

Affiliate View

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View from the Chair: IAFP 2012 Will Be Here Soon!

Inside this issue:

Hello Everyone! It's a new season and the flowers are gorgeous!

July will be here before you know it. Start making plans now to attend **IAFP 2012** in Providence, Rhode Island. The conference center and hotels are beautiful and we are all planning to have a great time.

This year's Affiliate Council Meeting will begin at 7:00 a.m. sharp on Sunday, July 22, so please try to arrive by 6:45 a.m. to enjoy a delicious continental breakfast and do some networking among those you haven't seen for awhile. This year will see changes to the room setup and agenda order, compared to past meetings. We will save time up front by eliminating the reports from the Executive Director and the IAFP President, since these are presented elsewhere during Annual Meeting.

Therefore, since the Affiliate Council Meeting's objective is to share information about the Affiliates, we will devote the first part of the meeting to roundtable discussions, allowing each table to discuss their respective Affiliate's past year's successes and issues. Discussions can range from Membership and successful speakers and topics to meeting locations and budgets – anything that proved challenging and/or successful for your Affiliate during the past year. By providing an open forum in small groups to ask questions and discuss suggestions, alternatives and solutions with each other, Affiliate Delegates can more easily focus on engaging in in-depth discussions to improve

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50 Affiliates Across the Globe

Africa Australia Brazil Canada | Alberta British Columbia Ontario Quebec Chinese in North America Colombia Hungary Korea Lebanon Mexico New Zealand Portugal Spain Taiwan Turkey United Arab Emirates United Kingdom United States | Alabama Arizona Arkansas 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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and grow as Affiliate organizations.

Afterward, we will ask each table to take a few minutes to report to the group as a whole on their respective discussion, which will be recorded as part of the official minutes to share with others. This will also save time by reducing the need for each Affiliate to report on their past year's achievements.

We also want to devote adequate time to discuss Affiliate Annual Reports, which are a requirement under IAFP Bylaws. David Lloyd, Affiliate Council Past Chairperson, Tori Stivers, Affiliate Council Secretary, and I made up this year's Selection Committee to review the 40 submitted Affiliate Annual Reports and select the 2012 Affiliate Award recipients. To be considered for an award, local affiliates must meet all of the criteria's requirements. At the upcoming Affiliate Council Meeting, we plan to discuss ways to improve next year's Annual Report submissions (for your 2012 activities and accomplishments), as well as make them easier to review.

If you have suggestions for the meeting or items for the agenda, please contact me or **Susan Smith** in the IAFP office **by July 13**.

We're currently seeking worthy candidates to fulfill the role of **2012–2013 Affiliate Council Secretary**, which begins at the close of **IAFP 2012**. This position is vital for the Affiliates, filling a one-year term as Affiliate Council Secretary, followed by a one-year term as Affiliate Council Chair on the IAFP 2013–2014 Executive Board. Secretary duties include recording all proceedings and

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activities of the Affiliate Council Meeting; assuming the duties in absence of the Affiliate Council Chair; keeping an updated record of authorized representatives to the Council; and serving as an ex-officio, non-voting Member of the IAFP Executive Board. Please contact **Susan Smith** or me if you or someone you know is interested in fulfilling this role.

Don't forget that Members of the IAFP Executive Board are available to speak at your local affiliate meetings. IAFP pays travel expenses to and from your country or state and your Affiliate is responsible for local expenses (meals, lodging, on-ground transportation, etc.). If there are

topics of importance to your group that are not on the Board Speaker list (located onthe IAFP Web site at **www.foodprotection.org**), please make IAFP aware of your needs.

If you want to become more involved with IAFP, we invite you to participate in the many Committee and Professional Development Group (PDG) meetings scheduled for July 21–22, prior to the Annual Meeting. All attendees are welcome and encouraged to participate, share valuable information with others, and learn more about specific food safety topics.

Finally, please consider donating an item from your region to **IAFP 2012's Silent Auction**. This event provides for some fun and competitive bidding on unique items from around the world while helping support the Foundation. (For more information, see the ad on page 15.)

It's going to be another great Annual Meeting and I look forward to seeing you all in Providence!

Gloria Swick-Brown

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Editor's Note: Deadline for copy for the Summer issue of Affiliate View is June 1 to allow time for production before IAFP 2012, July 22–25.

Affiliate BioBrief

Tong-Jen (TJ) Fu

Delegate and 1st Vice President, Chinese Association for Food Protection in North America



OCCUPATION | Research Chemical Engineer, U.S. Food and Drug Administration (US FDA), Food Technology Branch, Institute for Food Safety and Health (IFSH), Summit-Argo, IL.

QUALIFICATIONS | B.S. in Chemical Engineering, Tunghai University, Taiwan; M.S. in Chemical Engineering, Pennsylvania State University, University Park, PA; Ph.D. in Chemical Engineering, Pennsylvania State University, College Park, PA.

TJ serves as the principal investigator for a wide range of research projects aimed at addressing food safety issues associated with fresh produce and food allergens. Some of her current projects include water management during post-harvest washing of fresh produce, rapid methods for sampling and detection of pathogens, the impact of processing on food allergens, and the development of safety assessment strategies for genetically-engineered foods.

CAREER HIGHLIGHTS | TJ considers it an honor to be able to serve the public through her work at the FDA. She enjoys using her engineering background to study safety issues associated with food manufacturing and to develop preventive control programs. TJ also mentors students and foreign scholars who train in the IFSH laboratories, and appreciates the opportunity to plant the seeds of love for public health work. Throughout her career, she has authored or co-authored 75 abstracts, 22 journal articles, and four book chapters. She has also served as a co-editor for two books.

TJ is a nationally-recognized expert in the area of sprout safety. She serves as a technical expert in addressing agency and industry inquiries on sprout-related issues. In recent years, her public service reaches beyond research to include developing best practices for both the Agency and the industry to ensure sprout safety. She helped develop inspection tools for FDA field personnel and helped the sprout industry develop its own food safety programs, including an audit checklist to help implementation of FDA recommendations.

PORTFOLIO | TJ has been an IAFP Member since 2000, during which she has served on a number of Professional Development Groups (PDGs) and committees and has organized, chaired, and spoken at many topical symposia. She enjoys interacting with Members from academia, industry, and government, learning about their perspectives on addressing food safety challenges. Because recognizing food safety is a global issue which needs to be globally addressed, TJ has been actively involved in developing technical programs for international conferences, as well as helping promote international information exchange and collaborations. She served as a member of the Program Committee for the 2007–2009 China International Food Safety and Quality Conferences and co-founded the Chinese Association for Food Protection in North America.

PERSONAL ENDEAVOURS | Married with two teenage daughters, TJ serves as President of a local Chinese American Association, leading their youth committee. She has also served as the deputy principal for a Chinese school. In her spare time, she enjoys hiking, movies, musicals, and travel.

This department is reserved exclusively for article contributions by IAFP Affiliates. We invite your perspective on topics of interest to organizations and professionals dedicated to the advancement of global food safety. Send to Susan Smith at ssmith@foodprotection.org.

Affiliate WorldView

contributor's column



Upper Midwest Dairy Industry Association

Midwestern Strength at 103!

By Elaine Santi, UMDIA Secretary/Treasurer

The Upper Midwest Dairy Industry Association (UMDIA) fo-

cuses on sharing the most current information regarding the improvement of milk quality, dairy product safety, and methods associated with dairy product testing. This ranges from microbiological concerns and product components to animal drug residue avoidance. Subjects of animal health, inspection methods, milk sampling, milk transportation, milk harvesting and processing technologies, communication between producers, plant and creamery field representatives, farm service representatives, processing plant production and quality managers and regulatory officials are important topics for our affiliate. We serve as neutral ground for

discussion of regulatory issues without bias to any individual or group opinion. Issues surrounding the subject of product and service marketing are discussed strictly in neutral terms. The organization is committed to the advancement of the membership and the dairy industry.

UMDIA is, in some cases, described as the "Minnesota Affiliate;" however, UMDIA's Board of Directors has cast a wider net, claiming Members from surrounding states.

When reviewing the roster of IAFP Affiliates, one would assume that UMDIA would be the "odd-man-out" among Affiliates. It still has "dairy" in its name, while most affiliates have adopted the model taken by IAFP to include "Food Protection" within their Affiliate's name. UMDIA remains true to its "dairy" identi-

ty and for good reason. The membership, including its board of directors, is an enthusiastic

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group of individuals who make their living as technical and professional help, mainly to the producer and processor side of the dairy industry. Ultimately, UMDIA Members are committed to the quality and safety of the products offered for sale to the consumer, assuring consumer confidence and acceptability in those food products.

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UMDIA is among the oldest of the IAFP Affiliates, tracing its root organizations back to 1909. UMDIA celebrated its 100th Anniversary at the September 2009 Annual Meeting and Conference. Records may no longer be available as to when an affiliation was formed with IAFP: however, it is certain that there is a long and storied history. The term "legacy" is used these days in certain industries to describe companies which survive economic down-turns and the ravages of time. Under this definition, UMDIA can certainly be considered a "legacy organization."

Our many educational conferences serve as venues for industry colleagues to meet in a social atmosphere, with a bit of fun mixed in. One of these social events held during our Annual

Meeting and Educational Conference is our Cheese and Butter Auction, benefitting a scholarship fund for college students

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working toward careers in dairy and food industries. These yearly auctions provide the opportunity for Members to contribute to the scholarships and enjoy a raucous good time bidding against each other for champion cheese and butter samples that are submitted to the organization's competitive contests held four times during the year. Winners of these competitive product quality contests are honored each year at the "Breakfast for Champions" during our Annual Meeting, and

products are placed on display by UMDIA during the twelve days of the Minnesota State Fair.

We invite any IAFP Member with an Upper Midwest interest to become a UMDIA Member with the understanding that many IAFP Members with a Minnesota address are heavily involved in the activities of "International." UMDIA's Board of Directors extends a sincere "thank you" to those Members for their dedication to food safety around the world. We are always searching for opportunities to expand our educational conference programs and welcome all who are interested in contributing.





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Affiliates in the Spotlight

Featuring your communications with IAFP

ContributorsOhio Association for Food Protec-

tion: Winter Conference

Reported by Sarah Badenhop, 2nd Vice President



The Ohio Association for Food Protection (OAFP) held its Winter Conference and Annual Meeting at Columbus

Public Health in Columbus on January 11. Forty-eight attendees were present and during breaks, lucky Members received door prizes, including a complimentary oneyear IAFP Membership.

IAFP Vice President **Dr. Don Schaffner**, Ph.D., Rutgers University, opened the conference with an excellent overview of the IAFP organization and the benefits of mem-

bership. His educational presentation, "Understand and Manage Food Safety Risks at the RFE and FSO," discussed risk assessment vs. risk management applications. Later in the afternoon, Dr. Schaffner also presented "Interpreting and Evaluating Challenge Studies for Variances," discussing the complexities of product assessment.

Dr. Jeff LeJeune, The Ohio State University, spoke on "The Safety of Your Burger: Preharvest Influences on Food Safety." He described the study he and his team at OSU have been conducting on the presence of *E. coli* in livestock and how it is spread by birds.

J. David Luedeke, M.S., Battelle Institute, presented "Food Defense"

and Food Safety Activities at Battelle," an overview of the Battelle Institute and the products being developed that aid in food safety analysis.

Following the educational presentations, the Annual Meeting took place. A motion was passed to add language to the Bylaws that membership dues paid after the second meeting held in the summer will be counted as membership for the following calendar year.

Newly-elected officers include:

President: Cindy Ewing Vice President: Mike Thiel 2nd Vice President: Sarah Badenhop Past President: Shauna Boggs

Treasurer: **Kelli Dodd**

Delegate: Gloria Swick-Brown

British Columbia Food Protection Association: Education Speaks! Reported by Ana Cancarevic, Student Member



More than 50 members attended the British Columbia Food Protection Association's (BCFPA)

Annual General Meet-

ing on January 23 at the Delta Vancouver Airport Hotel and Conference Centre in Richmond, BC.

Prior to the meeting, attendees had a chance to network and view sustaining members' displays, while enjoying tasty appetizers. The meeting



Newly-elected OAFP Board Members include (from left): Cindy Ewing (President), Sarah Badenhop (2nd Vice President), Gloria Swick-Brown (Delegate), Mike Thiel (Vice President), and Kelli Dodd (Treasurer).

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was opened by **Alex Montgomery**, BCFPA President, who welcomed all attendees and outlined the plan for the evening. He gave a brief presentation on the previously distributed Annual Report, which was then adopted by the meeting.

Dr. Don Schaffner, IAFP Vice President and Professor at Rutgers University, started the technical portion of the meeting by sharing some general information and highlights of IAFP that included upcoming events. Dr. Schaffner's presentation, "Understanding and Managing Food Safety Risks," emphasized the importance of quantitative microbiological risk assessment tools in risk management, communication of food safety risks, and in assessing environmental cross-contamination.

Following Dr. Schaffner's talk, attendees enjoyed a "banquet break," with plenty of opportunities for networking and visiting the display booths. During this time,



Dr. Don Schaffner, IAFP Vice President, speaks at BCFPA's Annual General Meeting.



Dr. Wei Zhang, Associate Professor at Illinois Institute of Technology, talks to the BCFPA audience about "Bacterial Stress Response and Genomics."

BCFPA Student Scholarships were awarded to Leilani Jordan, B.Sc. student at Douglas College, and Andrea Goldson, Ph.D. student at UBC. Congratulations to this year's winners!

The evening's second educational talk was from **Dr. Wei Zhang**, Associate Professor at Illinois Institute of Technology, who shared his knowledge on "Bacterial Stress Response and Genomics." He explained how genomic approaches, such as pan-genomic chips, resequencing DNA-arrays, SNP genotyping and RNA sequencing can be effectively used to study stress response and/or pathogenesis of *Salmonella enterica*, *Escherichia coli* O157:H7, and *Listeria monocytogenes*.

Following a brief discussion on the benefits of volunteering for BCFPA, the new Executive Board was approved for 2012. Elected officers include:

President: Alex Montgomery Vice President: Ken Hall Past President: Terry Peters Treasurer: Peter Taylor Secretary: Lorraine McIntyre Delegate: Terry Peters

The evening ended with door prize drawings. BCFPA extends thanks to Dr. Schaffner and Dr. Zhang for taking time out of their busy schedules and traveling to Vancouver to present at this meeting.

Kentucky Association of Milk, Food and Environmental Sanitarians: 205 Attend Annual Conference

Reported by Jeff Edelen, Past President



The 42nd Annual Kentucky Association of Milk, Food and Environmental Sanitarians (KAMFES) Conference

was held February 22–25 at the Marriott Griffin Gate Hotel in Lexington. A joint conference with the Kentucky Onsite Waste Association (KOWA) resulted in an attendance of 205.

The conference opened with a tour of the Ale 8 One Bottling Facility in Winchester. This year's Exhibit Hall proved very busy and well-attended, with exhibitors numbering 19 this year, putting the conference at near capacity.

KAMFES is proud to provide an annual \$2,000 scholarship to an environmental health college student. Donations for the scholarship are raised primarily from the Silent Auction proceeds. This year's items included an *Apple iPad 2*, which raised over \$2,200 from the \$5 tickets sold. An additional \$2,000 was raised from other auction

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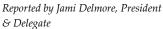
donations. With such proceeds, KAMFES hopes to provide two scholarships in 2013, pending Board approval.

The conference concluded with President **Jeff Edelen** presenting the President's gavel to incoming President **Kenny Cole**. Next year's conference, scheduled for February 19–21, will mark the Affiliate's 50th Anniversary.

Elected officers include:

President: Kenny Cole President-Elect: Stacy Roof Vice President: Leslie Cobb Past President: Jeff Edelen Treasurer: Laura Strevels Secretary: Natasha Collins Delegate: Kenny Cole

Idaho Environmental Health Association: "The Future of Environmental Health: Welcome to the Next Generation"



The Idaho Environmental Health Association (IEHA)

held its 2012 Annual Educational Confer-

ence March 14–15. The Boise State University Student Union Building hosted "The Future of Environmental Health: Welcome to the Next Generation." The location allowed BSU students who are enrolled in the Environmental Health Program to sit in on the presentation to receive extra credit.

Mel Knight, NEHA President, was the keynote speaker. IAFP Affiliate Council Chair Gloria Swick-Brown kicked off the Food Protection Session with her "Farm-to-Table" presentation.

The meeting ended with a dinner at the Bittercreek Alehouse and a tour of their worm-composting operation, where much of the business's food and paper waste are composted.

Board election results include:

President: Jami Delmore President-Elect: Patrick Guzzle Past President: Bob Erickson Secretary/Treasurer: Ken Keller Delegate: Jami Delmore Frank Isenberg, Central District Health Dept. in Boise (pictured below with Awards Chair Susie Simmons), received the Lifetime Achievement Award for his lengthy service in Environmental Health Programs.





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IAFP Headlines



Executive Board Welcomes Incoming Secretary

IAFP extends its congratulations to **Dr. Alejandro Mazzotta,** who was recently elected IAFP Executive Board Secretary to serve during the 2012–2013 term. He succeeds **Don Zink**, 2011–2012 IAFP Secretary, and begins his five-year commitment following **IAFP 2012** in July, serving as President in 2016–2017.

Dr. Mazzotta is Senior Director of Global Food Safety with Campbell Soup Company in Medford, New Jersey. Prior to his current position, he worked for McDonald's Corporation, where he held food safety positions from 2003–2008 in the corporate and U.S. business, including Director of Food Safety & Quality Systems.

Dr. Mazzotta has been an IAFP Member since 1999. He has participated in IAFP Professional Development Group activities and has chaired and served on several IAFP committees, including the Awards Committee; Black Pearl Selection Committee; Journal of Food Protection (JFP) Management Committee; and Development Scientist Awards Committee. For the past six years, Dr. Mazzotta has served as a member of the IAFP Program Committee and currently serves as Chair.

A native of Argentina, Dr. Mazzotta holds his B.S. and M.S. degrees in Biological Sciences from the University of Buenos Aires and his doctoral degree in Food Science, Microbiology from Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey.

Forty Annual Reports Received!

Forty Affiliates completed and submitted 2011 Annual Reports in February. By taking time to provide this invaluable information each year to IAFP, your Annual Report submission maintains compliance with IAFP Constitution and Bylaws, and helps us better track your contact information, activities, and accomplishments.

Submitted Annual Reports will be on display at IAFP 2012 in Providence, with Award recipients being recognized in front of their peers at the Affiliate Council Meeting July 22 (the C.B. Shogren Memorial Award will be presented at Wednesday night's Awards Banquet). Thank you to the following Affiliates who took the time and effort to submit their reports by deadline:

- Alabama Association for Food Protection
- Arizona Environmental Health Association
- Arkansas Association for Food Protection
- Australian Association for Food Protection
- Brazil Association for Food Protection
- British Columbia Food Protection Association
- Capital Area Food Protection Association
- Carolinas Association for Food Protection
- Chinese Association for Food Protection in North America
- Connecticut Association for Food Protection
- Florida Association for Food Protection
- Georgia Association for Food Protection

- Hungarian Association for Food Protection
- Idaho Environmental Health Association
- Indiana Environmental Health Association
- Associated Illinois Milk, Food and Environmental Sanitarians
- Iowa Association for Food Protection
- Kansas Environmental Health Association
- Korea Association of Food Protection
- Metropolitan Association for Food Protection
- Mexico Association for Food Protection
- Michigan Environmental Health Association
- Missouri Milk, Food and Environmental Health Association
- Nebraska Association for Food Protection
- New York State Association for Food Protection
- New Zealand Association for Food Protection
- North Dakota Environmental Health Association
- Ohio Association for Food Protection
- Ontario Food Protection Association
- Pennsylvania Association of Milk, Food and Environmental Sanitarians
- Southern California Association for Food Protection
- Spain Association for Food Protection
- Taiwan Association for Food Protection
- Texas Association for Food Protection
- Turkish Food Safety Association
- United Kingdom Association for Food Protection
- Upper Midwest Dairy Industry Association
- Washington Association for Food Protection
- Wisconsin Association for Food Protection
- Wyoming Environmental Health Association

2012 Affiliate Council Meeting: Preliminary Roll Call

As we prepare for the 2012

Affiliate Council Meeting in

Providence, Rhode Island, we as

Providence, Rhode Island, we ask that all 50 Affiliates review this list of the Delegates expected to represent their Affiliate. To report changes or an anticipated absence, please notify **Susan Smith** at the IAFP office. Affiliate Council Delegates will receive the official meeting agenda by E-mail in early July. It will also be published in our summer issue of *Affiliate View*.

Africa | Courage Saba

Alabama | Thomas McCaskey

Alberta | Lynn McMullen

Arizona | Veronica Oros*

Arkansas | Steven Ricke

Australia | Ian Jenson

Brazil | Maria Teresa Destro

British Columbia | Terry Peters

California | John Bruhn

California/Southern | Turonda Crumpler

Capital Area | Jenny Scott

Carolinas | Angela Fraser

Chinese AFPNA | Tong-Jen Fu

Colombia | Jairo Romero

Connecticut | Frank Greene*

Florida | Peter Hibbard

Georgia | Tori Stivers

Hungary | Varga Laszlo

Idaho | Jami Delmore

Illinois | Pat Welch

Indiana | Haley Oliver

lowa | no delegate

Kansas | Kathrine Robnett

Kentucky | Jeff Edelen

Korea | Jeeyoun Chong

Lebanon | Zeina Kassaify

Metropolitan | Gary Cohen

Mexico | Montserrat Hernandez Iturriaga

Michigan | Adeline Hambley*

Minnesota/Upper Midwest | Lisa Hensel

Missouri | Paul Gregory

Nebraska | Jill Kuzo

New York | Stephen Murphy

New Zealand | David Lowry

North Dakota | Elisabeth Otto

Ohio | Gloria Swick-Brown

Ontario | Marc Charlton

Pennsylvania | Gene Frey

Portugal | Laurentina Pedroso*

Quebec | Julie Jean

South Dakota | Roger Puthoff*

Spain | David Rodriguez-Lazaro*

Taiwan | Tsung-Yu Tsai

Texas | Fred Reimers

Turkey | Samim Saner

United Arab Emirates | Bobby Krishna

United Kingdom | David Lloyd

Washington | Karen Killinger

Wisconsin | Michael Schoenherr

Wyoming | Neal Bloomenrader*

*Delegate currently not an IAFP Member



IAFP 2011 Affiliate Council meeting



ake time today to register for IAFP 2012, July 22–25 in Providence, Rhode Island! The preliminary program is posted on our Web site and includes three days filled with a variety of food safety topics and issues.

Three workshops will also be offered July 20–21:

Characterization and Identification of Spoilagecausing Fungi: A Hands-on Workshop; Validation to Improve Meat and Poultry Safety; and Search and Destroy! Finding and Eliminating Environmental Pathogens. Detailed information can be found on our Web site at: www.foodprotection.org.

Networking: July 22-25

- Committees & PDG Meetings
- Welcome Reception
- IAFP Job Fair
- Student Luncheon
- Editorial Board Reception (by invitation)
- Opening Session & Ivan Parkin Lecture
- Cheese & Wine Reception
- Exhibit Hall Luncheons & Receptions
- President's Reception (by invitation)
- Business Meeting
- John H. Silliker Lecture
- Awards Reception & Banquet

Program: July 22-25

The IAFP 2011 Program begins with the Ivan Parkin Lecture on July 22 and concludes following the John H. Silliker Lecture and Awards Banquet on July 25.

Each day features a variety of symposia and roundtable topics, and technical and poster sessions.

The July 22 Opening Session features the Ivan Parkin Lecture with guest speaker Ms. Jenny Scott, Senior Advisor to the Director of the Office of Food Safety at the FDA's Center for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition in College Park, MD. The Opening Session runs from 6:00 p.m.–7:30 p.m.

Dr. Catherine Woteki, Under Secretary for Research, Education and Economics (REE) and the Department's Chief Scientist, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Washington, D.C., will present the **John H. Silliker Lecture**, Wednesday, July 25, 4:00 p.m.–5:00 p.m.

IAFP's popular **Silent Auction** will take place throughout the majority of the Conference, ending on Tuesday, July 24 at approximately 3:15 p.m. This is an entertaining way to take home a souvenir from another locale, knowing that all winning bids go to support the IAFP Foundation. Last year's auction raised over \$8,800! To donate an item, please visit our Web site at www.foodprotection.org and complete the Silent Auction Donation form. Or contact **Donna Gronstal** at dgronstal@foodprotection.org.

IAFP 2012 registration is now open online. If you're not yet an IAFP Member but plan to attend, consider joining now to save over \$200 in registration fees! And take advantage of our early registration rates until June 21.

We look forward to seeing you soon in Providence!

Affiliate Council Secretary: Nominations Requested

Do you know of a worthy candidate who can represent the interests and goals of your organization's affiliation with IAFP? Nominations are now being accepted for Affiliate Council Secretary for the 2012–2013 term, which begins at the close of **IAFP 2012**. This vital position will serve a one-year term as Affiliate Council Secretary, followed by a one-year term as Affiliate Council Chair on the IAFP 2013–2014 Executive Board.

The Affiliate Council Secretary will:

- Keep an accurate record of the proceedings and activities of the Council;
- Assume the duties of the Affiliate Council Chair in the absence of the Chair;
- Keep an up-to-date record of authorized representatives to the Council; and
- Serve as an ex-officio, non-voting member of the IAFP Executive Board.

Inquiries and nominations can be submitted to **Gloria Swick-Brown**, Affiliate Council Chair, or to **Susan Smith**, Affiliate Liaison, at the IAFP office.

Seventh Dubai Conference and First Middle East Symposium Provide Valuable International Interaction

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attended the Seventh Dubai Interna-

tional Food Safety Conference (DIFSC) held February 21–23 at the Dubai Convention and Exhibition Centre. IAFP's First Middle East Symposium on Food Safety was held in conjunction with this conference, providing a great opportunity for IAFP to broaden its appeal to potential Members. The Gulfood Show, which involves many aspects of the food industry, also coincided with the conference.

This year's event featured a special symposium on foodborne disease surveillance and outbreak investigation, examining ways in which regulatory agencies and health authorities can ensure food safety and compliance.

Industry was well-represented, with presentations from Nestle, Kraft, and Mars, among others. WHO and the CDC also had representatives in attendance, who provided valuable training after the event in epidemiology and PulseNet, which Dubai has plans to adopt.

Isabel Walls, IAFP President, and **David Tharp**, IAFP Executive Director, were among the many Association Members in attendance.

"Ensuring the Safety of the Food Supply While Facilitating International Trade" was delivered by Isabel. David discussed the benefits of belonging to and activities surrounding IAFP, culminating with presentations of Affiliate Charters to our two newest Affiliates: the Africa Association for Food Protection and the Lebanese Association for Food Safety.

Food safety is an important goal for the Dubai Municipality, which plans and supports DIFSC. "Hundreds of inspectors have constructed a risk-based plan for improving food safety in the country," said Isabel. "These inspectors are collecting data on foodborne illnesses and require training for food workers. More than 80% of food is imported, and the biggest issue is retail/restaurant. However, the country is a hub for regional trade."

Dr. Pascal Zbinden, noted quality management expert and head of

Corporate
Early Warning
at Nestle SA,
reiterated by
saying, "Food
safety is a critical public
health issue,
and I'm very
encouraged to
see the proactive efforts be-

ing made by the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) states in identifying and evaluating emerging food issues. A noteworthy example would be the joint efforts of Dubai Municipality and the Dubai Health Authority in tackling food poisoning and foodborne diseases."

David presented a commemorative plaque to **Khalid Mohammed Sharif**, Head of the Food Control Department for the Dubai Municipality, to recognize the efforts of the United Arab Emirates Association for Food Protection over the four years of their existence.

IAFP appreciates the support of the Dubai Municipality and wishes to recognize the many IAFP Members who participated by speaking or presenting workshops during the event.



IAFP Executive Board Speaker Program

for Affiliates



Isabel Walls, Ph.D., President

- ◆ Food Safety Risk Assessment
- ♦ Food Defense
- Role of Food Safety in International Trade



Katherine M.J. Swanson, Ph.D., Ecolab, President-Elect

- Food Safety Management at Retail–Practical Implications
- ♦ Norovirus-Plan, Prepare, Prevent
- ♦ Useful Microbiological Testing for Food Safety Management



Donald Schaffner, Ph.D., Rutgers University, Vice President

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



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

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



Don Zink, Ph.D., U.S. Food & Drug Administration - CFSAN, Secretary

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



Gloria Swick-Brown, Ohio Dept. of Health (retired), Affiliate Council Chair

- Food Safety from Farm to Fork
- ♦ How to be a Sanitarian: The Things You Didn't Learn in College
- ♦ Food Safety Education



Tori Stivers, University of Georgia, Affiliate Council Secretary

- ◆ Vibrio Infections and Molluscan Shellfish
- Seafood Safety Education
- Seafoodborne Illnesses

How It Works

- IAFP Board Members are available to speak at Affiliate meetings on numerous topics involving food safety.
- 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).
- IAFP will pay the Board Member's expense to travel to the Affiliate meeting location.
- 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.
- A two-month advance notice is required.
- To invite a Board Member to speak at your Affiliate meeting, contact Susan Smith, IAFP Affiliate Services, at +1 800.369.6337 or +1 515.276.3344; or E-mail ssmith@foodprotection.org.

Affiliate Calendar

Let IAFP help advertise your meetings on our Web site and in our publications.

Submit your event details directly to our online calendar,

or E-mail to ssmith@foodprotection.org.

Affiliates in Action

January

- Ohio Association for Food Protection
- British Columbia Food Protection Association

February

 Kentucky Association of Milk, Food and Environmental Sanitarians

March

- Georgia Association for Food Protection
- Idaho Environmental Health Association
- Southern California Association for Food Protection
- Michigan Environmental Health Association

April

- Missouri Milk, Food and Environmental Health Association
- Kansas Environmental Health Association
- Ontario Food Protection Association
- Indiana Environmental Health Association

IAFP Affiliates are making things happen – and we want to share it here in the Affiliate View! We invite your meeting articles, photos, and any news that recognizes the achievements of your association or of its individual Members.

To be featured in the next issue, send your news and photos by **June 1** to Susan Smith at: ssmith@foodprotection.org.

May 2012

2: Metropolitan Association for Food Protection, 2012 Spring Seminar, Cook Campus Center, Rutgers University, New Brunswick, NJ. Visit www.metrofoodprotection.org.

3-4: Turkish Food Safety Association, 2012 Annual Meeting, Harbiye Military Museum and Cultural Centre, Istanbul, Turkey. Visit http:// www.foodsafetycongress.org/.

9-11: Florida Association for Food Protection, 2012 Annual Education Conference, Wyndham Lake Buena Vista, Orlando, FL. Contact Michelle Danyluk at mddanyluk@ufl.edu.

11-12: Pennsylvania Association for Milk, Food and Environmental Sanitarians, 2012 Annual Meeting, Nittany Lion Inn, University Park, PA. Contact Gene Frey at erfrey@landolakes.com.

29: United Kingdom Association for Food Protection, 2012
Annual Meeting, Village Hotel, Cardiff, Wales, UK. Contact David Lloyd at dclloyd@cardiffmet.ac.uk.

June 2012

5-6: Texas Association for Food Protection, 2012 General Session Meeting, Omni Southpark Hotel, Austin, TX. Contact Alex Castillo at a-castillo@tamu.edu.

26-28: New Zealand Association for Food Protection, 2012
Annual General Meeting, held in conjunction with the NZIFST Annual Conference, Hamilton, NZ. Contact David Lowry at david.lowry@ecolab.com.

July 2012

17: Australian Association for Food Protection, 2012 Annual Meeting, Adelaide, Australia. Contact Edward Jansson at edward.jansson@foodauthority.nws.gov.au.

24: Chinese Association for Food Protection in North America, 2012 Annual Meeting, Rhode Island Convention Center, Providence, RI. Contact Zhinong Yan at zhinong.yan@intralox.com.

September 2012

11-12: Upper Midwest Dairy Industry Association, 2012 Annual Meeting, Holiday Inn and Suites, St. Cloud, MN. Visit www.umdia.org.

18-20: New York State
Association for Food Protection,
2012 Annual Meeting,
Doubletree Hotel, Syracuse, NY.
Visit http://
foodscience.cornell.edu/cals/
foodsci/extension/nys-afp/
index.cfm.

19-20: Wisconsin Association for Food Protection, 2012 Annual Meeting, Crowne Plaza, Madison, WI. Visit wafp-wi.org.

19-21: Washington Association for Food Protection, 2012 Annual Meeting, Campbells Resort, Chelan, WA. Visit http://www.waffp.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:

- Tri-fold display. This attractive table-top exhibit display shows attendees that you are affiliated with IAFP.
- ♦ IAFP 2011–2012
 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 E-mail Susan Smith at the IAFP Office.



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