Spring is a time of renewal and new beginnings. This season heralds renewed possibilities as increasing COVID-19 vaccination rates and decreasing cases of COVID-19 have signaled a return to more ‘normalcy.’ Affiliates around the globe have felt this change and started once again to plan onsite meetings – everyone is excited for the chance to see colleagues and friends once more. During the past two years, some Affiliates have hit ‘pause,’ some have continued meeting through video communications, and some have bravely dared to host an onsite gathering. The decline of this great disruption in our lives gives us the chance to have a new beginning and plan some ambitious goals to help strengthen our organizations.

It should come as no surprise to those who know me that I heartily suggest starting this new chapter with a planning session to create long-term goals and help develop an Affiliate Strategic Plan (see my past columns on this plan). The Georgia Affiliate is proof that this can be effective. A little more than a decade ago, our Affiliate was truly struggling. We were finding it hard to find engaged board members; our membership was decreasing; our scholarship program had lapsed; and every meeting seemed to come together at the last minute. I give all the credit to Tori Stivers and Mark Norton for holding things together during that time, until we were finally able to find a few individuals who were interested in turning things around. A new board was formed that decided to hold a strategic planning session. The goals which were created during that session provided the framework for slow but continued progress and growth. Today, the Georgia Association for Food Protection is as strong as it’s ever been – and it just might be time again for another strategic plan to keep this continuous improvement and growth!

"Every Affiliate is different, and their planning will reflect their goals."

Every Affiliate is different, and their planning will reflect their goals. Here are a few goals that helped GAFF achieve its new beginning:

**Create and maintain a strong board:** Proactively seek out candidates; schedule monthly board calls; and distribute the work equally among board members.

**Explore collaborative partnerships:** Hold joint meetings with similar organizations; find new ways to add value to the Membership; expand our marketing; and increase sponsors.

**Expand, encourage, and engage membership:** Revise an old website; develop a communications platform; find advertising partners; and create committees.

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As we discuss changes and new beginnings, I want to ensure that everyone is aware of a proposal that’s currently under debate among the Affiliate groups. This has the possibility to cause a large change, not only with the Affiliate Council (AC), but with the IAFP Executive Board as well. This is a proposed extension of the Affiliate Council Secretary and Chairperson terms from one year each (total of two years) to two years each (total of four years). Currently, a new AC Secretary is elected during the Affiliate Council Meeting (at the IAFP Annual Meeting) to begin their term at the conclusion of the Annual Meeting. They then become an ad-hoc (non-voting) member of the IAFP Executive Board for one year. The current Secretary moves to the position of AC Chairperson and becomes a full Member of the IAFP Executive Board for the year they serve, while the former AC Chairperson rotates off and resumes normal membership.

During the most recent Affiliate Council call on March 2, 2022, there was much debate about this proposed change, with compelling points made on each side. Those in favor of extending the terms believe it would create more consistency and continuity in leadership, promote more progress on AC goals, and allow the AC Chairperson to add more value to both the AC and the IAFP Executive Board. Those opposed are concerned this change would limit opportunities for participation on the IAFP Executive Board, and that extended terms may interfere with some Delegate elections within their respective Affiliate. The IAFP Executive Board has no objection with the proposed term extension, but this change must be approved by the Affiliate Council (and then accepted by the IAFP Executive Board). We will vote on this proposal as a change to the AC Operational Guidelines (along with other necessary changes) during our July 31 Affiliate Council Meeting onsite in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. I urge all Affiliate Delegates to try to attend this meeting to ensure your opinions are heard before voting on this significant change.

Continue to stay safe, and I hope to see you on our next virtual Affiliate Council call on Thursday, May 19, at 6:00 p.m. (Eastern Time) and in person at IAFP 2022. This year’s Silent Auction returns, so please consider donating an item(s) to be part of this lively event. We’ve always received such a great response from state-/provincial-/regional-themed donations in the past, including unique and one-of-a-kind items you can’t find anywhere else. And remember, all proceeds help fund the IAFP Foundation!

Regards,

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AFFILIATE NEWS
SECOND AFFILIATE COUNCIL STRATEGIC PLANNING MEETING HELD VIRTUALLY

The Affiliate Council held its second Strategic Planning Meeting virtually on March 2, 2022 from 12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m. (Eastern Time). The purpose of this meeting was to continue discussion of the Affiliate Council Strategic Plan in more detail and gain input from attendees.

Affiliate Council Chair Wendy White opened the meeting to approximately 45 attendees with a reminder about submitting Annual Reports by the deadline. The following discussion topics took place:

Board Continuity Discussion
After prior discussions, a proposal to extend Affiliate Council leadership (Secretary and Chair) terms from two years total to four years total was introduced during February’s IAFP Executive Board meeting with no objections. This proposed change will require amendment to the Affiliate Council’s Operational Guidelines. Voting on this change will take place at the Affiliate Council Meeting on July 31 in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

This proposed change was brought up for discussion during the November 2021 Affiliate Council call as a way to accomplish the goals set forth in the Strategic Plan and to add continuity to the Affiliate Council leadership. Attendees discussed pros and cons for this proposed change:

The counter argument warned that longer term limits would allow fewer people to experience the benefits of leadership, specifically exposure to the IAFP Executive Board. There was also concern that going from a total of two years to a four-year commitment would be too long for some people.

Encouraged soliciting further discussion through IAFP Connect.

Best Practice Sharing
- Student Involvement
  - Encouraging student involvement with the different Affiliates – what are we doing; what is working?
  - Susan Smith stated there is more involvement now than in the past but we still need more ways to encourage involvement.
  - (Unidentified speaker) talked about the success they’ve had with the position of Student Liaison and having that person take an active part on the board.
  - Some Affiliates have asked students to oversee their social media communications with much success.
  - Other ideas:
    - Free membership instead of a student fee
    - Place grad students on the board or as an Ad Hoc to the board
    - Have students present their thesis as a video conference during a meeting
    - Assign an Affiliate Student Liaison
    - Create and award scholarships
    - Invite one faculty member (paid Affiliate Member) to the Affiliate’s Annual Conference and allow them to bring three students for free
    - Offer a poster session at a meeting/conference for anyone who presented at IAFP’s Annual Meeting as the work is already complete and gives them another forum in which to present
    - Need to build a better bridge between the Affiliate board and the Student PDG
    - Provide some benefits to the student – summer internship, training courses not offered as part of their curriculum (i.e., BRC, IFS, Design Thinking)

Discussion Topic
- For in-person meetings, do any Affiliates require a COVID-19-related form to be completed, temperatures to be checked, etc.?
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    - Some yes, some no
    - Some government employees have a requirement
    - Depends state by state and what the expectations are

Discussion Topic
- Do any Affiliates offer CEs? Topic was tabled until next meeting due to time.

The next Affiliate Council Strategic Planning meeting will be held virtually on Thursday, May 19, 6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. (Eastern Time).

Stephanie Szeto, Environmental Health Officer, and Connie Banting, Practice Consultant, were presenters.

Justin Falardeau, Past President and Ph.D. candidate at the University of British Columbia, spoke on “Inhibition of Listeria monocytogenes via Cheese Microbiome Profiling.”

The meeting also included presentations of scholarships and awards.

California Association for Food Protection: Affiliate Development Continues
Reported by Laurie Clotilde, President

The California Association for Food Protection (CalFP) continues developing its organization as COVID-19 has delayed large in-person meetings. The Affiliate in Fall 2021 co-sponsored a meet-and-greet event in the Bay Area with the Pacific Southwest AOAC group.

With limited success with webinars, the Affiliate is planning small in-person regional events and one larger statewide meeting later in 2022. We will also work with the Northern California Branch of the American Society for Microbiology in developing and hosting meetings.

Work has continued with our attorney and accountant to finalize our non-profit status with the state and federal governments, a slow development. In that process, we are looking to update and simplify the Bylaws with attorney review. Our treasury is solid for a new organization and slowly growing.

The CalFP website has been a resource of information and membership registrations. Membership has been slowly growing, and we expect a significant growth once we begin in-person events. We feel fortunate to have a wealth of potential speakers and sponsors based in California, and many have committed to support us.

Along with meeting in person, we look to develop more active committees to advance the organization in 2022, as well as our election of new Officers.

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FORTY-THREE ANNUAL REPORTS RECEIVED

Forty-three out of 55 (78%) active Affiliates (those more than a year old and in force) completed and submitted 2021 Annual Reports in March. This is up 6% from submissions for 2020. Annual Report submissions maintain compliance with IAFP Constitution and Bylaws and help us better track your contact information, activities, and accomplishments.

Award recipients will be recognized at the Affiliate Council Meeting on July 31 at IAFP 2022 in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. Thank you to the following Affiliates who took the time and effort to submit their reports by the deadline:

- African Continental Association for Food Protection
- Alabama Association for Food Protection
- Alberta Association for Food Protection
- Argentine Food Safety Commission
- Arizona Environmental Health Association
- Arkansas Association for Food Protection
- Australian Association for Food Protection
- Bangladesh Association for Food Protection in North America
- Brazil Association for Food Protection
- British Columbia Food Protection Association
- California Association for Food Protection
- Capital Area Food Protection Association
- Chinese Association for Food Protection in North America
- Colorado Association for Food Protection
- Columbian Association of Food Science and Technology
- Florida Association for Food Protection
- Georgia Association for Food Protection
- Hong Kong Food Safety Consortium
- Associated Illinois Milk, Food and Environmental Sanitarians
- Indian Association for Food Protection in North America
- Indiana Environmental Health Association
- Iowa Association for Food Protection
- Japan Association for Food Protection
- Kansas Environmental Health Association
- Mexico Association for Food Protection
- Minnesota Food Protection Association
- Missouri Environmental Health Association
- New Jersey Association for Food Protection
- New York State Association for Food Protection
- Ohio Association for Food Protection
- Ontario Food Protection Association
- Pennsylvania Association of Milk, Food and Environmental Sanitarians
- Quebec Food Protection Association
- Southeast Asia Association for Food Protection
- Spain Association for Food Protection
- Taiwan Association for Food Protection
- Texas Association for Food Protection
- Turkish Food Safety Association
- United Arab Emirates Association for Food Protection
- United Kingdom Association for Food Protection
- Upper Midwest Dairy Industry Association
- Washington Association for Food Protection
- Wisconsin Association for Food Protection
As we prepare for the 2022 Affiliate Council Meeting on July 31 at IAFP 2022, we ask that all Affiliates review this list of Delegates (as of April 1, 2022) expected to represent their Affiliate. To report changes, please notify Susan Smith at the IAFP office. Affiliate Council Delegates will receive the official meeting agenda in June by email.

Africa | Joseph Odumeru
Alabama | Neil Bogart
Alberta | Lynn McMullen
Argentina | Fabiana Guglielmone
Arizona | David Morales
Arkansas | Jerri Lynn Pickett
Australia | Gary Boniface
Bangladesh AFPNA | Mohammad Islam
Brazil | Mariza Landgraf
British Columbia | David Mahoney
California | David Shelep
Capital Area | Jenny Scott
Carolinas | Linda Leake
Chile | Michel Leporati*
China | Xiumei Liu*
Chinese AFPNA | Haiping Li
Colombia | Janeth Luna
Colorado | Laurel Burke
Connecticut | Frank Greene
Florida | Matthew Krug
Georgia | Wendy White
Hong Kong | Terence Lau
Hungary | Laszlo Varga*
Idaho | open
Illinois | Charles Yarris
Indian AFPNA | Amandeep Dhillon
Indiana | Amanda Deering
Iowa | no delegate
Japan | Shigenobu Koseki
Kansas | Perry Piper
Korea | Yohan Yoon
Lebanon | Issmat Kassem
Mexico | Nydia Orue*
Michigan | David Peters
Minnesota | Carrie Rigdon
Missouri | Ryan Tilley
Nebraska | open
New Jersey | Jason Udrija
New York | Amy Rhodes
New Zealand | open
Ohio | Christina Wilson
Oklahoma | Divya Jonri
Ontario | Nadia Narine
Pennsylvania | Peggy Good
Portugal | Laurentina Pedroso*
Quebec | Julie Jean
South Dakota | LuAnn Ford
Southeast Asia | Alvin Lee
Spain | David Rodriguez-Lazaro*
Taiwan | Lee-Yan Sheen
Texas | Cindy Anderson
Turkey | Samim Saner
United Arab Emirates | Bobby Krishna
United Kingdom | Helen Taylor
Upper Midwest | Dan Erickson
Washington | Minto Michael
Wisconsin | Marlo Darken

*Delegate is currently not an IAFP Member, as of April 1, 2022 (a requirement under IAFP Bylaws).
IAFP HEADLINES

IAFP 2022: CROSS THE MANY BRIDGES TO FOOD SAFETY

IAFP 2022 in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, July 31 – August 3, promises to be another outstanding Annual Meeting. Sessions will be recorded for those who are unable to attend. We are pleased to announce the following five Pre-Meeting Workshops taking place on July 29 and July 30:

Next Generation Sequencing: A Tutorial and Hands-on Workshop to Help Understand This Emerging Technology
Friday, July 29 (1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.) and Saturday, July 30 (8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.)

Microbiological Sampling and Testing: ICMSF Workshop for Risk Managers and Food Business Operators
Saturday, July 30 (8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.)

Mold Contamination in Foods and Food Production Facilities – Monitoring, Sampling, Testing, and Identification Techniques
Saturday, July 30 (8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.)

Use and Interpretation of the USDA-ARS-Predictive Microbiology Information Portal, Pathogen Modeling Program (PMP) and ComBase
Saturday, July 30 (8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.)

Using Data and Statistical Analysis to Guide Food Safety Decision-Making
Saturday, July 30 (8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.)

Networking takes place July 30 – August 3 and includes (in part) the Welcome Reception; Committee and PDG Meetings; Student Luncheon; Opening Session and Ivan Parkin Lecture; Cheese and Wine Reception; Exhibit Hall Luncheons and Receptions; Business Meeting; U.S. Regulatory Update on Food Safety; John H. Silliker Lecture; and Awards Reception and Banquet.

IAFP 2022 will also include its popular Silent Auction throughout the majority of the meeting, returning after an absence of two years due to the pandemic. We encourage our Members, Affiliate Members, and those attending IAFP 2022 to donate an item(s) for this lively event, with all proceeds going to the IAFP Foundation. Your contributions, either with auction items or monetary, make it possible to continue to offer educational programs and support for food safety professionals and students around the world. (See page 8 for more information on how to donate.)

Not an IAFP Member but plan to attend the Annual Meeting? Join today and save more than $200 in registration fees – easily recouping your Association dues and gaining valuable Member benefits! Save even more by registering on or before June 27, when early registration rates end!

When registering, be sure to book your hotel reservation at the same time. Hotel rooms offering our group rate sell out quickly, so don’t wait to reserve your room! To register for IAFP 2022 and to reserve your hotel, visit: www.foodprotection.org/annualmeeting.

2022 COMMITTEE AND PDG MEETINGS TO BE HELD AT IAFP 2022

This year, all IAFP Committee Meetings and Professional Development Group Meetings will be held onsite during IAFP 2022 (no virtual attendance options will be offered). Most committee and all PDG meetings are scheduled throughout the day on Sunday, July 31.

The Affiliate Council Meeting will take place on Sunday, July 31, from 7:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. This year’s meeting will be shortened to 90 minutes to allow for attendance at PDG meetings that follow. More information, including the agenda, will be sent to all Affiliate Delegates as we grow closer to the meeting.

EXECUTIVE BOARD WELCOMES INCOMING SECRETARY

Congratulations to Dr. Manpreet Singh, who was recently elected to the IAFP Executive Board as Secretary. Dr. Singh is a Professor and Department Head for the Department of Food Science and Technology at the University of Georgia (UGA) on the Athens campus.

Dr. Singh’s research over the years has focused on persistence, prevalence, and transmission of foodborne pathogens in food processing environments and processed foods; development and validation of intervention strategies to improve microbial safety of foods; and antimicrobial resistance of foodborne pathogens associated with food animals, specifically poultry. His Extension Program includes teaching processing programs related to FSMA, HACCP, seafood, and validation and verification programs. His current research activities involve international development, specifically in Senegal, focused on the dairy value chain as part of the USAID Feed the Future Innovation Lab for Food Safety.

Dr. Singh has attended nearly every Annual Meeting since joining IAFP in 2001 and has organized, convened, and presented several IAFP symposia. His involvement with IAFP includes serving on the Food Protection Trends Management Committee (2010–2015), the Journal of Food Protection Editorial Board (2010–2015), and the IAFP Program Committee (2015–2020), serving as its Chair in 2020 for the virtual Annual Meeting. He received the Presidents’ Recognition Award in 2013 for his service on the Food Protection Trends Management Committee. Dr. Singh also served on the Developing Scientists Award Committee and is currently on the Webinar Committee, serving a term as Chair. Dr. Singh is a member of several PDGs within IAFP and has been a member of several IAFP Affiliates throughout his career. He was a co-founding Member of IAFP’s Affiliate, the Indian Association for Food Protection in North America (IAFPNA) and served as its treasurer for two years. In addition, he has consistently supported international activities of IAFP.

Dr. Singh holds a bachelor’s in Agricultural Sciences with a specialization in Food Technology from Punjab Agricultural University in India. He earned his master’s in Food Science and Technology from Kansas State University and his Ph.D. in Food Science and Technology from Iowa State University.
April 2022


May 2022


June 2022

6–7: Mexico Association for Food Protection, 2022 Annual Meeting (VIRTUAL). For more information, contact Raul Avila Sosa Sanchez at raul.avila@correo.buap.mx.

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 2021–2022 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.
The Silent Auction is Returning in 2022!

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Support the Foundation by donating an item today. A sample of items donated in 2019 included:

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Sarah Dempsey
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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.)
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 Listeriosis 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
- 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
- Microbial Food Safety and Culinary Herbs

Tim Jackson, Ph.D.
Consultant
- Food Safety Management
- Food Microbiology
- Regulatory Food Safety

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 (retired)
- Science and Policy in Government
- *Listeria* in Foods

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

Don Zink, Ph.D.
IEH Laboratories & Consulting Group
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IAFP 2024, July 14 – 17, Long Beach, California  
IAFP 2025, July 27 – 30, Cleveland, Ohio

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