



The Dairy Quality and Safety Professional Development Group

The Dairy Quality and Safety Professional Development Group's (PDG) mission is to promote the production and processing of safe, high quality dairy products and to develop program topics and symposia for presentation at the IAFP Annual Meetings. The PDG is made up of more than 250 leading food safety professionals within academia, industry and government from across the world. Its members are very engaged, attending both virtual and in-person meetings, openly exchanging ideas on educational symposia, roundtables, and webinars. Wendy McMahon (chair), Josie Petersen (vice chair) and Sarah Murphy (secretary) comprise the current leadership team.

Regular meetings help facilitate discussions for developing content to share with industry during PDG meetings, the Annual Meeting and webinars. Despite a challenging year, five symposia and one roundtable sponsored by the Dairy Quality and Safety PDG were accepted by the Program Committee for the Annual Meeting in Phoenix and are presented below.

- Identifying, Tracking, and Controlling Spoilage: "Toolbox" for Dairy Processing
- Dust Off That Data! – Transform Testing Results into Meaningful Food Safety Improvements
- To Verify or Validate a Rapid Pathogen Method: What about the Matrix?
- Use of Novel and Alternate Processing Technologies for Dairy Products

- One Size Does Not Fit All: Advancing Surrogate Science
- Collaboration to Enable Pathogen Reduction Technologies in a Variety of Matrices
- Operational Choices and Risk-Based Decision Making Around Clean Breaks in Dry Environments

A webinar titled "Processing Water – I Thought It Was Sanitary" was presented in 2021. To find this webinar, check out the Dairy Quality and Safety PDG on IAFP's website under Getting Involved along with meeting minutes and many helpful resources.

Collectively, the PDG discusses timely topics determining how to share more broadly. This was the case at the PDG meeting in Phoenix followed up by two subsequent virtual meetings that helped to submit 10 symposia or roundtables for consideration at the 2022 Annual Meeting in Pittsburgh. We look forward to what 2022 will bring for Dairy Quality and Safety!

We invite you to join and become engaged in your PDG!

If you would like to learn more or become a member, please contact the Dairy Quality and Safety PDG through *IAFP Connect*.

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