



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.

Georgia Association for Food Protection

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

Name of Official Delegate

Wendy Wade White

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Greensboro, GA

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IAFP Member? Y N

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

Name of official Contact for IAFP Correspondence
Same

IAFP Member? Y N

2. Membership List

- a. Indicate the current total number of members in your Association: 493 Active: 148, Prospective 94
- b. How many NEW members joined your Association in 2023? 51 between Jan 1, 2023 and Dec 31, 2023

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.

2023 GAFF Fall Meeting, November 16, 2023, 71 attendees

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

TBD: GAFF 2024 Spring Meeting

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

Name of Meeting	Date(s) Held	Number of Attendees
2023 GAFF Spring Meeting	10 MAY 2023	67
2023 GAFF Fall Meeting	16 NOV 2023	71

4. Awards and Scholarships

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

Award Name	Recipient Name	How did recipient qualify for award?
C.B. Shogren Memorial	2022-2023 GAFFP Executive Board Members (Jessica Chen, Charles Otto III, Anna Townsend, Steven Fuller, Wendy White, Sofia Feng, Julia Sobolik)	Our affiliate demonstrated exceptional overall achievement in promoting the mission of IAFFP
J. Mac Goepfert Developing Scientist Award - 1 st place	Blanca Ruiz-Llacsahuanga	Excellence in technical presentation of their graduate research
J. Mac Goepfert Developing Scientist Award – 2 nd place	Amy Sicheloff	Excellence in technical presentation of their graduate research

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

Scholarship Name/Amount	Recipient Name	How did recipient qualify for scholarship?
GAFFP Jim Ayres Young Investigator Award – 1 st place	Jouman Hassan	Her graduate research on understanding the spread of mobile colistin resistant gene in the USA from imported seafood
GAFFP Jim Ayres Young Investigator Award – 2 nd place	Blanca Ruiz-Llacsahuanga	Her graduate research on comparing air sampling methods to quantify bacterial pathogens from cattle and poultry farms

GAFP Jim Ayres Young Investigator Award – 3 rd place	Dr. Jennifer Dorick	Her graduate research focusing on a longitudinal survey of microbial hazards in commercial aquaponics systems
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5. Web Communication

Please be sure to keep the IAFP 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.gafoodprotection.org/>

Last Updated: November, 2023

Did you launch a new Affiliate Website 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:

Officers for the 2023-2024 Executive term

Officer Title	Past-President
Name	Jessica Chen
Address 1	
Address 2	
City, State ZIP Country	Decatur, GA
Phone Number	
Email address	gafp.secretary@gmail.com
IAFP Member? Y or N	Y

Officer Title	President
Name	Charles Otto, III

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IAFP Member? Y or N	Y

Officer Title	President-Elect
Name	Anna Townsend
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City, State ZIP Country	Bessemer City, NC
Phone Number	
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IAFP Member? Y or N	Y

Officer Title	Vice President
Name	Aaron Huckabee
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IAFP Member? Y or N	Y

Officer Title	Secretary
Name	Sofia Feng
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Phone Number	
Email address	gafp.secretary@gmail.com

IAFP Member? Y or N	Y
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Officer Title	Treasurer
Name	Steven Fuller
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Address 2	
City, State ZIP Country	Watkinsville, GA
Phone Number	
Email address	gafp.secretary@gmail.com
IAFP Member? Y or N	Y

Officer Title	IAFP Delegate
Name	Wendy Wade White
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Address 2	

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Phone Number	
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IAFP Member? Y or N	Y

Officer Title	Student Liaison
Name	Rawane Raad
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Address 2	
City, State ZIP Country	Athens, GA
Phone Number	
Email address	gafp.secretary@gmail.com
IAFP Member? Y or N	Y

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.

Our mission at the Georgia Association for Food Protection is to provide food safety professionals with a forum to exchange information on protecting the food supply. Through multiple communication methods we use, we are able to spread this mission within our community. The following highlights the various platforms and strategies used to communicate with our members in 2023, including a brief description of each.

GAFP Email Outreach

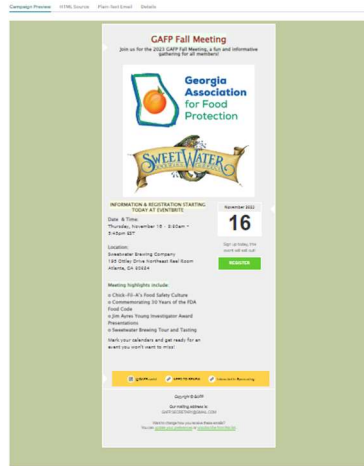
Our mailing database contains 381 contacts, 371 of these are subscribers. We utilized the paid version of Mailchimp platform to convey information via email campaigns. This was implemented prior to the Spring 2023 meeting. The metrics are as follow:



GAFP Meeting Emails		
Meeting	Campaign Mailings	Sent
Spring 2023	3	338
Fall 2023	12	3,358

Below are the metrics for this example of the campaign sent on October 10th, 2023 and an example of Mailchimp campaign sent for GAFP's Fall 2023 Meeting:

GAFP Fall Meeting Save The Date & Registration!



Audience: Georgia Association of Food Protection
Subject: GAFP Fall Meeting Save the Date & Registration!

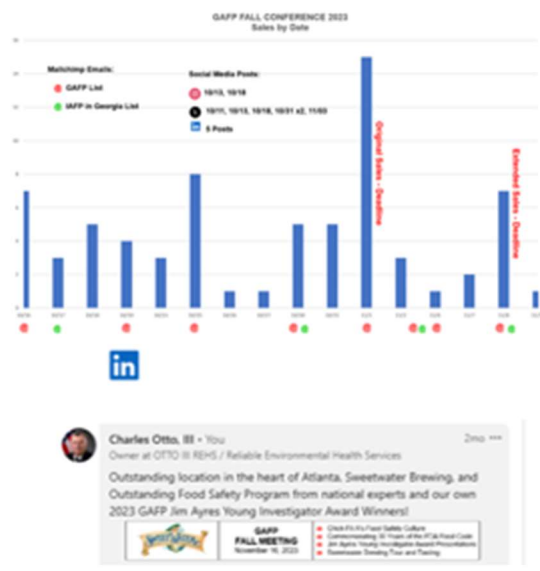
Delivered: Mon, Oct 16, 2023 2:15 PM
 View email · Download · Print · Share

142 Opened	39 Clicked	14 Bounced	1 Unsubscribed
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Successful deliveries	350	96.2%	Clicks per unique opens	27.5%
Total opens	946		Total clicks	370
Last opened	12/28/23 4:12PM		Last clicked	11/15/23 6:32PM
Forwarded	0		Abuse reports	0

The GAFP emails now, not only look more professional, but can be targeted and personalized, reducing bounce backs from spam filters. Mailchimp also provides GAFP’s Public Relations and Membership Committee analyzable metrics on delivery results, opening information, and click tracking of embedded links and survey tools. Mailchimp integrates with our membership management system, so updates transfer seamlessly back and forth, too. In 2023, our membership and prospective members received 6,099 emails in 29 campaigns about meetings, elections, awards, and IAFFP.

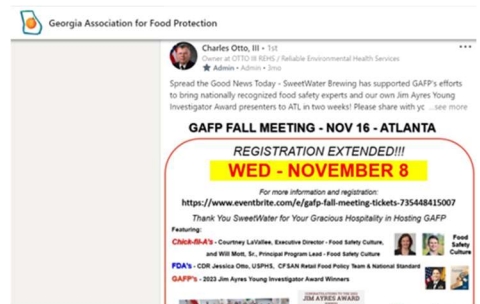
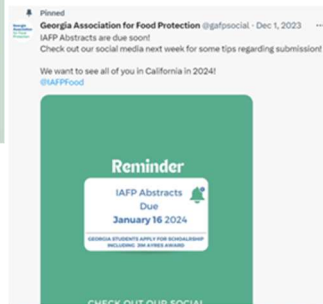
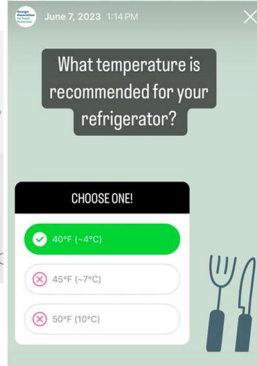
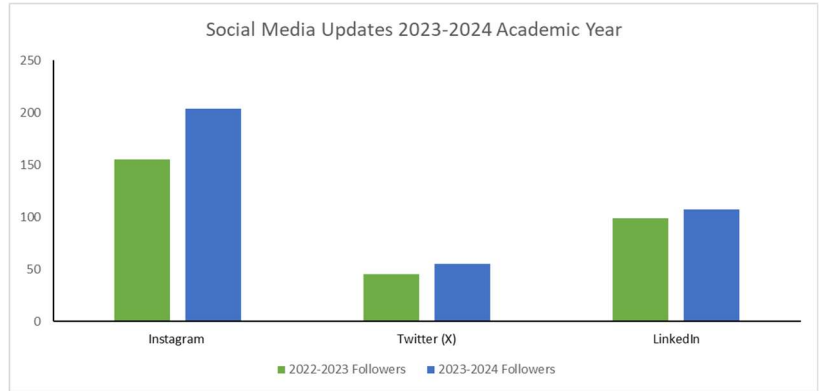
GAFP’s successful combined communication strategy for the 16 NOV 2023 [Fall Meeting](#) results are illustrated below:



Social Media

GAFP actively uses [Linktree](#), [LinkedIn](#), [Twitter \(X\)](#), [Instagram](#), and [YouTube](#) to reach a total of 373 followers. We use our social media accounts to promote updates of the following:

- Events
- Awards and Scholarships
- Sponsors
- GAFP Updates / Meetings
- Board Member Updates
- Interactive Food Safety Quizzes



YouTube Channel

GAFP added its own [YouTube Channel](#) to its communication suite with links back to its website and related websites and other social media connections. The meetings are the primary focus to date to highlight the events and educational sessions. To date, the 15 videos, totalling more than 6 hours of content have been viewed almost 300 times. These archived videos over time not only have valuable professional food safety content for members, but also serve as a marketing tool for GAFP.

Georgia Association for Food Protection
@georgiaassociationforfoodp7721 · 7 subscribers · 17 videos
The Georgia Association for Food Protection is the official Georgia affiliate of the Internatio...
[gafoodprotection.org](#) and 1 more link
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Website

[Georgia Association for Food Protection \(gafoodprotection.org\)](http://gafoodprotection.org)

Our website boasts a seamless user experience. Users are able to access event information, register for events and join/renew their membership in a simple manner. The website also provides an up-to-date calendar regarding upcoming meetings and events.

The screenshot shows the homepage of the Georgia Association for Food Protection (GAFF). The header includes the GAFF logo and social media icons. The main navigation menu lists: HOME PAGE, MEMBER RESOURCES, COVID19 RESOURCES, MEET THE CURRENT EXECUTIVE BOARD, PAST PRESIDENTS, UPCOMING EVENTS: GAFF MEETINGS, PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITIES AND MORE, MEMBERSHIP + SPONSORSHIP, AWARDS & RECOGNITION, JOB POSTINGS, CONTACT US, and PAST MEETING PRESENTATIONS. Below the menu is a paragraph describing the organization's mission to provide food safety professionals with a forum to exchange information on protecting the food supply. A prominent green button reads "JOIN OR RENEW GAFF MEMBERSHIP".

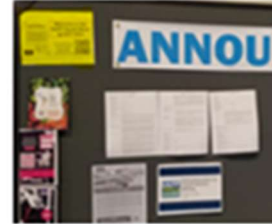
The main content area features a headline: "Providing Food Safety Professionals with a Forum to Exchange Information on Protecting the Food Supply". Below this is a sub-headline: "Celebrating 40 years of service to food safety professionals in the great state of Georgia". A photograph of the 2023-2024 Executive Board is shown with the caption "2023-2024 Georgia Association for Food Protection Executive Board".

Below the photo is a section titled "About the Georgia Association for Food Protection" which describes the organization's mission and provides information on how to join or renew membership. A green button "JOIN OR RENEW GAFF MEMBERSHIP" is visible. To the right of this section is a calendar for February 2024.

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Events

In addition to our [Spring](#) & [Fall](#) meetings, we had our 2023 Social Networking Mixer which takes place during every IAFFP annual meeting. Before our 2023 IAFFP Meeting in Toronto, Ontario, emails and social media posts alerted the GAFF members planning on going to the meeting of this Meetup. The conference app and traditional announcement board were used to communicate not only with registered GAFF members, but also to invite all Georgia attendees at this *first ever* international GAFF meeting.



GAFF Talkin' About Toronto 2023



GAFF in Toronto

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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.

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GAFP is perpetually investigating novel approaches that bring members of industry, academia, and regulatory together to focus on the subject of food safety, often dedicating part or an entire event to the cause. These events provide a platform for collaboration and the sharing of new breakthroughs, findings, and best practices related to food safety among industry peers. GAFP meetings also provide a perfect venue for our regulatory partners to interact with industry leaders in a less formal setting, often promoting open dialogue and feedback to the relative agencies, helping steer future directives in directions that make the most sense for industry and consumer safety. Academia also uses GAFP gatherings to present current research impacting food safety and to help promote newly and nearly graduated students into industrial food safety roles.

[GAFP's 2023 Fall Meeting](#) continued these efforts with a [dynamic agenda](#) emphasizing Food Safety Culture, the history of the FDA Food Code, and celebrating the achievements of several of our student members. The meeting was hosted by SweetWater Brewing, a nationally recognized local brewery in the Atlanta metroplex on the 16th of November, 2023. There were 71 members in attendance, 35 from industry, 19 from academia, 15 from government/regulatory and a few non categorized attendees.

The food safety presentations were kicked off by Chick-fil-A's Courtney LaValle, Executive Director of Food Safety Culture, and Will Mott, Sr, Principal Program Lead – Food Safety Culture. Courtney and Will communicated the importance of “buy in” from employees that serve as business unit operators to dishwashers to truly implement and embody Food Safety Culture. Presenting next was FDA's CDR Jessica Otto, USPHS, CFSAN Retail Food Policy Team and National Standard. Jessica provided a detailed history of FDA Food Code and highlighted the many evolutions over the last 30 years. GAFP's 2023 Jim Ayres Young Investigator Award Winners Jouman Hassan, Blanca Ruiz-Llacsahuanga, and Jennifer Dorick closed out the meeting with presentations on their individual research benefiting food safety.

The selection and representation of speakers from industry, government, and academia demonstrated GAFP's commitment for increasing food safety education across levels of expertise and across technical and non-specialized approaches to food safety. A follow-up survey of this meeting distributed to the GAFP membership indicated that all seventeen respondents found the meeting informative. Other comments from respondents included praise of meeting content, especially regarding the discussions around food safety culture as this affects academia, industry, and government.

GAFP Fall Meeting
Join us for the 2023 GAFP Fall Meeting, a fun and informative gathering for all members!



INFORMATION & REGISTRATION STARTING TODAY AT EVENTBRITE

Date & Time:
Thursday, November 16 - 8:00am - 5:45pm EST

Location:
Sweetwater Brewing Company
195 Otley Drive Northeast Real Room
Atlanta, GA 30324

Meeting highlights include:

- Chick-fil-A's Food Safety Culture
- Commemorating 30 Years of the FDA Food Code
- Jim Aynes Young Investigator Award Presentations
- Sweetwater Brewing Tour and Tasting

Mark your calendars and get ready for an event you won't want to miss!

November 2023
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Sign up today, this event will sell out!
REGISTER

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Georgia Association for Food Protection reposted

CAPT Charles Otsa, W-REHS, USPHS (Ret) @CAPTOnsC - Oct 31, 2023

GAFP Fall Meeting - NOV 16 - A Real Treat for Georgia Food Safety Professionals @ Sweetwater Brewing in the ❤️ of ATL! Don't be tricked and miss our registration deadline - WEDNESDAY - NOV 15! Full Agenda, Meeting Details and Registration @ [eventbrite.com/e/gafp-fall-me...](https://eventbrite.com/e/gafp-fall-meeting)



AGENDA & REGISTRATION

Speakers:

- Chick-fil-A:** Courtney Lathrop, Executive Director - Food Safety Culture, and Will Mack, Sr. Process Program Lead - Food Safety Culture
- FDA's:** Colleen Jacobs Otsa, CDPH, CPD&H Real Food Policy Team & National Research
- GAFP's:** 2023 Jim Aynes Young Investigator Award Winner

Networking

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Georgia Association for Food Protection Following

27 posts

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Date and Location Sweetwater Brewery in Atlanta, GA on Nov. 16th.

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☑ **Best Overall Affiliate Meeting Award**

Did your Affiliate hold an outstanding self-sustainable (***not sponsored/co-sponsored by IAFP***) food protection meeting which you consider 'over and above' those normally held? If so, provide the following details, if applicable, on what led to a highly successful meeting:

- Type of meeting and the value it brought to Affiliate Members/attendees (does not need to be your Annual Meeting);
- Mission statement for meeting (if relevant);
- Content;
- Numbers of attendees:
 - Number of and overall percentage of Affiliate Members (for example, 100 total attendees with 75 of them being Affiliate Members = 75%)
 - Number of Guests (non-dues-paying Affiliate Members) and their affiliation to the Affiliate Chapter and/or meeting's topic(s)
- Audience participation (through roundtable discussions, exercises, etc.);
- Topics:
 - Agenda (you may include a printed copy with your award application)
- Speakers and their employer affiliations (if available);
- Sponsors;
- Diversity of meeting participants (range of sectors represented, i.e., students, academia, extension, government, NGO, industry representatives, etc., which can be broken down into services, i.e., retail, education, research, manufacturing, etc., if available); and
- Other information.

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Our [Spring 2023 meeting](#) was held May 10, 2023 at Flinchum's Phoenix at the University of Georgia (UGA) and co-sponsored by the Department of Food Science and Technology. This meeting showcased the innovative food safety research completed at Georgia universities. One goal of this meeting was to increase academic membership attendance by celebrating the food safety research in the state.

The three featured speakers are completing excellent food safety research for major food industries significant to the state of Georgia:

- Dr. Ajit Mahapatra, Food Engineering Professor in the Department of Family Sciences and Technology at Fort Valley State University (FVSU), discussed his lab group's research on pulsed ultraviolet light treatment of meat.
- Dr. Xiangyu Deng, associate professor at the UGA Center for Food Safety, discussed the global spread of Salmonella via sourcing and trade of poultry breeding stocks.
- Dr. Ai-Ping Hu, principal research engineer at the Georgia Tech Research Institute, shared his work on agricultural robotics for applications in the fresh produce and poultry industries.

GAFP also hosted a poster competition for undergraduate and graduate students and awarded three monetary prizes for the top three competitors. Sixteen students presented on various food safety topics ranging from fresh produce, meat, poultry, kombucha, and seafood. Student engagement stretched beyond the UGA Dept. of Food Science and Technology, with several students attending from the UGA Dept. of Poultry Science, FVSU, and Georgia Tech. The meeting agenda was structured to allow over two hours for networking and poster viewing. Three professional GAFP members volunteered to judge posters and determine the top three awards.

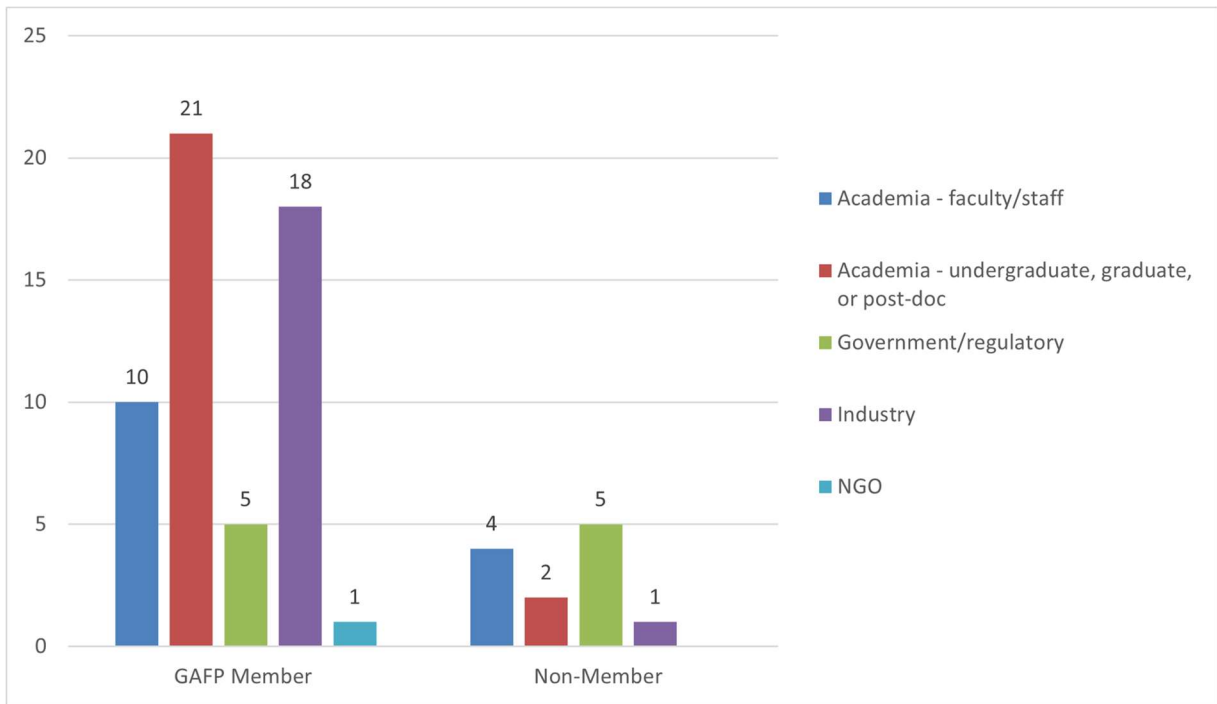
The Business Meeting featured an address by GAFP president Jess Chen and a financial report by Treasurer Steven Fuller. The secretary's report included a recap of our 2022 Fall Meeting and membership updates. A new candidate for GAFP Vice President was introduced: Aaron Huckabee. Elections confirmed Aaron Huckabee as our 2023-2024 Vice President, and maintained incumbent positions for Secretary, Treasurer, and IAFP Delegate. A review of proposed changes to the GAFP constitution and by-laws was completed by Charles Otto. Member voting on the proposed changes was provided via an electronic ballot.

Corporate sponsors for this meeting included Kleanz, Publix, the Georgia Tech Manufacturing Extension Partnership, Georgia Restaurant Association, Georgia Food Safety and Defense Taskforce, Eurofins, UGA Center for Food Safety, and UGA Dept. of Food Science and Technology.

There were 67 attendees for the meeting representing academia (37), industry (19), government (10), and NGOs (1). Government affiliations included the CDC, USDA, and Georgia Dept. of Agriculture. Industry members spanned several companies including Wendy's, Eurofins, Grimmway Farms, Mars, Dole, and Publix. Student attendance increased 44% from Fall 2022 to Spring 2023. Eight student memberships were also added in early 2023. These increases are attributed to the meeting's focus on research activities and the opportunity for students to share their work with professional members of GAFP.



Lance Barrett*	Chemical Sensor for Antimicrobial Monitoring
Sujitha Bhumanapalli	Development and validation of a dynamic predictive model for the growth of <i>Bacillus cereus</i> in RTE turkey breast
Emily Cason	Salmonella serovar diversity in commercial broiler production
Hema Sai Samhitha Chalamalasetti	Effective Strategies to sanitize harvesting bins and picking bags concerning <i>Listeria monocytogenes</i> and Salmonella
Sitara Cullinan	Validation of a Kombucha Tea Recipe for Home Food Preservers
Jouman Hassan	A Silent Conquest: The Emergence of Resistance to a Last Resort Antibiotic in Bacteria Isolated from Seafood and Environmental Samples in Georgia, USA
Minji Hur	Comparative Study of the Susceptibility to Blue Light Inactivation of Foodborne Pathogens
Bharath Mallavarapu	Inhibition of <i>Clostridium perfringens</i> spore germination and outgrowth by organic vinegar based antimicrobial (Durafresh) during cooling of cooked organic turkey roast
Revati Narwankar	Investigating the Persistence of Infectious Human Norovirus on Lettuce And in Natural Surface Freshwater using Human Intestinal Enteroids
Amrit Pal	A Preliminary Study on the Microbial Content of Edible Insect Products.
Pranita Patil	Effect of Cooling rates on the growth of <i>Clostridium perfringens</i> for cooked Roast Beef, Ham, and Turkey Products
Amelia Payne	Survival of <i>Escherichia coli</i> TVS 353 As a Salmonella Surrogate When Using Composted Poultry Litter and Heat-Treated Poultry Pellets for Vidalia Onion Production
Amy Sicheloff	Characterizing long-term Salmonella serovar dynamics in United States broiler production, 2016-2022
Jared Smith	Evaluating wild birds as a potential source of Salmonella transmission to produce.
Deepak Subedi	Inhibition of <i>Clostridium perfringens</i> Spore Germination and Outgrowth by Vinegar during Cooling of Cooked, Organic Turkey Roast
Jinquan Wang	A systematic review and meta-analysis of the sources of Salmonella in poultry production (pre-harvest) and their relative contributions to the microbial risk of poultry meat



2023 Spring Meeting registered attendees' affiliation by member status. Half of the non-member attendees were from academia.

Agenda

9:00 AM - 10:00 AM

Arrival, poster set-up, and exhibitor table set-up

10:00 AM - 11:00 AM

Business Meeting and By-Law Review

Jess Chen, GAFP President

Charles Otto III, GAFP President-Elect

11:00 AM - 11:30 AM

Poster session and networking

11:30 AM - 12:30 PM

Pulsed Ultraviolet Light Treatment of Meat



Dr. Ajit Mahapatra, Fort Valley State University

Dr. Ajit Mahapatra is a Food Engineering Professor in the Department of Family Sciences and Technology at Fort Valley State University. His research interests include application of engineering princ...

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12:30 PM - 1:45 PM

Lunch, poster session, and networking

1:45 PM - 2:45 PM

Global Spread of Salmonella via Sourcing and Trade of Poultry Breeding Stocks



Dr. Xiangyu Deng, UGA Center for Food Safety

Dr. Xiangyu Deng is an Associate Professor at Center for Food Safety, University of Georgia and a Guest Researcher in the Enteric Diseases Laboratory Branch, Centers for Disease Control and Preventio...

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Poster session and networking

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Agricultural Robotics at Georgia Tech



Dr. Ai-Ping Hu, Georgia Tech Research Institute

Ai-Ping Hu is a principal research engineer at the Georgia Tech Research Institute and an adjunct professor in the George W. Woodruff School of Mechanical Engineering at Georgia Tech. He completed hi...

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Closing remarks and adjourn

☑ **C.B. Shogren Memorial Award**

How did your Affiliate demonstrate exceptional overall achievement during the past year in promoting the mission of IAFP (*“To provide food safety professionals worldwide with a forum to exchange information on protecting the food supply”*)? “Overall achievement” should encompass at least several of the following activities/accomplishments of your Affiliate during 2023:

- Exceptional achievement in membership;
- Types and effectiveness of communication and education;
- Awards and scholarships presented;
- Attendance numbers at meetings;
- Collaboration with other professional organizations;
- donations to the IAFP Foundation; and
- Representation at the IAFP Affiliate Council Meeting (held July 16, 2023); and
- Other pertinent information.

While not a requirement, strong consideration will be given to an Affiliate whose officers (beyond the requirement for the President and Delegate) are also IAFP Members. Provide a description and include any supporting documents. You may cut and paste copy in the space below or use separate pages if necessary; please limit your explanation to 1,000 words or less in 12-point type.

GAFP in 2023 has emulated the excellent IAFP model to take its mission to the next level in the areas of Membership, Communication and Education, Giving, and Networking, as highlighted below:

Membership

The Georgia Association for Food Protection continued its strong membership growth adding **51** new members in 2023. Increased outreach was targeted to organizations not historically represented in GAFP to attract professionals in industry, government, and academia.

Engagement included new lines of communication to the over 500 food safety regulatory professionals which make up the Georgia Department of Public Health at the state, districts, and county levels. Expanded efforts were made to reach Georgia Department of Agriculture retail and manufacturing regulatory personnel as well.

Invitations to our outstanding Fall Meeting in Atlanta were sent to almost 70 IAFP members residing in Georgia who were not GAFP members. The IAFP Meeting in July in Toronto also included a Tuesday Luncheon meet-up complete with interactive games and prizes to introduce GAFP to these potentially new members. We had about 40 people attending who participated in a lot of great conversations about IAFP meeting sessions, GAFP activities, and food safety in general.

These efforts resulted in new members and first-time attendees at our Fall GAFP meeting. Also future communications and contacts were initiated with this introduction to GAFP through these outreach efforts.

Finally, in the area of membership, all of the GAFP officers are members in IAFP!



Communication & Education

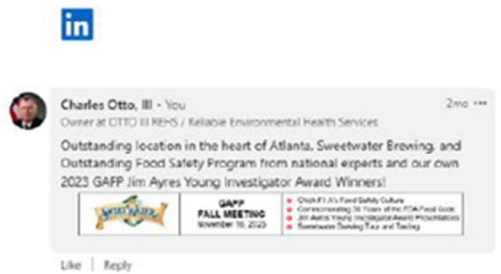
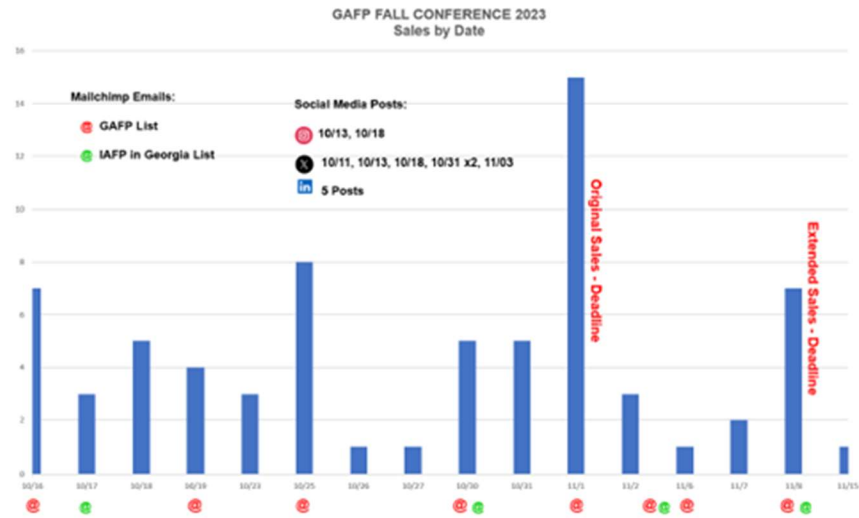
Email

Our email communications to our member list was upgraded in 2023 from a simple Gmail set up to feature-rich Intuit Mailchimp. The GAFP emails not only look more professional, but can also be targeted and personalized, which reduces bounce backs from spam filters. With this service, we now view deliveries, opening information, and click tracking of embedded links and use survey tools. In 2023, our membership and prospective members received 6,099 emails in 29 campaigns about meetings, elections, awards, and IAFP.

Social Media

GAFP actively uses [Linktree](#), [LinkedIn](#), [Twitter \(X\)](#), [Instagram](#), and [YouTube](#) to reach a total of 373 followers. We use our social media accounts to promote updates of the following:

- Events
- Awards and Scholarships
- Sponsors
- GAFP Updates / Meetings
- Board Member Updates
- Interactive Food Safety Quizzes



Meetings

Our [Spring 2023 Meeting](#) was held May 10, 2023, at the University of Georgia (UGA) and co-sponsored by the Department of Food Science and Technology. This meeting showcased the innovative food safety research completed at Georgia universities. One goal of this meeting was to increase academic membership attendance by celebrating the food safety research in the state. The three featured speakers are completing excellent food safety research for major food industries significant to the state of Georgia.



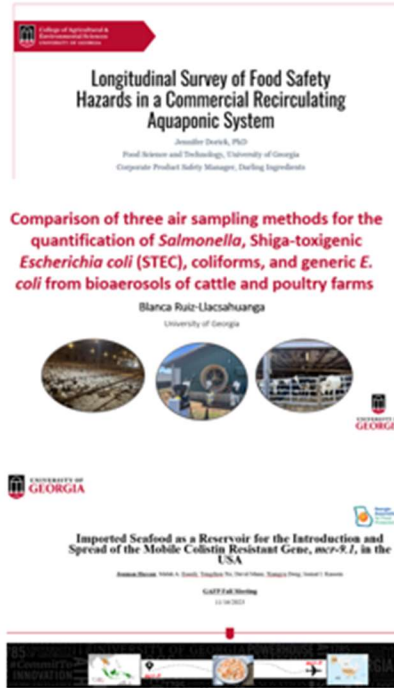
GAFP is perpetually investigating novel approaches that bring members of industry, academia, and regulatory together to focus on the subject of food safety, often dedicating part or an entire event to the cause. These events provide a platform for collaboration and the sharing of new breakthroughs, findings, and best practices related to food safety among industry peers.

GAFP meetings also provide a perfect venue for our regulatory partners to interact with industry leaders in a less formal setting, often promoting open dialogue and feedback to the relative agencies, helping steer future directives in directions that make the most sense for industry and consumer safety. Academia also uses GAFP gatherings to present current research impacting food safety and to help promote newly and nearly graduated students into industrial food safety roles. Two of our 18 poster presenters received offers and one accepted a position from a GAFP officer shortly after the meeting where they were introduced!

Student Poster Presentations

Lance Barrett *	Chemical Sensor for Antimicrobial Monitoring
Sujitha Bhumanapalli	Development and validation of a dynamic predictive model for the growth of <i>Bacillus cereus</i> in RTE turkey breast
Emily Cason	Salmonella serovar diversity in commercial broiler production
Hema Sai Samhitha Chalamalasetti	Effective Strategies to sanitize harvesting bins and picking bags concerning <i>Listeria monocytogenes</i> and Salmonella
Sitara Cullinan	Validation of a Kombucha Tea Recipe for Home Food Preservers
Jouman Hassan	A Silent Conquest: The Emergence of Resistance to a Last Resort Antibiotic in Bacteria Isolated from Seafood and Environmental Samples in Georgia, USA
Minji Hur	Comparative Study of the Susceptibility to Blue Light Inactivation of Foodborne Pathogens
Bharath Mallavarapu	Inhibition of <i>Clostridium perfringens</i> spore germination and outgrowth by organic vinegar based antimicrobial (Durafresh) during cooling of cooked organic turkey roast
Revati Narwankar	Investigating the Persistence of Infectious Human Norovirus on Lettuce And in Natural Surface Freshwater using Human Intestinal Enteroids
Amrit Pal	A Preliminary Study on the Microbial Content of Edible Insect Products.
Pranita Patil	Effect of Cooling rates on the growth of <i>Clostridium perfringens</i> for cooked Roast Beef, Ham, and Turkey Products
Amelia Payne	Survival of <i>Escherichia coli</i> TVS 353 As a Salmonella Surrogate When Using Composted Poultry Litter and Heat-Treated Poultry Pellets for Vidalia Onion Production
Amy Sicheloff	Characterizing long-term Salmonella serovar dynamics in United States broiler production, 2016-2022
Jared Smith	Evaluating wild birds as a potential source of Salmonella transmission to produce.
Deepak Subedi	Inhibition of <i>Clostridium perfringens</i> Spore Germination and Outgrowth by Vinegar during Cooling of Cooked, Organic Turkey Roast
Jinquan Wang	A systematic review and meta-analysis of the sources of Salmonella in poultry production (pre-harvest) and their relative contributions to the microbial risk of poultry meat

[GAFP's 2023 Fall Meeting](#) continued these efforts with a [dynamic agenda](#) emphasizing Food Safety Culture, the history of the FDA Food Code, and award-winning scientific research presentations by our Jim Ayres Young Investigators. There were 71 members in attendance, 35 from industry, 19 from academia, 15 from government/regulatory and a few non categorized attendees.



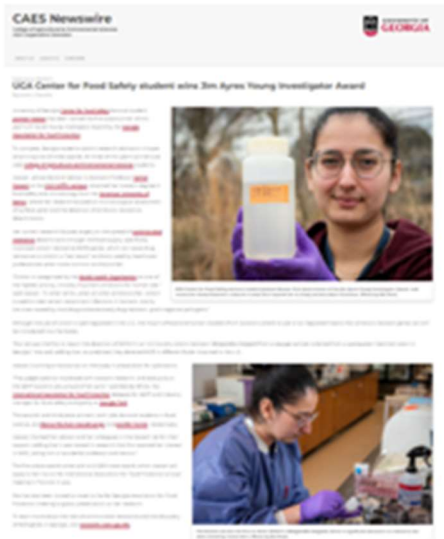
Scholarships & IAFP Foundation Giving

GAFP donated \$500 to the IAFP Foundation by returning the C. B. Shogren Memorial Award honorarium to the foundation during the IAFP Awards Banquet in Toronto. This was at least the second year in a row for this donation. In 2020, GAFP had sent \$1000 to the IAFP Foundation.

Over \$20,000 has been awarded by GAFP to gifted Georgia food safety and technology students during the past thirteen years of our Jim Ayres Young Investigator Award scholarship program. In 2023, this award included: \$1,000 for first place, \$500 for second, and \$250 for third. In addition to the monetary

recognition, the winners are highlighted by the university's press office for receiving this award.

This year the record number of 9 student's research abstracts were judged by an objective, non-Georgia, panel, who found the submissions "to be wonderful and the competition fierce". The three winners were celebrated by GAFP in our social media posts, on our website and in a featured YouTube [video](#). They each presented their research at our Fall Meeting in Atlanta in November where their outstanding accomplishments were lauded to an appreciative live audience. Only students that have been accepted to present either technical abstracts or posters at IAFP are eligible, and the travel award is given to help pay the costs of their trip to IAFP.



Networking

GAFP continued its outreach to partner organizations including Florida Association for Food Protection and the Alabama Association for Food Protection in 2023. Ongoing networking included the Association of Food and Drug Officials and Georgia Food Safety and Defense Task Force. Additionally, GAFP and its upcoming outstanding Fall Meeting were recognized at the well-attended Georgia regulatory Breakfast.



Affiliate Council Meeting

At the 2023 Affiliate Council Meeting in Toronto, in addition to our IAFP Delegate, Wendy White, in attendance was also GAFP President, CAPT Charles Otto, III, Student Liaison, Rawane Raad, and Student Member Minji Hur. Additionally, two Affiliate Council virtual meetings were publicized and attended by GAFP officers in 2023.

