), Deon Mahoney (Australia), Anne-Marie Masella (Quebec), Rachel McEgan (Florida), Rawane Raad (Georgia), Liz Reed (Capital Area), Diego Romulo (Argentina), Don Schaffner (New Jersey), Kristin Schill (Wisconsin), Manan Sharma (Indian in NA/Capital Area), Szu-Chuan Shen (Taiwan), Gabriela Stancanelli (Argentina), Chung-Hsin Wu (Taiwan).

Meeting Called to Order: 7:40 a.m. (US Eastern Time), Sunday, July 16, 2023.

Minutes Recording Secretary: Fabiana Guglielmone.

Agenda: The agenda was reviewed and approved.

Delegate Roll Call: Captured by badge scanning.

Approval of 2022 Minutes: A motion was made to approve (Don Schaffner) and seconded (Wendy White).

Report from Affiliate Chairperson: Amy Rhodes provided the following updates:

Acknowledgment of 2023 milestone Affiliate anniversaries (responses from attendees):

New York State Affiliate will hold its 100th conference
September 19–21, 2023.

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Arkansas Affiliate: 15 years

United Kingdom Affiliate: 20 years

Amy reminded attendees that everyone can set up webinars through IAFP, who can help run slides and handle any issues while the webinar is live. Webinars are sponsored by the IAFP Foundation and available on the website. Amy also discussed the three virtual Affiliate Council meetings held throughout the past year. Calls were held in December 2022, March 2023, and June 2023 and recorded to make available on *IAFP Connect*. Amy or Susan can assist if delegates need help navigating the platform and can also send to those requesting recordings.

Report from IAFP President: Michelle Danyluk, IAFP President, gave the IAFP Board update. She encouraged attendees to download the IAFP 2023 App and re-sync it when prompted to ensure everything is correct. She also agreed with Amy to consider using IAFP webinars in your Affiliate meetings. A video from the Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Council has been developed by Lester Schonberger and can be viewed through the link sent earlier that day via the App. IAFP offered open access to its webinar archives throughout June in



celebration of World Food Safety Day on June 7; it was a big success with more than 9,000 views. Building on this triumph, this will likely be an annual event during the month of June. Webinars are welcomed and development of them is encouraged. Often, the number of webinar views exceed the typical number of attendees at a live session. Michelle encouraged volunteering on one of the IAFP committees by providing instructions on how to do so. She also reminded attendees to ensure getting notifications of *JFP* publications by setting up "Journal Alerts" via the IAFP website. Volunteering as a mentor/mentee through *IAFP Connect* is encouraged. If you aren't receiving IAFP communications, check with an IAFP staff member.

Report from IAFP Executive Director: Lisa Hovey discussed her 27 years working at IAFP and its Annual Meetings and the number of participants at this year's meeting, the highest since pre-pandemic.

Report from IAFP Staff Liaison: Susan Smith reported 38 of 55 active Affiliates (69%) had filed their 2022 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. Member lists are no longer required to help save time. She encouraged Affiliates to apply for one or more awards. This year, 11 Affiliates applied, a decrease of three from 2022, and encouraged more applications. 2022 Affiliate Annual Reports will be posted on the IAFP website in a few weeks. Websites are relied upon for important information, so please keep them updated and active. Affiliates were reminded to take advantage of IAFP's Executive Board Speaker Program for an affordable and



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informative speaker for upcoming meetings, whether in person or virtually. If Affiliates collect dues through IAFP, update us with any changes in amounts. No new charters were established in 2022. If interested in establishing one, let us know. She encouraged Affiliates to request meeting materials that include a free IAFP Membership certificate; to submit meeting summaries and photos to include in *Affiliate View*; and provided tips on capturing good-quality photos. She asked attendees if they were on the Affiliate Council page of *IAFP Connect* and encouraged joining to have conversations with others in the group and with Members in the communities you wish to take part in.

Discussions: Byron Chaves with the Nebraska Affiliate asked attendees how to help revive the Affiliate after 10 years of inactivity. Discussions included:

Wendy White (Georgia): Hold your first meeting virtually. Send email invitation and hold a meeting in a place of high interest for the audience. Partner with another company.



Don Schaffner (New Jersey): Have a good website created (by a non-University) to help with promoting (i.e., SquareSpace); go to 100% online - New Jersey Affiliate holds Zoom webinars throughout the year; have an electronic membership control system (i.e., Mail Chimp).



Brad Suhling (Illinois): Create a vendor show which is inexpensive; Illinois Affiliate had up to 20 show up.

Teresa Chung (Hong Kong): Hold small roundtables for brainstorming; partner with others to offer job opportunities.



Nadia Narine (Ontario): Market through social media; offer free memberships to students; offer corporate memberships; promote activities through local industry. If a non-profit association, use virtual platforms (like Google) for free.



Takiyah Ball (Wisconsin): Hold a joint function with all members invited; use a big company to host; have a student liaison; partner with other associations within the state.

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Bobby Krishna (United Arab Emirates): UAE Affiliate moved to Microsoft programs.

Rick Heiman (Missouri): Affiliate joined HEA to strengthen membership and rebuild organization; brought in good speakers and a variety of exhibitors in food processing.



Roger Cook (New Zealand): Run student competitions; recruit new people to bring in new members and ideas (i.e., include more topics to relate to nutrition).



Lee Yan-Sheen (Taiwan) mentioned how membership renewals have been difficult. He also suggested having more presentations in general regarding nutrition and allergies.

Election of Affiliate Council Secretary: Minto Michael, Delegate from Washington, offered to stand for election for Affiliate Council Secretary for 2023–2024. No other nominations came from the floor. Vote was taken and passed to elect Minto Michael as incoming Affiliate Council Secretary.

Presentation of the Affiliate Awards: Amy highlighted the achievements of the award recipients and announced the 2023 Affiliate Awards as follows:

Affiliate Membership Achievement – Ontario Food Protection Association – increased membership by 97%

Affiliate Member Education – Argentine Food Safety Commission – held three webinars with more than 3,000 combined attendees from more than 9 countries

Affiliate Communication Materials – Ontario Food Protection Association – newly-created newsletter, monthly emails, website, YouTube channel, LinkedIn, which attributed to more than 2,000 new followers

Best Overall Affiliate Meeting (tie) – Turkish Food Safety Association and Colombian Association of Food Safety and Technology – both for successful educational meetings held for their constituents

The Georgia Association for Food Protection received the **C.B. Shogren Memorial Award** for the second year in a row, which will be part of the Awards Recognition Presentation during IAFP 2023.

Old Business: None.

New Business: Yohan Yoon thanked IAFP for helping with the Korea Affiliate.

Minji Hur and YeonJin Jung, Student PDG Liaisons, updated attendees with the Student PDG achievements and encouraged international students to join their webinars. They talked about the virtual Happy Hours organized with the Ontario Affiliate, and the Georgia Affiliate providing information on IAFP and its benefits. They encouraged all Affiliates to have a student representative on their Affiliate Council and suggested using social media more to interact with students through Instagram and LinkedIn.

Recommendations to the Executive Board: The Affiliate Council recommends that Minto Michael be appointed as the next Affiliate Council Secretary.

Passing of the Gavel: Chairperson Amy Rhodes passed the gavel to Fabiana Guglielmono, signifying the beginning of Fabiana's term as the Affiliate Council Chair, official after the completion of IAFP 2023.

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 14, 2024, in Long Beach, California.

Meeting Adjourned: 8:58 a.m. (U.S. Eastern Time).

Chairperson: Fabiana Guglielmono.



IAFP HEADLINES

UPCOMING IAFP MEETINGS

IAFP's two largest meetings will bring together food safety professionals from around the world. Plan now to attend the 2024 IAFP European Symposium on Food Safety. The Symposium is an excellent forum to gain knowledge about the



latest developments and techniques in food science and safety. This meeting will be held 30 April - 2 May 2024 in stunning Geneva, Switzerland. In 2023,

more than 370 attendees from across Europe and around the world took part.

IAFP 2024 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 2024 will be held July 14-17 in Long Beach, California at the Long Beach Convention Center.

Submissions for symposia and roundtables for BOTH meetings are due Tuesday, October 3, 2023. Workshop proposals for IAFP 2024 are also due on that

date. Abstract proposals for BOTH meetings are due January 16, 2024. Visit the IAFP website for information on all submissions.

Registration and hotel information for both meetings will open in early 2024. Please watch for IAFP announcements for both events as we grow closer to the dates.

UPCOMING INTERNATIONAL MEETINGS

IAFP is proud to be a sponsor of our upcoming international food safety meetings, bringing together hundreds of people from around the world to learn, share, and network. The 17th Annual China International Food Safety & Quality (CIFSQ) Conference will take place November 2-3, 2023, in Beijing, China. Attendees from across China and around the globe will spend



two intensive days learning, sharing, and networking. Representing IAFP at this meeting are Tim Jackson, IAFP President, and Lisa Hovey, IAFP Executive Director. IAFP is proud to be a global host of this meeting.

The 17th Dubai International Food Safety Conference 2023 and IAFP's 10th Middle East Symposium will be held December 11-13, 2023, in Dubai, UAE. This year's theme is "Impact of Climate Change on Food Safety." The conference is organized by the Food Control Department of Dubai Municipality and supported by IAFP.

MAKE A NOTE: IAFP 2024 AWARD NOMINATION AND APPLICATION DEADLINES

IAFP welcomes your nominations for our Association awards. 2024 criteria and forms will be posted soon on the IAFP website. 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 to attend IAFP 2024 in Long Beach, California. The deadline for most IAFP awards is Tuesday, February 13, 2024.

NEW IN 2024: The deadline for IAFP's Student Travel Scholarship is Tuesday, January 23, 2024 (approximately one month earlier



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than in past years.) Full-time graduate and undergraduate Student Members enrolled in a food safety program are encouraged to apply. Recipients will receive registration and travel funds to attend IAFP 2024 in Long Beach, California.

Applications for the European Student Travel Scholarship are due Tuesday, 9 January 2024. Full-time graduate and undergraduate Student Members enrolled in a food safety program in Europe are encouraged to apply. Recipients will receive registration and travel funds to attend IAFP's European Symposium on Food Safety in Geneva, Switzerland.

NEW IAFP EUROPE FOOD SAFETY AWARD: NOMINATIONS ARE NOW OPEN

IAFP is pleased to announce a new award for Europe in 2024. The IAFP Europe Food Safety Award recognizes an active IAFP Member from Europe for dedicated and exceptional contributions to the profession of food safety in Europe. Sponsored by Novolyze, the award consists of a plaque and €2500 monetary support, i.e., €1000 honorarium plus €1500 (maximum) travel and accommodation costs to attend IAFP's European Symposium on Food Safety at which the awardee will be recognized.

Nominations are now open. To learn more about this award and to nominate a worthy candidate, visit the Awards page on the IAFP website. Nomination deadline is Thursday, 1 February 2024.

IAFP 2023 RECORDED SESSIONS/PHOTOS AVAILABLE

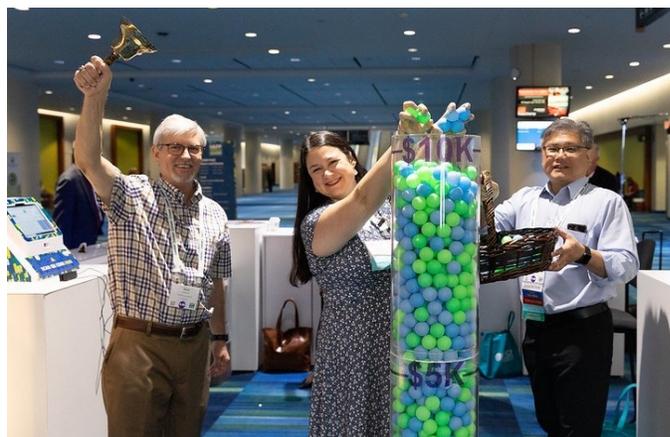
Recorded sessions presented at IAFP 2023 (from presenters granting permission) are available for viewing on the IAFP website (on the Annual Meeting page, click on IAFP 2023 in the archived section at the top right-hand side of the page). Attendees can view sessions they missed or sessions for a second time at their leisure. Those who couldn't attend can view some or all sessions (for a fee) for the latest in food safety topics and discussions.



Hundreds of photos from IAFP 2023 are now posted for viewing and downloading. Relive this year's Annual Meeting in Toronto, Ontario, Canada 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. Photos of Pre-Meeting Workshops, Affiliates, and Exhibitors are in separate albums labeled accordingly.

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

With every donation during this year's Annual Meeting, the bell rang loud and often at the IAFP Foundation Booth! We are pleased to announce that more than \$41,200 was raised in donations, including through the 2023 Silent Auction in Toronto. Foundation donations provide valuable educational programs such as the Student Travel Scholarship, Travel Awards, speaker travel support, free webinars, and much more. If you haven't made your 2023 contribution, please consider doing so by going to the Foundation page on the IAFP website to make your one-time or ongoing donation directly. (Donations made by year-end are often tax deductible. Check with your financial consultant for more details.)



Affiliates in Action Third Quarter 2023

* Meeting was held virtually

July

- ◆ New Zealand Association for Food Protection
- ◆ Bangladesh Association for Food Protection in North America
- ◆ China Association for Food Protection and Chinese Association for Food Protection in North America
- ◆ Indian Association for Food Protection in North America
- ◆ African Continental Association for Food Protection
- ◆ Korea Association for Food Protection
- ◆ Southeast Asia Association for Food Protection
- ◆ Australia Association for Food Protection

August

- ◆ Associated Illinois Milk, Food and Environmental Sanitarians
- ◆ Ohio Association for Food Protection

September

- ◆ Upper Midwest Dairy Industry Association
- ◆ Washington Association for Food Protection
- ◆ New York State Association for Food Protection
- ◆ *Idaho Environmental Health Association
- ◆ Indiana Environmental Health Association
- ◆ Arkansas Association for Food Protection
- ◆ *Bangladesh Association for Food Protection in North America

October 2023

10-12: Kansas Environmental Health Association, Annual Conference, Wichita, Kansas. Visit kansasenvironmentalhealthassociation.org.

18: Iowa Association for Food Protection, Annual Meeting, Hudson, Iowa. Contact Lynne Melchert at lmelchert@prairiefarms.com.

20: Taiwan Association for Food Protection, Annual Meeting, Taipei City, Taiwan. Contact Lee-Yan Sheen at lysheen@ntu.edu.tw.

November 2023

16: Ontario Food Protection Association, 2023 Fall Food Safety Symposium & 66th Annual General Meeting, Woodbridge, Ontario. Visit ofpa.on.ca.

22: United Kingdom Association for Food Protection, 2023 Annual Conference, Cardiff, Wales, United Kingdom. Contact Helen Taylor at hrtaylor@cardiffmet.ac.uk.

To be featured in the next issue of *Affiliate View*, send your news and photos by December 8, 2023 to Susan Smith at ssmith@foodprotection.org.

AFFILIATE CALENDAR

PROMOTE YOUR MEETINGS THROUGH IAFP

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 2023-2024 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 *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



**Tim Jackson, Ph.D., U.S. Food & Drug Administration
President**

- Food Safety Management
- Food Microbiology
- Regulatory Food Safety



**Mark Carter, MC Squared
President-Elect**

- Method Development and Validation
- Statistical Sampling Plans and Development



**Manpreet Singh, Ph.D., University of Georgia
Vice President**

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



**Manan Sharma, Ph.D., U.S. Department of Agriculture/ARS
Secretary**

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



**Michelle Danyluk, Ph.D., University of Florida
Past President**

- What You Need to Know About the Produce Safety Rule
- Managing Risk in a Field of Uncertainty: Pathogens in the Produce Production Environment
- How Did That Get There? Case Studies in Produce Production and Packing



**Fabiana Guglielmo, Unilever
Affiliate Council Chair**

- Are We Learning from Food Safety Marketplace Incidents?
- Allergen Management
- Importance of Hygienic Design and Proper Validation of Cleaning and Sanitation Procedures

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)

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



- Current and Future Regulatory Approaches for the Management of Foodborne Listeriosis
- Emerging/Re-Emerging Foodborne Pathogens and Trending Microbial Issues

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



- Opportunities and Limitations of Clean Label Antimicrobials
- Validating Formulation Safe RTE Foods
- Intervention Strategies to Control *Listeria monocytogenes* in Ready-to-Eat Foods
- Control of Sporeforming Bacteria During Extended Cooling and Refrigerated Storage

Linda Harris, Ph.D.
University of California – Davis



- Tree Nuts: Food Safety Risks and Intervention Strategies
- Low-Moisture Foods: Food Safety Challenges and Opportunities
- Low-Moisture Foodborne Outbreak Case Studies: Lessons Learned
- Soaking Low-Moisture Ingredients in Water – Are You Nuts?

Alejandro Mazzotta, Ph.D.
Chobani, LLC



- Dairy Food Safety and Spoilage
- FSMA and Regulatory Compliance
- Food Safety and Quality Systems

Ruth Petran Ph.D.
Ruth Petran Consulting, LLC



- Sanitation Preventive Controls
- Norovirus Management
- Hazard Analysis

Gale Prince
Consultant



- Human Factor Considerations for Achieving Food Safety Compliance
- Driving Forces for Hygienic Design of Food Equipment
- The Cost of a Product Recall – Should You Budget For It?
- A Fifty-Year Food Safety Career Based on a Bar Napkin

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
- Handwashing, Hand Sanitizers, and Cross-Contamination

Don Zink, Ph.D.
IEH Laboratories & Consulting Group



- FSMA Implementation – Foreign Supplier Verification and Preventive Controls
- Environmental Pathogen Monitoring
- Controlling *Listeria* and *Salmonella*

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Future Annual Meetings | Save the Dates!

IAFP 2025, July 27–30, Cleveland, Ohio
IAFP 2026, July 26–29, New Orleans, Louisiana
IAFP 2027, July 18–21, Kansas City, Missouri

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