



Affiliate Annual Report for Calendar Year 2023

(Complete Attachment B to be considered for one or more 2024 Affiliate Awards.)

To maintain compliance with IAFP Constitution and Bylaws, Affiliates must return this completed report. Please send by email to Susan Smith at: ssmith@foodprotection.org.

Please return the following items **electronically** by **Tuesday, March 5, 2024** (late reports will not be considered for awards):

REQUIRED:

- This completed form (*in English*).
- Your Association's list of current term officers (complete Attachment A).

OPTIONAL:

- Attachment B: Completion required **only** if your Association requests to be considered for one or more Affiliate Awards.
- IAFP now accepts **all** Affiliate Annual Reports electronically, including those vying for one or more of the Affiliate Awards. *Affiliates seeking to present the highest quality visual presentation are encouraged to present their Annual Report in the highest quality possible for review by the Selection Committee. To avoid errors and omissions, please limit your submission to ONE email with all attachments.*
- Digital photos (with names and descriptions) to appear in the *Affiliate View* quarterly newsletter.

Name of Affiliate

1. Your Official Delegate to IAFP Affiliate Council and Contact

Enter in the fields below the information requested for your Association's official Delegate to the IAFP Affiliate Council and your official Contact for IAFP correspondence. **Delegate must be an IAFP Member.**

Official Delegate to IAFP Affiliate Council

Rhiannon Wallace

IAFP Member? Y N



Official Contact for IAFP Correspondence (indicate “same” if person also serves as Delegate)

Same

2. Membership List

- a. Indicate the current total number of members in your Association: 74
- b. How many NEW members joined your Association in 2023? 21

3. Meetings: Annual Meeting/Conference, Educational, Workshops, Webinars, etc.

- a. On what date(s) was your most recent general membership or major meeting (i.e., Annual Meeting/Conference) during the past year? Please list number of attendees.

BCFPA 2023 Hybrid Fall Speaker’s Evening, 45 attendees.

- b. Please provide the date(s) and location of your next scheduled major meeting (i.e., Annual Meeting/Conference):

BCFPA Annual General Meeting (2023), February 21, 2024

- c. List all other general membership meetings held in 2023 (excluding board meetings). Include title, dates and attendance numbers.

| | |
|--------------------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| BCFPA 2022 Virtual Annual General Meeting | February 28, 2023 / 31 attendees |
| BCFPA 2023 Hybrid Spring Speaker’s Evening | June 6, 2023 / 27 attendees |
| BCFPA 2023 Hybrid Fall Speaker’s Evening | November 21, 2023 / 45 attendees |

4. Awards and Scholarships

a. List members honored with an award from your Association and/or IAFFP during 2023. Include name of award and qualification for award.

None, no nominations were submitted.

b. List scholarships awarded during 2023; include recipient and qualification for scholarship.

| | |
|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------------------|
| BCFPA Scholarship Award \$1000 | Cassandra Klaas - Student essay competition |
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5. Web Communication

Please be sure to keep the IAFFP office on your mailing list for newsletters, email, and other communications to your general membership.

Please provide your existing Affiliate's Web site address AND date last updated:
<https://www.bcfoodprotection.ca> updated: 2024-02-11

Did you launch a new Affiliate Web site in 2023? Y N

Attachment A (completion required)

Association Officers List

Provide the contact information requested below for all current officers of your Association. **Please indicate if each officer is an IAFP Member (reminder: Your President and Delegate are required to be IAFP Members).** The information you provide here is published on our website and in select membership materials. The information may be typed in the fields below or may be sent to our office by email, fax or regular mail.

Indicate the term dates (e.g., 2023–2024) for your current Executive Board:

2023-2024

President
Stephanie Chiu

IAFP Member? Y N

Vice President
Rhiannon Wallace

IAFP Member? Y N

Treasurer
Simon Cowell

IAFP Member? Y N

Secretary
Jasmine Lee

IAFP Member? Y N

Membership Committee Chair
Nancy Ross

IAFP Member? Y N

Communications Committee Chair
IAFP Member? Y N

SPDG Coordinator
Scott Wilson

IAFP Member? Y N

Before continuing, please check one of the boxes below:

CHECK HERE and return electronically by 3/5/24 IF YOUR AFFILIATE REQUESTS TO BE CONSIDERED FOR ONE OR MORE 2024 AFFILIATE AWARDS. (You are required to complete Attachment B.)

CHECK HERE IF YOUR AFFILIATE DOES NOT WANT TO BE CONSIDERED FOR A 2024 AWARD. (You are done! It is not necessary to complete Attachment B.)

Attachment B (optional)

Affiliate Award Considerations

*To be considered for one or more of the five Affiliate Awards to be presented at IAFP 2024, Affiliates are **required** to check the box next to the award(s) for which you wish to be considered and provide the related criteria (in English). (REMINDER: Please confirm IAFP Membership of your Affiliate President and Delegate **before** completing Attachment B to avoid award disqualification.) Submit your Annual Report and any attachments in **ONE** email to avoid errors and omissions.*

Affiliate Communication Award

How did your Affiliate communicate information to your Members during the past year? Please provide a description of the types of communication sent to your general membership and include samples with your Annual Report. Samples can be printed copies/screen shots of blast emails, Web site (include frequency of updating), electronic/print newsletters, brochures, etc., along with respective dates sent. If available, provide how effective specific communication was toward meeting your goals. You may cut and paste copy in the space below or use a separate page if necessary; please limit your explanation to 500 words or less in 12-point type.

The Covid-19 pandemic was concomitant with a surge in online activities, and the British Columbia Food Protection Association (BCFPA) was no exception. Flexible options such as virtual telecommunications, brought about as a result of the pandemic, paved the way forward in exploring alternative communication channels that we are still utilizing today in the form of hybrid events. Holding hybrid events (i.e., with in-person and online options) have provided our association greater flexibility and afforded us several advantages, including: hosting guest speakers with schedule restraints preventing travel to our events, cost-savings associated with speaker travel costs, more attendees and greater flexibility for our attendees. To promote events, we utilized multiple means of communication, including email, website, and social media platforms (Facebook, LinkedIn and Instagram). In communicating our events, we prepare small e-posters/brochures for each meeting, webinar and event, which provide a snapshot and visual of event details, which has helped us gain a wider, more diverse audience. In addition, the structure of our executive board has changed which has enabled us to reach out to more potential members via word-of-mouth and personal or work connections. Instagram continues to be our most popular media channel with 258 followers (and growing!). Each “story” receives over 60 views and will commonly include a link to the event registration page. Posts are commonly shared on member pages which help to enhance viewership and promote our event. The posts are also disseminated to other social media platforms such as Facebook and LinkedIn to drive event registration and ensure our events remain well-attended.

The social media platforms that we use to connect with our members throughout the year include:

Website – <https://www.bcfoodprotection.ca/>

Facebook – <https://www.facebook.com/BCFoodProtectionAssociation>

LinkedIn – <https://www.linkedin.com/company/bc-food-protection-association>

Instagram – <https://www.instagram.com/bcfoodprotectionassociation/>

In 2023, we hosted the following events:

| Title | Date | Number of attendees |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------|---------------------|
| BCFPA Annual General Meeting | 28-Feb-23 | 31 |
| BCFPA SPDG Student Networking Event: A Career Night with Industry Professionals | 3-Mar-23 | 31 |
| BCFPA 2023 Hybrid Spring Speaker's Evening | 06-Jun-23 | 27 |
| BCFPA 2023 Hybrid Fall Speaker's Evening | 21-Nov-23 | 45 |

We were successful in procuring speakers with expertise in a wide variety of areas relevant to food safety, including food sustainability and novel food production and artificial intelligence in food safety. Keeping inline with using virtual tools, we hosted the majority of the speakers via teleconference.

The Student PDG also hosted in-person events such as the 2023 Student Networking Event and a food plant tour at Que Pasa Foods. The Student PDG promoted these events with posters and a "reel" on Instagram (i.e., a short video).

We have also fulfilled our tradition of sending out our BCFPA newsletter, *The Grapevine*, to our members. The newsletter provides our members with summaries of past events and any current/upcoming events and news.

Here are some examples highlighting our communications streams utilized:

BCFPA Grapevine, May/June 2023, Vol 5, Issue 9

https://drive.google.com/drive/u/4/folders/1iAQVrkXgZGv8f5o1_InlpT7GiNZJJfgk

May/June 2023
Volume 5, Issue 9

BCFPA Grapevine
"Providing a locally sourced information on protecting the food supply"

Inside this issue:

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BCFPA Hybrid Spring Speaker's Evening

The BC Food Protection Association is thrilled to again host another hybrid in-person and virtual seminar event for our members and general public! For those who wish to participate virtually, we are broadcasting (live streaming) our seminar through Zoom.

Schedule:
5:00-5:30 PM PT Registration and Light Networking
5:30-5:35 PM PT Welcome Remarks
5:35-6:20 PM PT Speaker 1 - Kathi Wannier / (Liv of Goship) (Virtual)
6:20-6:50 PM PT Dinner Intermission and Networking
6:50-7:35 PM PT Speaker 2 - Alycia van der Gracht / Quantosoft (in-person)
7:35-8:20 PM PT Speaker 3 - Theodora Lamb & Janice Martin / Quest Food Exchange (in-person)
8:20-8:30 PM PT Closing Remarks and Door Prizes

Our seminar theme is: Food Sustainability and Novel Food Production: Safety Considerations

Speakers: Kathi Wannier, Professor, Department of Food Science, Centre for Public Health and Zoonoses, University of Guelph; Alycia van der Gracht, Founder of Quantosoft; & Theodora Lamb & Janice Martin, Quest Food Exchange.

Our event is generously sponsored by our only sustaining member, Sani Marc.

Date: June 6, 2023
Time: 5:30 - 8:30 pm PT
In person Location: Shadbolt Centre for the Arts (6450 Dier Lake Ave, Burnaby, BC)
Virtual Options: via Zoom - registrants will be sent a Zoom link 1-2 days before the actual event.

Early bird deadline is May 30!
Register here to attend! [Click here](#)

Sustaining Member Display Tables are FREE and are available on first-come, first-serve basis. Contact us at info@foodprotection.ca to reserve a table!

Interested in sponsoring our events? We have **sponsorship packages** available, [click here](#) to find out more information!

SANI MARC

We hope you are able to join us either in-person or virtually for our upcoming event. As always, take care and we hope to see you soon!

Sincerely,
Your BCFPA Executive Board

We are accepting paid advertising on a trial basis in our newsletter. Advertising space is on a first come, first serve basis with preference to our Sustaining Members. Advertising rates for each issue of the newsletter are:

- \$40 1/4 page
- \$60 1/2 page
- \$80 full page

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BC Food Protection Association
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Join our Student Networking Event on Feb. 26, 2024 (Monday) for a chance to learn from industry professionals and grow your network!

...see more

STUDENT NETWORKING EVENT
Meet. Learn. Grow.

- Hear from a panel of food industry professionals
- Refreshments provided
- Ask your questions and meet other students!

Career topics
R&D | Food Safety | Plant Operations | Consulting | QA | QC

Free Registration!

Feb. 26, 2024
6:30 - 8:30 pm

MacMillan Building
Room 160, UBC
2357 Main Mall,
Vancouver

Parking:
UBC B4 lot (pay)

QR code for registration

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Giving a final reminder for registering for tomorrow's event!

Our speakers' talk summaries are now posted on our event page!
Sylvain will talk about: Food Safety, food traceability, and the transformative power of Artificial Intelligence (AI)
Rickey will talk about: Anticipating and overcoming food system vulnerabilities in a world beset by climate change, pandemics and geopolitical strife
Topic: Applications of AI in Food Safety
Event: Tuesday, Nov 21, 2023
Location: Langara Clubhouse (Golf Course) (Vancouver)
Register here: <https://lnkd.in/gTWsMAMg/>
Sustaining Member Display Tables are FREE and are available on first-come, first-serve basis. Contact us at info@bcfoodprotection.ca to reserve a table!

Funding for this event is provided through the Sustainable Canadian Agricultural Partnership.

The BC Food Protection Association presents:

APPLICATIONS OF ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE IN FOOD SAFETY

Hybrid Fall Speaker's Evening

NOVEMBER 21, 2023
5:00 PM - 8:15 PM
LANGARA CLUBHOUSE
6706 ALBERTA ST, VANCOUVER

SPEAKERS:
SYLVAIN CHARLEBOIS
PROFESSOR, DIRECTOR FOOD ANALYTICS LABORATORY, DALHOUSIE UNIVERSITY
RICKEY YADA
DEAN, LAND & FOOD SYSTEMS, UBC

REGISTER NOW www.bcfoodprotection.ca
Early bird ends November 14

Sustainable Canadian Agricultural Partnership | BRITISH COLUMBIA | Canada

Funding for the Knowledge and Technology Transfer program is provided by the governments of Canada and British Columbia through the Sustainable Canadian Agricultural Partnership, a federal-provincial-territorial initiative.

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INSTAGRAM:

bcfoodprotectionassociation
BCIT: British Columbia Institute of Technology

FOOD PROTECTION SOCIETY

2023
STUDENT NETWORKING EVENT: A CAREER NIGHT WITH INDUSTRY PROFESSIONALS

03 MARCH
5:30PM-7:30PM
BCIT Burnaby Campus SE06 Room 207

REGISTER NOW

bcfoodprotectionassociation
Shadbolt Centre for the Arts

THE BC FOOD PROTECTION ASSOCIATION PRESENTS:

2023 Hybrid Speaker's Evening

FOOD SUSTAINABILITY & NOVEL FOOD PRODUCTION: SAFETY CONSIDERATIONS

QUEST | food exchange
THEODORA LAM & JANICE MARTIN
QUEST FOOD EXCHANGE

DR. KEITH WARRINER, PROFESSOR, UNIVERSITY OF GUELPH
ALYCIA VAN DER GRACHT, FOUNDER, QUANTOTECH

SHADBOLT CENTRE FOR PERFORMING ARTS
6450 DEER LAKE AVE, BURNABY, BC
JUNE 6 2023, 5:30-7:30 PM

REGISTRATION, SPEAKER BIO & FULL AGENDA: WWW.BCFODPROTECTION.CA
EARLY BIRD ENDS MAY 30!

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bcfoodprotectionassociation The BC Food Protection Association (BCFPA) - Student Professional Development Group would like to present... more
March 2, 2023

Liked by fongy90 and 3 others
bcfoodprotectionassociation Join us June 6 for our annual hybrid Spring Speakers Evening! Early bird ends TOMORROW! Link in bio for registration and more 🙌
May 29, 2023

WEBSITE:

BC FOOD PROTECTION ASSOCIATION

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UPCOMING EVENTS

[BCFPA 2023 Virtual Annual General Meeting](#)
21 Feb 2024 5:00 PM | Zoom (Virtual)

RECENT POSTS

[PHSA - Program Manager, BCCDC](#)
15 Dec 2023 4:16 PM | Stephanie Chiu

[BCFPA Hybrid Fall Speaker's Evening - Nov 21, 2023](#)
23 Oct 2023 9:17 PM | Stephanie Chiu

[BCFPA Hybrid Fall Speaker's Evening Scheduled for Nov 21, 2023!](#)
19 Oct 2023 2:31 AM | Stephanie Chiu

[Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada - PhD Student, Food & Environmental Microbiology - Research Affiliate Program](#)
29 Sep 2023 3:48 PM | Stephanie Chiu

SPDG NETWORKING EVENT POSTER:

BC FOOD PROTECTION ASSOCIATION
STUDENT NETWORKING EVENT- A CAREER NIGHT WITH INDUSTRY PROFESSIONALS
2023

LAVINA GULLY
 Canadian Food Innovation Network
 Regional Innovation Director (BC)

JEFFREY MA
 Dairy Foods Inc.
 Senior R&D Manager

Career Topics Include:

- ✓ Plant-Based Foods
- ✓ Functional Foods
- ✓ Food Research and Development

The event will include:

- ✓ Hybrid Talk from the Speakers (Zoom and In-person)
- ✓ In-person Networking
- ✓ Snacks and drinks are going to be provided in-person!

Date: 03 March 2023 **Time:** 5:30PM - 7:30PM **Location:** BCIT Burnaby Campus SE06 Room 207

REGISTER NOW!!!
<https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/559154565357>

Scan to Register

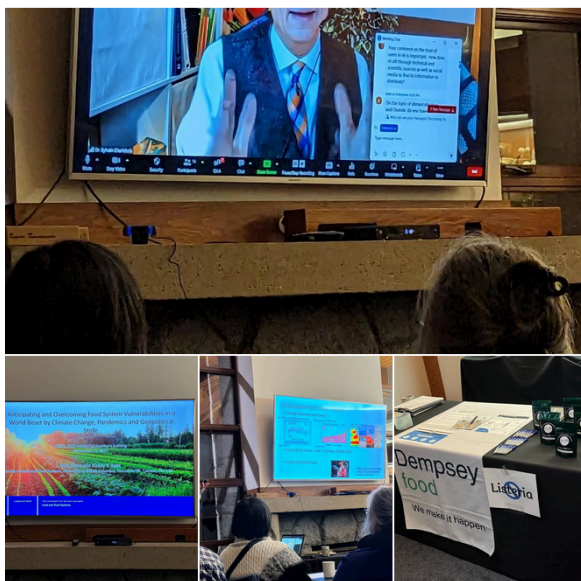
Some positive feedback from one of our members on LinkedIn:

BC Food Protection Association reposted this

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 Canadian Food Innovation Network | Funding | Resources | Support for Innovators
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Thank you **BC Food Protection Association** for hosting an insightful discussion on #AI, #traceability, #climate, and #foodinnovation with industry thought leaders **Dr. Sylvain Charlebois** and **Rickey Yada**.

Check out the Inflation Cookbook
<https://lnkd.in/g3xnycmu>



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Affiliate Education Award

What types of food safety education did your Affiliate provide to its members during the past year? Please provide the following details on all technical meetings, educational conferences, webinars, workshops, classes, and other methods pertinent to the interests of the membership:

- Background;
- Objectives;
- Agenda;
- Target audience;
- Dates held; and
- Numbers of attendees.

You may cut and paste copy in the space below or use a separate page if necessary; please limit your explanation to 500 words or less in 12-point type. (*Do not submit copies of speaker Power Point slide presentations.*)

The BCFPA has provided many food safety-related educational meetings in the form of Speaker's Evening seminar-style events to their members in 2023.

- BCFPA Annual General Meeting – February 28, 2023
 - <https://www.bcfoodprotection.ca/event-5128774>
- BCFPA SPDG Student Networking Event – March 3, 2023
 - <https://www.bcfoodprotection.ca/News/13114419>
- BCFPA 2023 Hybrid Spring Speaker's Evening – June 6, 2023
 - <https://www.bcfoodprotection.ca/event-5291824>
- BCFPA 2023 Hybrid Fall Speaker's Evening – November 21, 2023
 - <https://www.bcfoodprotection.ca/event-5465014>

Details of each meeting is described below:

BCFPA Annual General Meeting – February 28, 2023

We invited two external speakers to attend our AGM to present on food safety related topics which added a well received educational component to the AGM. Invited speakers included Michelle Danyluk who presented a talk titled "Managing Risk in a Field of Uncertainty: Foodborne Pathogens on Fresh Fruits & Vegetables". We also invited the recipient of our student award, Thomas Guy, to present his MSc project, "Bacteriophage-Mediated Antimicrobial Sensitization in *Salmonella enterica*". Our target audience was our members. A total of 31 individuals attended this event.

Agenda:

5:00-5:05 pm - Opening Remarks

5:05-5:20 pm - IAFP Presentation

5:20-6:00 pm - Speaker #1: Michelle Danyluk - Managing Risk in a Field of Uncertainty: Foodborne Pathogens on Fresh Fruits & Vegetables

6:00-6:10 pm - Q&A

6:10-6:25 pm - AGM Business + Announcing Scholarship Awards

6:25-6:50 pm - Speaker #2: Thomas Guy - Bacteriophage-Mediated Antimicrobial Sensitization in *Salmonella Enterica*

6:50-7:00 pm - Q&A

7:00-7:05 pm - Closing Remarks

BCFPA Student Professional Development Group – Student Networking Event – March 3, 2023

Our SPDG, with the support of the BCFPA, organized a Student Networking Event. Our student representatives invited two food industry professionals to speak to their hands-on industry and manufacturing experience in plant-based foods and functional foods. This event provided an excellent forum to educate our student members on some of the possible career opportunities that exist in the area of food protection and food safety. The objective was to increase student engagement and to provide students with an opportunity to network with industry professionals. The target audience was post-secondary students in food science or technology-related programs. A total of 31 students attended this event.

Agenda:

5:30-6:00 pm - Registration

6:00-6:05 pm - Welcome Remark & Introduction about BCFPA

6:05-7:00 pm - 15 min presentation + 5 min Q&A for each speaker (Hybrid)

7:00-7:30 pm - Networking & Snack time (In-person)

BCFPA 2023 Hybrid Spring Speaker's Evening – June 6, 2023

The BCFPA invited four speakers to speak on the theme of “Food Sustainability and Novel Food Production: Safety Considerations”. Speakers included Dr. Keith Warriner from the University of Guelph, Alycia van der Gracht, founder of QuantoTech, and Theodora Lamb and Janice Martin of Quest Food Exchange. The objective was to bring information on emerging food technologies to our members surrounding novel food production such as vertical farming, while addressing food safety concerns and sustainability surrounding this topic. The target audience was our members and the general public. A total of 27 individuals attended the event.

Agenda:

5:00-5:30 PM - Registration and Light Networking

5:30-5:35 PM - Welcome Remarks

5:35-6:20 PM - Speaker 1 - Keith Warriner / Univ of Guelph (virtual)

6:20-6:50 PM - Dinner Intermission and Networking

6:50-7:35 PM - Speaker 2 - Alycia van der Gracht / QuantoTech (in-person)

7:35-8:20 PM - Speaker 3 - Theodora Lamb & Janice Martin / Quest Food Exchange (in-person)

8:20-8:30 PM - Closing Remarks and Door Prizes

BCFPA 2023 Hybrid Fall Speaker's Evening – November 21, 2023

The BCFPA hosted one final event for 2023 in November, and invited Dr. Sylvain Charlebois (Professor, Director, Agri-Food Analytics Lab, Dalhousie University) and Dr. Rickey Yada (Dean and Professor, Food Science, University of British Columbia) to speak on the theme of “Applications of Artificial Intelligence in Food Safety”. With the increased interest in AI, we felt this pertinent topic would be of great interest to our members and it was! This was our most well attended event of 2023. The target audience was our members and those who wish to learn

more about AI and how it may be applied to the food industry. This AI theme was an eye-opener for everyone, and we managed to gain a few new members as a result. A total of 45 individuals attended this event.

Agenda:

5:00-5:15 PM - Registration and Light Networking

5:15-5:30 PM - Welcome Remarks

5:30-6:30 PM - Speaker 1 - Sylvain Charlebois / Dalhousie University (virtual)

6:30-7:15 PM - Dinner Intermission and Networking

7:15-8:15 PM - Speaker 2 - Rickey Yada / UBC (in-person)

8:15-8:45 PM - Closing Remarks, Door Prizes and Networking