

# AFFILIATE VIEW

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

## VIEW FROM THE CHAIR:

### Oh, What a Year!



**As we approach IAFP 2026 in New Orleans, Louisiana, July 26–29,**

I want to take a moment to reflect and recognize the global disruptions we have faced over the past year. As an organization,

I encourage all of us to reach out and support our network of food safety professionals to build upon our community resilience to overcome the challenges we face.

Our May Affiliate Council Virtual Meeting was a vibrant exchange of ideas, discussions, and collaboration. We reviewed and discussed three subjects:

1. How could we increase Affiliate membership?
2. How do we deliver more relevant and informative webinars to our membership?
3. How was the revised Affiliate awards process for 2026?

Earlier this year, we circulated a membership questionnaire to our Affiliates to better understand the current membership landscape and recruitment. This triggered an invitation to the

Student PDG Chair to attend our May Affiliate Council Virtual Meeting, who in turn invited Affiliates to the Student PDG Coffee Hour on June 15. This was well attended and supported our aim of increasing student involvement with Affiliates. The lively discussion highlighted the need to connect Affiliates, young career professionals, and students.

We had a lively discussion on the benefits of IAFP webinars and agreed they are an important source of technical information to our Members. With revised scheduling, it could increase further participation, creations, delivery, and attendance—especially as all IAFP webinars are free for non-Members to access throughout the month of June in recognition of World Food Safety Day on June 7!

This year, we completed the first Affiliate award submission assessment using the newly defined awards criteria. The Awards Committee found the revised criteria most helpful, making the assessment process clear and efficient for all parties. Thank you to those Affiliates who submitted applications this year!

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### AFFILIATES ACROSS THE GLOBE

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

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Looking ahead, I want to remind everyone that the Affiliate Council Secretary election will take place during the Affiliate Council Meeting in New Orleans on Sunday, July 26. This is a fantastic opportunity for a Delegate to step into a leadership role and contribute to the future of IAFP. Serving in this role has been insightful and worthwhile for me, contributing to the governance and shaping the future of our community with colleagues who are forward thinking and motivated. Building on strong foundations to develop a resilient Association for our Members has been rewarding and a highlight of my professional journey. I strongly encourage those who may be interested to consider standing for election.

I want to extend a warm invitation to attend this year's Annual Meeting. It is always a highlight of the year, offering unparalleled opportunities for networking, learning, and celebrating our shared commitment to food safety. Whether you are a long-time IAFP Member or new to the community, the Annual Meeting provides unlimited possibilities to connect, collaborate, and be inspired. Each year, this meeting features the popular Silent Auction to support the IAFP Foundation and its initiatives. We are seeking donations, especially those items that reflect the rich cultural diversity of our Affiliates. Whether it is a handcrafted item, a regional delicacy, or a unique souvenir, your contributions help raise funds while displaying the global nature of IAFP.

As I reflect on my year as Affiliate Council Chair, I feel immense gratitude and pride for the opportunity to serve and contribute to the evolution of the Association. This role has allowed me to connect globally with food safety professionals and contribute meaningfully to IAFP's mission: Advancing food safety worldwide. I have had the honor of witnessing first hand our Affiliates' dedication and commitment to food safety around the globe with multiple meetings, training, and educational opportunities created and hosted by motivated individuals and groups. Thank you all for the opportunity and privilege this role has offered me, broadening my perspective and deepening my commitment to food safety!

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# AFFILIATES IN THE SPOTLIGHT

FEATURING YOUR COMMUNICATIONS WITH IAFP

## CONTRIBUTORS

### British Columbia Food Protection Association: Two Meetings Held

Reported by Stephanie Chiu, President/Delegate



The British Columbia Food Protection Association (BCFPA) held its 2026 Annual General Meeting as a virtual event on

February 18, 2026, through Zoom. Eighteen members were registered to hear BCFPA board members discuss the 2025 AGM Report and other business. AGM business included a summary of past events hosted, and highlights to finances, membership, and the Student PDG. The board also announced Sofia Colmenares as the 2025 BCFPA Scholarship Award recipient.

The evening ended with nominations of the 2026 Executive Board officers and a thank you to the volunteer board for its time and commitment to the Affiliate.

Elected officers include:

President/Delegate: Stephanie Chiu  
Vice President: Rhiannon Wallace  
Treasurer/Finance Chair: Simon Cowell  
Secretary: Jasmine Lee  
Program & Special Events Chair: Karen Fong, Simon Cowell  
Nominations Chair: Rhiannon Wallace  
Awards & Scholarship Chair: Rhiannon Wallace  
Membership Chair: Vacant  
Communication Chair: Vacant

BCFPA also participated in the Canadian Affiliate Webinar Series, co-hosted with the [Ontario Food Protection Association](#) and [Quebec Association for Food Protection](#). This virtual event took place on April 8, 2026, and featured Dr. Don Schaffner, Rutgers University and IAFP Past President (as part of the IAFP Expanded Speaker Program), who presented "Application of Predictive Microbiology to Manage Food Safety Risks in Last Mile Delivery." Forty attendees engaged in a Q&A following the presentation.

### Australia Association for Food Protection: "Culture Shift: Microbes and Technology Shaping Food"

Reported by Mark Turner, President

The 2026 Australian Food Microbiology Conference took place on May 6–7 at Novotel Sydney Olympic Park. The event was co-organized by the [Australian Association for Food Protection \(AAFP\)](#), the Australian Institute for Food Science and Technology (AIFST), and the Australian Society for Microbiology (ASM). The theme for the conference was "Culture Shift: Microbes and Technology Shaping Food."

The event was presented as a face-to-face meeting offering a content-rich, two-day program including keynote speakers and local speakers from academia, government, and industry. The meeting's goal was to deliver a professionally rewarding experience, providing a platform to make professional contacts, as well as takeaways that elevate knowledge of current issues in food microbiology.

The conference attracted 133 attendees from across the entire food industry, as well as food regulators, academia, researchers, and government officials. A dedicated "Emerging Researchers" session included five presentations from Ph.D. students and early-career researchers which were selected from an open abstract call.

The program structure allowed significant opportunities for networking and collaboration. Deon Mahoney, Adjunct Professor, University of Queensland (retired), organized a food microbiology trivia night during a networking event held during the evening on the first day, providing a fun and interactive highlight to the conference.

Keynote speakers and topics included: Pam Wilger, Post Consumer Brands and IAFP

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Pam Wilger

Vice President, speaking on “Real World Challenges of *Salmonella* After All These Years” and “The Elements of the DRY Processing Environment;” and Professor Sam Abraham, Murdoch University, Australia, presenting “Antimicrobial Resistance Across the One Health Continuum in Australia.”

Symposium session topics and speakers were: “One Health in Action: *Campylobacter* Action Plan,” presented by Kate Astridge, Implementation Subcommittee for Food Regulation, ANZ Food Regulation System; Robin Sherlock, Safe Food Production Queensland; and Professor Martyn Kir, Australian National University.

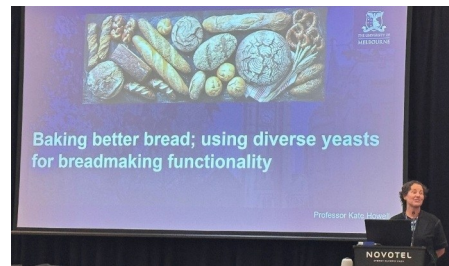
“The Green Book: Working Together for Safer Food—Update on the Foodborne Microorganisms of Public Health Significant Textbook (Version 7) Including Chapters on Parasites, Seafood Poisoning, and *Bacillus cereus*,” was presented by Professor Julian Cox, University of New South Wales; Professor Shoekofoeh Shamsi, Charles Sturt University; Dr. Alison Turnbull, University of Tasmania/ SafeFish; and Dr. Ian Jenson, First Management.

“The Elements: Water, Air and Soil in the Processing Environment,” was presented by Pam Wilger; Jonathon Sauseda, TRI Air Testing Australia; Dr. Mark Bradbury, La Trobe University; and Dr. Jannatun Nahar, Bureau of Meteorology.

“Fermentation Reimagined—Coffee, Bread, and Chocolate,” was presented by Dr. Cristian Varela, Adelaide University; Associate



Speakers Julian Cox and Pam Wilger are pictured with AAFP President Mark Turner.



Deon Mahoney (top) and Kate Howell were part of the 2026 Australian Food Microbiology Conference held May 6–7.

Professor Jian Zhou, University of New South Wales; Professor Kate Howell, University of Melbourne; and Associate Professor Senaka Ranadheera, University of Melbourne.

On behalf of the Organizing Committee, AAFP thanks IAFP for supporting Pam Wilger’s attendance as part of the IAFP Executive Board Speaker Program.

### Carolinas Association for Food Protection: First Spring Meeting Held

Reported by Veronica Bryant, President/Contact

There’s an energetic new Affiliate recently added to the IAFP family! The **Carolinas Association for Food Protection (CAFP)** held its inaugural Spring Meeting on May 12, 2026, at the Core Lab Building on the NC Research Campus in Kannapolis, NC. By every measure, it was a resounding success! More than 60 food safety professionals from across North and South Carolina gathered for a full day of education, networking, and community building. This was a remarkable turnout for a new Affiliate and a clear sign of how much demand there is for a regional home for food safety professionals in the two states!

Dr. Mark Moorman, FDA (retired), opened the meeting with a timely session on “The Evolving Landscape for the Food Safety Professional.” His perspective from many years spanning all sectors of food safety provided important information for food safety professionals at

all stages in their careers. This was a fitting topic for an organization stepping onto the scene at a moment of significant change in the regulatory and industry environment.

During the Business Meeting, attendees voted on the inaugural CAFP Board, as well as the Constitution & Bylaws. Electing leadership and setting up a framework at its first meeting means CAFP isn’t just gathering momentum—it’s building the structure to sustain it!



After lunch, two of the most respected names in food safety academia spoke. Dr. Don Schaffner (above), Professor, Rutgers University and IAFP Past President, delivered the keynote address on “Risk-Based Thinking and New Frameworks for Approaching Risk in Today’s Food Safety Environment.” Dr. Schaffner’s attendance was made possible through IAFP’s Expanded Speaker Program.



Dr. Lee-Ann Jaykus (above), Professor Emerita, NC State University and IAFP Past President, presented “The Food Safety North Star: 10 Concepts for the Modern Professional.”

The roundtable, “Developing Food Safety Professionals,” was a highlight of the afternoon. All three of the day’s presenters joined the panel, along with Chris Rupert, Compass Group, and Sharon Beals, Beaconpoint Labs, bringing both academic

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and industry perspectives to a conversation about cultivating the next generation of food safety talent.

The meeting closed on a fun note, with attendees touring the laboratory facilities at Beaconpoint Labs, located within the Core Lab Building. For many regulatory members in attendance, this was a rare opportunity to see the lab industry side up close.

The Affiliate appreciates the generous support of the event's sponsors. Beaconpoint Labs, Hissho Sushi, and Steritech stepped up as primary sponsors, making it possible to bring in a nationally-recognized keynote speaker and host lunch for the group. Ahold-Delhaize kept everyone fueled with snacks and beverages; The Fresh Market contributed desserts, water, and additional financial support; and Publix Supermarkets helped round out the lunch spread. As a new organization still finding its footing, CAFP is genuinely grateful for each of these partnerships!

A huge thank you also goes to the team at the North Carolina Food Innovation Lab, who served as wonderful hosts for the day.

CAFP's mission is to advance food safety across the Carolinas by connecting professionals, sharing resources, and supporting career development. With its first meeting attracting more than 60 attendees, world-class speakers, student engagement, and a newly-elected board, its foundation is firmly in place.

### Pennsylvania Association for Food Protection: Informative Spring Meeting

Reported by Greyson Smith, President

The Pennsylvania Association for Food Protection (PAFP) held its 2026 Annual Conference May 14–15 at The Penn Stater Hotel & Conference Center in State College. The event brought together dairy industry experts, regulators, and top-tier food scientists to address the rapidly evolving landscapes of farm automation and farm safety.

A major highlight of the conference was the presence of Dr. Manpreet Singh, University of Georgia and IAFP President. Dr. Singh delivered a thought-provoking keynote focusing on microbial persistence and environmental



Dr. Manpreet Singh, University of Georgia and IAFP President, was the keynote speaker at the PAFP Annual Conference, held May 14–15.

monitoring, emphasizing how modern automated processing environments can harbor stubborn biofilms. He urged the industry to move away from reactive finished-product testing and instead adopt aggressive “seek-and-destroy” environmental swabbing programs to hunt down pathogens like *Listeria monocytogenes* in complex equipment niches before they ever compromise the food supply.

Complementing Dr. Singh's microbiological presentation, dedicated industry specialists from DeLaval and Lely shifted the focus to the mechanical realities of automatic milking systems (AMS) on farms. The speakers compared the different cleaning mechanisms used by these two different robots and took deep dives into the regulator do's and don'ts that all inspectors should be checking routinely.

Finally, state officials and regulators provided critical updates on Pennsylvania's evolving regulatory framework. Conversations centered on ongoing efforts to rewrite portions of Chapter 59a (Milk Sanitation). There was some discussion on the new regulations of the Somatic Cell Count (SCC) threshold being moved lower to 500,000/mL. Together with practical updates on the Milk Sell-By and Best-By Act and streamlined certifications for bulk milk samplers, the meeting successfully mapped out a comprehensive, modern blueprint for protecting Pennsylvania's dairy supply chain from farm to consumer.

### Florida Association for Food Protection: Annual Education Conference Held

Reported by Stephanie Brown, Vice President



The Florida Association for Food Protection (FAFP) held its 2026 Annual Education Conference (AEC) from May 19–21 at the Plantation

Resort on Crystal River in Crystal River. The conference brought together 66 food safety professionals, including academics, regulators, industry leaders, and students for three days of networking, educational sessions, and a celebration of 81 years of food safety in Florida.

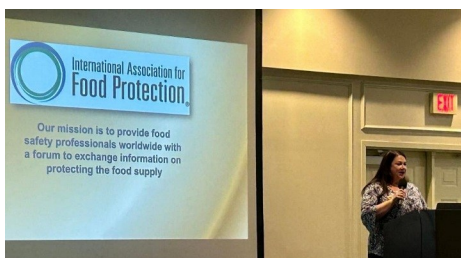


Day 1 kicked off with a volunteer activity at the Ellie Schiller Homosassa Springs Wildlife State Park, allowing attendees to give back to the local community. Beyond the park activities, participants also collected non-perishable food items to donate to a local food bank. The day concluded with a President's Reception held during a sunset boat cruise on the Crystal River. More than 40 attendees enjoyed networking while taking in the local wildlife and charm that makes Crystal River such a unique conference destination.



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Wendy White, Georgia Institute of Technology and IAFP Secretary, presented at the FAFP Annual Education Conference, held May 19–21.

Day 2 opened with Keynote Speaker, Marshal Sewell, who delivered an important message on mental health, titled “Mind Your Melon: A Proactive Approach to Resilience.”

FAFP was also pleased to welcome Wendy White, Georgia Institute of Technology and IAFP Secretary, who provided an IAFP update, followed by her presentation on “Crisis and Recall Mitigation.” Wendy’s appearance was made possible through the IAFP Executive Board Speaker Program. Additional sessions covered the Food Traceability Rule and industry readiness; management’s responsibility in food safety; new technology for pathogen control; and food safety risk factors.

As part of FAFP’s commitment to fostering the next generation of food safety professionals, the Affiliate awarded travel scholarships to seven students and one postdoctoral scholar, each of whom shared an overview of their



respective research. Their presentations left attendees energized about the future of the field. This year also featured a new addition: dedicated time for short sponsor presentations, giving the community a chance to learn more about the companies that support FAFP throughout the year.

The day concluded with an awards ceremony, including the debut of the New Professional Award. The ceremony recognized six members for outstanding contributions to food safety. They are:

Bronson Lane Award: Debby Newslow, DL Newslow & Associates  
 Laboratorian of the Year Award: Vijay Chhetri, Florida A&M University  
 New Professional Award: Rory Wang, University of Florida  
 Past President’s Award: Taylor O’ Bannon, University of Florida  
 President’s Award: Kristina Schoen, Coastal Ag Supply  
 Special Recognition Award: Morgan Smith, Publix Super Markets, Inc.

Following the awards ceremony, attendees had the option to participate in a unique networking session with the opportunity to paint “*Salmonella* fellas” and play “Get to Know You” bingo. This interactive session allowed participants to relax and build connections with their food safety peers.

The conference’s final day featured additional educational presentations; announcement of the Silent Auction and raffle winners; and an FAFP Business Meeting open to all members. Sessions explored frozen desserts from a state regulatory perspective; an industry panel on audits; pest identification and management in food systems; hydrophobic coatings and *E. coli* in onions; AI applications in agriculture; and a food safety regulatory overview for hotels and restaurants.

The 2026 AEC was a great success, and FAFP is grateful to all the speakers, sponsors, award and scholarship recipients, and the attendees who helped make it such a memorable event.

## AFFILIATE BRIEFS

### Upper Midwest Dairy Industry Association: 2026 Spring Meeting Held

Reported by Patti Schaefer, Secretary

**UMDIA** The Upper Midwest Dairy Industry Association (UMDIA) held its 2026

Spring Meeting on April 29 in Le Sueur, Minnesota, with 74 attendees.

Speakers and topics included Dr. Carol Cardona, University of Minnesota, speaking on “H5N1 in Dairy Cattle: What We’ve Learned and What is Ahead;” Erik Burg, Kwik Trip, “An Overview of Kwik Trip and What Lies Ahead;” Barry Visser, Vita Plus, speaking on the historic change seen in milk components on the farm and how nutritionists are working with farms to support the needs of the dairy industry; and Dr. Nikki Neeser, who provided an update from the Minnesota Department of Agriculture.

The day ended with a Dairy Market Update from Amanda Durow, CoBank.

## CONSIDER SERVING ON THE 2026–2027 AFFILIATE COUNCIL

Are you interested in helping represent the interests and goals of your organization’s affiliation with IAFP and learning more about the Association itself? Nominations are now being accepted for Affiliate Council Secretary for the 2026–2027 term, which begins at the close of **IAFP 2026** in New Orleans, Louisiana. 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 2027–2028 Executive Board. The Secretary must serve as its Affiliate Delegate throughout the two-year term.

Duties include:

- Keeping an accurate record of the proceedings and activities of the Council;
- Assuming the duties of the Affiliate Council Chair in the absence of the Chair;
- Keeping an updated record of authorized representatives to the Council
- Serving as an ex-officio, non-voting member of the IAFP Executive Board, which meets four times annually: twice in Des Moines, Iowa, and twice at the location of the Annual Meeting.

For more questions about this vital role, contact Helen Taylor, Affiliate Council Chair, or Susan Smith, Affiliate Liaison.

# AFFILIATE NEWS

## PLAN TO ATTEND THE 2026 AFFILIATE COUNCIL MEETING ON SUNDAY, JULY 26

If attending **IAFP 2026**, July 26–29, in New Orleans, Louisiana, plan to take part in this year’s Affiliate Council Meeting on Sunday, July 26, 7:30–9:00 a.m. The Affiliate Council Meeting provides valuable information about IAFP’s current status and gives attendees opportunities to discuss issues and provide advice to fellow Affiliate members. Delegates will also vote to elect the 2026–2027 Affiliate Council Secretary.



## INDIVIDUAL AFFILIATE MEETINGS WILL TAKE PLACE ON JULY 27 AND JULY 28 DURING IAFP 2026

Five individual IAFP Affiliate Meetings and two group meetings will be held during **IAFP 2026** in the Ernest N. Morial Convention Center on Monday, July 27, and Tuesday, July 28. All meetings start at 5:30 p.m. They are:

### MONDAY, JULY 27

Indian Association for Food Protection in North America  
Room 221

Nepalese Association for Food Protection  
Room 208

SE District Affiliate Information Meeting\*  
Room 220 (This meeting will discuss the interest in establishing one Affiliate between Alabama, Mississippi, and Tennessee. See following article for more information.)

### TUESDAY, JULY 28

African Continental Association for Food Protection  
Room 208

Bangladesh Association for Food Protection in North America  
Room 209

China Association for Food Protection/Chinese Association for Food Protection in North America  
Room 220

Latin America Group Meeting  
Room 221

## \*NEW AFFILIATE ESTABLISHMENT UNDER DISCUSSION DURING IAFP 2026

An exploratory SE District meeting will be held during **IAFP 2026** to discuss the establishment of a new IAFP Affiliate serving Alabama, Mississippi, and Tennessee. These states are currently without representation following the dissolution of the Alabama Association for Food Protection in 2025.

Across the Deep South, small- and mid-sized food manufacturers, especially startups, often lack access to technical expertise and resources needed to strengthen food safety programs. At the same time, consumers place immense trust in the safety of the food they bring into their homes. Neil Bogart, former Delegate for the Alabama Affiliate, is leading the organization of this discussion group and inviting all interested parties to attend. The meeting will take place on Monday, July 27, 2026, Room 220, from 5:30–6:30 p.m. Contact Neil at [nabogart@postholdings.com](mailto:nabogart@postholdings.com) for more information.

# IAFP HEADLINES

## IAFP 2026 T-SHIRTS AVAILABLE



Help support the IAFP Student Professional Development Group by ordering your **IAFP 2026** T-shirt. These crewneck T-shirts display the winning student-designed **IAFP 2026** logo on the front (back is plain). Cost is \$30; T-shirts are available in a variety of sizes and make a great Annual Meeting souvenir. Add this to your IAFP 2026 registration.

(Pre-ordering by July 8 is strongly recommended as sizes and availability will be limited onsite.)

# AFFILIATE CALENDAR

PROMOTE YOUR MEETINGS THROUGH IAFP

## Affiliates in Action Second Quarter 2026

### April

- ◆ British Columbia Food Protection Association (virtual)
- ◆ Missouri Environmental Health Association (virtual)
- ◆ Indiana Environmental Health Association
- ◆ Capital Area Food Protection Association
- ◆ Upper Midwest Dairy Industry Association

### May

- ◆ Australia Association for Food Protection
- ◆ Georgia Association for Food Protection (virtual)
- ◆ Carolinas Association for Food Protection
- ◆ Pennsylvania Association for Food Protection
- ◆ Florida Association for Food Protection

### June

- ◆ New Zealand Association for Food Protection

To be featured in the next issue of *Affiliate View*, send your news and photos by September 4, 2026, to Susan Smith at [ssmith@foodprotection.org](mailto:ssmith@foodprotection.org).

### July 2026

**27:** Indian Association for Food Protection in North America, 2026 Annual General Meeting, New Orleans, Louisiana (during IAFP 2026). Visit [iafna.org/](http://iafna.org/).

**27:** Nepalese Association for Food Protection, 2026 Annual General Meeting, New Orleans, Louisiana (during IAFP 2026). Contact Karina Kharel at [kharelkaruna@gmail.com](mailto:kharelkaruna@gmail.com) for more information.

**28:** African Continental Association for Food Protection, 2026 Annual General Meeting, New Orleans, Louisiana (during IAFP 2026). Visit [acafoodprotection.org](http://acafoodprotection.org).

**28:** Bangladesh Association for Food Protection in North America, 2026 Annual General Meeting, New Orleans, Louisiana (during IAFP 2026). Contact Mohammad Aminul Islam at [amin.islam@wsu.edu](mailto:amin.islam@wsu.edu) for more information.

**28:** China Association for Food Protection/Chinese Association for Food Protection in North America, 2026 Annual General Meeting, New Orleans, Louisiana (during IAFP 2026). Contact Quanhong Li at [quanhong.li@daily-harvest.com](mailto:quanhong.li@daily-harvest.com) for more information.

### September 2026

**1-3:** Arkansas Association for Food Protection, 2026 Annual Meeting, Fayetteville, Arkansas. Visit [www.arkafp.org/](http://www.arkafp.org/).

**15-16:** Associated Illinois Milk, Food and Environmental Sanitarians, 2026 Fall Educational Conference, Bloomington, Illinois. Visit [aimfes.org](http://aimfes.org).

**15-18:** New York State Association for Food Protection, 102nd Annual Conference, Syracuse, New York. Visit [nysafp.com](http://nysafp.com).

**16-17:** Quebec Food Protection Association, 2026 Annual Meeting, Quebec City, Quebec, Canada. Visit [aqia-qc.org](http://aqia-qc.org).

**17-18:** Washington Association for Food Protection, 2026 Annual Meeting, Chelan, Washington. Visit [waffp.com/wp1/](http://waffp.com/wp1/).

**21-23:** Indiana Environmental Health Association, 2026 Fall Conference, South Bend, Indiana. Visit [iehaind.org](http://iehaind.org).

**24-26:** Mexico Association for Food Protection, 2026 Annual Meeting, San Luis Postosi, Mexico. Visit [amepal.com](http://amepal.com).

**28-29:** IAFP Latino 2026 (Argentine Food Safety Commission), Buenos Aires, Argentina. Visit [iafp-latino-2026.aam.org.ar/](http://iafp-latino-2026.aam.org.ar/).

## 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 2025-2026 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 issue of *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.

**28-30:** Ontario Food Protection Association, Fall Food Safety Symposium/69th Annual General Meeting, Concord, Ontario. Visit [ofpa.on.ca](http://ofpa.on.ca).



# DONATE TO THE SILENT AUCTION

## *Proceeds from the Silent Auction Benefit the IAFP Foundation*

Support the Foundation by donating an item today.  
A few examples of items donated in 2025 include:

- \* Beats Headphones
- \* Taste of Indiana Gift Bag
- \* Caramel Corn
- \* Embroidered Hand Towels
- \* Handmade Quilt
- \* Ceramic Bowl
- \* Dubai Chocolate
- \* Stained Glass



(Photos from IAFP 2025)

To donate an item, complete the Silent Auction  
Donation Form found on our website:

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For questions email [info@foodprotection.org](mailto:info@foodprotection.org)  
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# SILENT AUCTION DONATION FORM

**Complete a form for each item.**

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**As you consider your donation, please keep in mind that most attendees travel by air.**

Items under \$10.00 in value may be grouped with other items by the IAFP Staff.

# IAFP EXECUTIVE BOARD SPEAKER PROGRAM

FOR AFFILIATES



**Manpreet Singh, Ph.D., University of Georgia**  
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**  
President-Elect

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



**Pam Wilger, Post Consumer Brands**  
Vice President

- Environmental Monitoring
- Dry Industry Microbiology and HACCP
- Sampling, Micro Testing Methods and Lab Management



**Wendy White, Georgia Institute of Technology**  
Secretary

- Sanitation Troubleshooting
- Third-Party Auditing
- Recall and/or Crisis Management



**Mark Carter, MC Squared**  
Past President

- Method Development and Validation
- Statistical Sampling Plans and Development



**Helen Taylor, Cardiff Metropolitan University**  
Affiliate Council Chair

- Food Safety & Quality Management Systems
- HACCP – Food Safety – Auditing
- Food Manufacturing – Small & Medium Enterprises – Auditing



**Takiyah Ball, Ph.D., Sargento Foods, Inc.**  
Affiliate Council Secretary

- Career Development for Young Professionals in Industry, Academia, and Government

## 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.
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Consultant



- Food Microbiology
- Career Plan for Young Professionals in Food Safety & Microbiology
- Thermal Process and Aseptic Validations

**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

**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
- Efficacy of Nitrate Alternatives to Inhibit the Growth of Bacteria

**Kali Kniel, Ph.D.**  
University of Delaware



- One Health
- Foodborne Viruses
- Foodborne Parasites
- Produce Food Safety Issues

**Alejandro Mazzotta, Ph.D.**  
Chobani, LLC



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

**Ruth Petran Ph.D.**  
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- Sanitation Preventive Controls
- Norovirus Management
- Hazard Analysis

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- 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?
- Food Allergens
- 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.**  
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