



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.

Ontario Food Protection Association

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

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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: enter number
- b. How many NEW members joined your Association in 2023? enter number

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.

November 16, 2023
121 attendees

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

September 30-October 1, 2024
Bellvue Manor
8083 Jane St.
Concord, ON
L4K 2M7

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

2023 OFPA Social Networking Mixer	September 14, 2023 102 attendess
2023 OFPA Spring Technical Meeting & Clive Kingsbury Video Competition	April 21, 2023 98 attendees

4. Awards and Scholarships

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

Nadia Narine	Award of Merit Nomination and vote
Nadia Narine	Board of Director Recognition Completion of 6 year term
Gordon Hayburn	Lifetime Achievement Honourary Award Nomination and vote
Michael Byerley	Award of Sanitarian & Food Safety Professional of the Year Nomination and vote

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

Scholarship Name/Amount	Recipient Name and how did recipient qualify?
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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:

ofpa.on.ca
Jan 2023

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:

2024-2025

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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 Membership Achievement Award

How did your Affiliate grow **AND** retain members during the past year? Please provide details on:

- how new members were recruited throughout the year;
- the number of new members joining the Affiliate;
- the percent increase in membership from 2022 to 2023;
- specific efforts on how you retained existing members; and
- other methods related to helping grow and maintain your membership.

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.

See attachment

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.

See attachment

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.)*

See attachment

☒ 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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See attachment

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.

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C.B. Shogren Award
Page 2 *(if necessary)*



Best Overall Affiliate Meeting Award

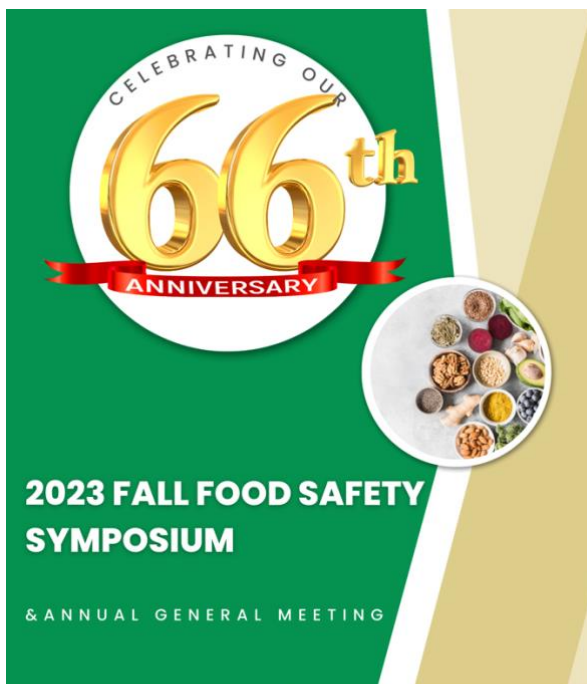
Mission

The Ontario Food Protection Association (OFPA) is steadfast in its mission to bring together leaders from the industry, governmental bodies, and academia to stimulate discussions to enhance innovative practices and strengthen food safety standards. OFPA is committed to conducting at least one in-person event every year to gather industry professionals and create a learning environment for our valued members. Our greatest in-person event in 2023, the Fall Food Safety Symposium, our 66th Annual General Meeting, offered a platform for professionals to network, share insights, and stay at the forefront of food safety advancements, solidifying our role as a key advocate for food safety excellence.



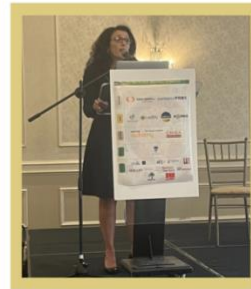
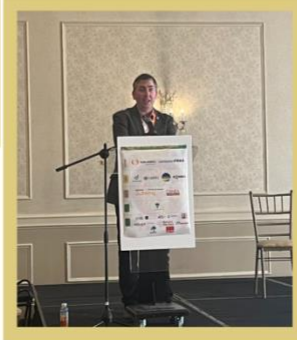
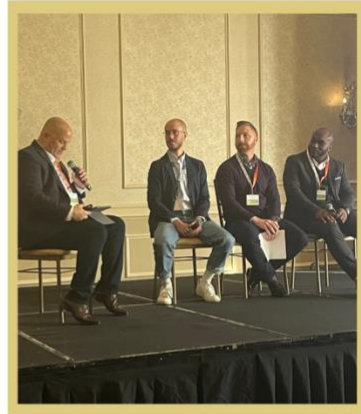
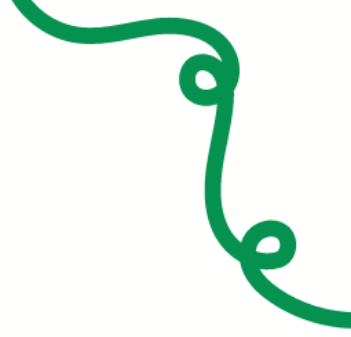
OFPA 2023 Fall Food Safety Symposium and 66th Annual General Meeting

The OFPA's Annual Fall Symposium serves as a cornerstone for our efforts to advance food safety knowledge and practices. The 2023 symposium featured a rich array of presentations, including but not limited to, Quantitative Microbial Risk Analysis, Food Safety in the Global Market, Food Safety in the Digital Age, and Allergen Management. Each presenter at the symposium was distinguished and highly accomplished within their respective fields of expertise, contributing to a competitive and enlightening exchange of ideas.





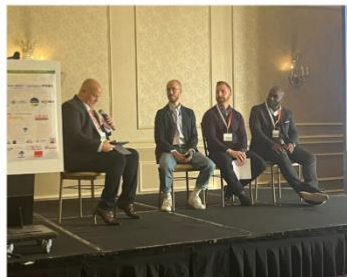
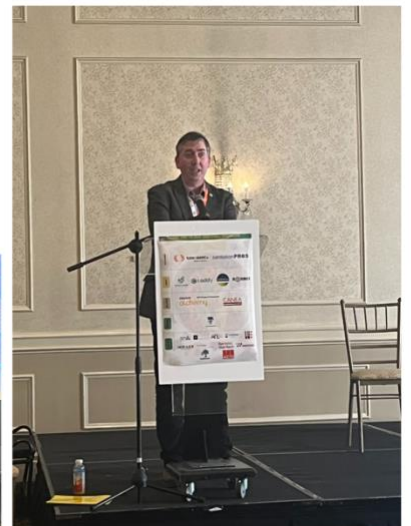
Thank You!



In line with our commitment to fostering knowledge exchange and collaboration, the symposium was promoted across multiple communication channels, including webinars, newsletters, and social media campaigns. This multifaceted approach ensured broad engagement within our community, enriching the symposium experience and reinforcing OFPA's role as a hub for food safety dialogue.



Thank You





Impact and Outcomes

The symposium not only served as a platform for sharing the latest food safety research and practices but also facilitated networking opportunities that spurred collaborative efforts among professionals. By providing a comprehensive program that addressed a wide range of food safety topics, the event significantly contributed to the ongoing education and development of food safety standards.





+120 Registers

The 66th Annual Fall Food Safety Symposium & AGM hosted by OFPA was a major success, with over 120 registrations and 80+ attendees. Feedback was overwhelmingly positive, with attendees leaving happy and eager to return next year; 93.3% expressed intent to attend future events.

**FALL 2023
FOOD SAFETY SYMPOSIUM &
66TH ANNUAL GENERAL
MEETING**

THURSDAY
16 NOV, 2023

START AT
8:30AM EST

**Topic: Unmasking Hidden Dangers:
Exploring Willful Blindness and Food Safety**

Siarl Siviyer Dixon is a seasoned professional with a strong dedication to food safety and compliance. With over seven years at AIB International, he has been instrumental in guiding major food manufacturers worldwide in achieving their BRCGS Certification goals, and more.

Speaker
SIARL SIVIYER DIXON
Certification Manager
AIB International

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**2023 FALL
FOOD SAFETY SYMPOSIUM &
66TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

THURSDAY
16 NOV, 2023

START AT
8:30AM EST

Topic: Food Safety in the Digital Age

The role of digital technologies, such as blockchain, artificial intelligence, and data analytics, in improving food safety practices, traceability, supply chain transparency, horizon scanning.

OUR SPEAKERS:

- KEVIN DAVIES**
Chief Marketing Officer,
Provision Analytics
- WILLIAM MELNYCZENKO**
Global Business Development
Director-Digital & Expert
Services, Verique Nutriceuticals
- TANGUY ETOGA**
Founder & CEO,
Normex Inc.
- CHAIR**
PAUL DAMAREN
Chief Revenue Officer,
RizePoint

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**2023
Fall FOOD SAFETY SYMPOSIUM &
66TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

NOVEMBER 16, 2023
Chateau Les Jardins, 8440 ON-27
Woodbridge, ON

SHARING IS CARING!

We ask that you donate a non-perishable food item when attending the **2023 Fall Food Safety Symposium and 66th Annual General Meeting**, to support our local food banks. Your goodness will reach the hearts of many and inspire hope for the better!

Food Donations

FOR ADDITIONAL DETAILS CHECK OUT OUR WEBSITE [HTTPS://OFPA.ON.CA/](https://ofpa.on.ca/)

Fall 2023

**FOOD SAFETY SYMPOSIUM &
66TH ANNUAL GENERAL
MEETING**

THURSDAY
16 NOV, 2023

START AT
8:30AM EST

Topic: Enhancing Guidance for Food Allergen Management in Canada

Beatrice is the Director of Food Safety & Regulatory Affairs at Food Allergy Canada. She leads food safety initiatives and collaborates internationally on allergen management, including work with Health Canada. Beatrice also manages a project developing Allergen Management and Precautionary Allergen Labeling Guidelines for the Canadian food industry, and she holds an Honours BA from the University of Toronto.

Speaker
BEATRICE POVOLO
Director, Food Safety & Regulatory Affairs, Food Allergy Canada

Register Now

For more details check out our website
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Event Details

Please see the [conference agenda](#) here.

We were privileged to host 13 distinguished Food Safety experts as our speakers and panelists:



Chief Marketing Officer
at Provision Analytics

Kevin Davies



Extension Specialist in Food Science and
Distinguished Professor at Rutgers University

Dr. Donald W. Schaffner



Founder & CEO at NORMEX Inc.

Tanguy Etoga



Global Business Development Director
of Digital & Expert Services at Mérieux
NutriSciences – North America

William Melnyczenko



Founder & President of C L Network

Cindy Novak



Vice President, Food Safety, Quality
Assurance, OH&S, and Regulatory Affairs

Sonny Brar



Chief Revenue Officer at RizePoint

Paul Damaren



Director of Food Safety & Quality at
Embassy Ingredients

Gwynne Sitsker



Certification Manager at AIB International

Siarl Siviyer Dixon



Director, Food Safety & Regulatory
Affairs at Food Allergy Canada

Beatrice Povolo

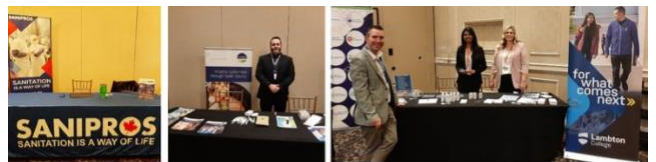
We were delighted to welcome 18 exhibitors and sponsors to the 2023 Fall Food Safety Symposium, including 9 returning participants from previous events.



Thank You

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ONTARIO FOOD PROTECTION ASSOCIATION

To all our Exhibitors for making our Fall 2023 Food Safety Symposium & 66th Annual General Meeting a grand success!



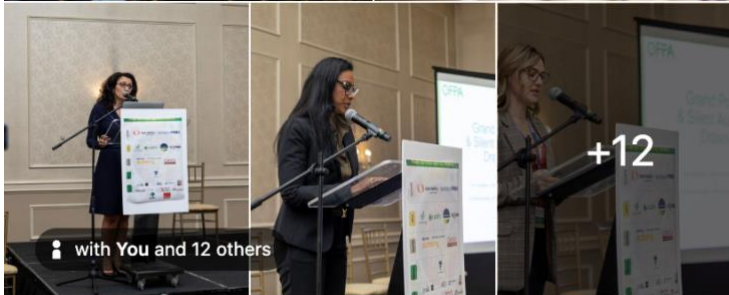
Number of attendees for each session:

- **Quantitative Microbial Risk Analysis of Foods** by Dr. Donald W. Schnaffner: **65**
- **Food Safety in the Global Market** chaired by Ellen Gravi: **58**
- **Effective Communication Between You and Your Supply Chain: Avoiding Communication Breakdowns** by Cindy Novak: **45**
- **Unmasking Hidden Dangers: Exploring Willful Blindness and Food Safety** by Siarl Siviyer Dixon: **76**
- **Food Safety in the Digital Age** chaired by Paul Damaren: **60**
- **Enhancing Guidance for Food Allergen Management** in Canada by Beatrice Povolo: **65**

Feedback from our attendees on LinkedIn:



Organic impressions: 1,731 Impressions		Hide results ^
Post performance ⓘ		
Targeted to: All followers		
1,731 Impressions	1,567 Engagements	90.53% Engagement rate
1,503 Clicks	86.83% Click-through rate	62 Reactions
0 Comments	2 Reposts	



Chamandeep Kaur and 61 others

2 reposts

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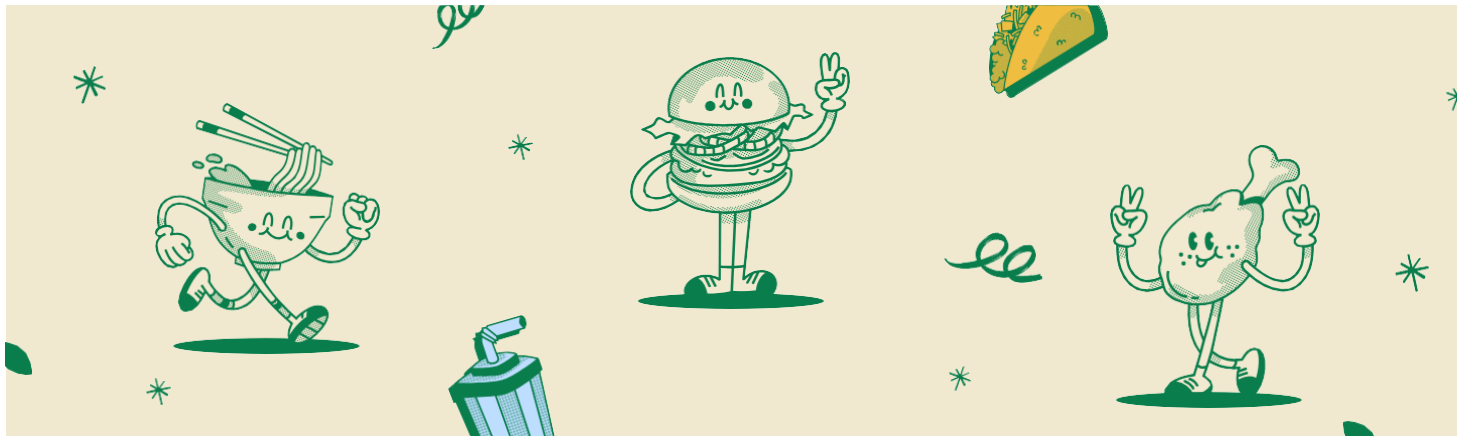
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Affiliate Communication Award

Mission

At the core of the Ontario Food Protection Association lies our commitment to unite industry leaders, government authorities, and academic experts in fostering dialogue centered on advancing innovations and bolstering food safety standards. In our mission, we employ diverse communication avenues that engage actively with our membership base. Exploring the multifaceted approaches implemented in 2023, we utilized webinars, eblasts, newsletter, social media campaigns and conference presentations to broadened audience reach in 2023 to raise awareness, share knowledge and fostering collaboration on current food safety matters. By capitalizing on versatile communication modalities, OFPA strives relentlessly to create positive change, as our organization remains dedicated to advocating for advancements in food safety research and practices.



Monthly E-blasts

Via regular E-blast, OFPA extends registrations for webinars, event reminders and links to pertinent news pieces. Post-event evaluations garner input from members, fueling continual improvement. Spanning over 150 messages in 2023, e-blast inclusions highlighted OFPA/IAFP endeavours, keeping stakeholders abreast of the latest success stories in food safety.

Industry News



CDC isolates specific strain of E. coli that is of great concern

[Read Full Story](#)

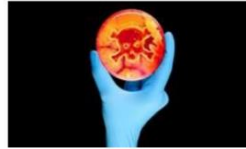


Reflections on Netflix's Poisoned and 30 Years of Food Safety Advocacy

[Read Full Story](#)



California Legislature First to Pass Ban on 4 Food Additives Linked to Health Issues



UK dealing with E. coli and Salmonella outbreaks

Upcoming Events: Social Networking Mixer

ONTARIO FOOD PROTECTION ASSOCIATION

2023 SOCIAL NETWORKING MIXER

14 SEP 2023 5PM-9PM

LOST CRAFT BREWERY
837 RUNNYMEDE RD, TORONTO

EXHIBITOR & SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES



Summer | Issue 19 | August 31, 2023

Annual Spring Technical Meeting & Clive Kingsbury Video Competition: Summary



[Read Summary Of The Event](#)

IAFP Updates



IAFP Reminds You of This 2023 Change!

The *Journal of Food Protection* is now published as a fully open access journal with Elsevier.

Noticeable growth in authors choosing open access indicated a desire to have their content freely available for all to read. The Article Publishing Charge of \$1,600 for IAFP's Members will allow articles to become fully accessible upon publication. Under this model, authors can also share their research more broadly, *without paywalls or copyright issues*.

[Go here](#) to learn more about this transition, including a Q&A.

[Go here](#) to access JFP. IAFP is pleased to make all JFP research available for everyone to read, download, copy, and distribute.

IAFP: FREE Webinars in June!

June 5

3:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. Eastern Time
Work Smarter, Not Harder - discussing the challenges and opportunities to improve support specific to small processors

June 7

8:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m. Eastern Time
WHO Global Strategy for Food Safety 2022-2030

June 14

11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Eastern Time
Dry Cleaning Is Water Filled or Free in Food Safety and Sanitation

June 15

11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Eastern Time
Tech Enabled Traceability: Get Ready For FSMA 204 With GSI Standards

June 22

11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Eastern Time
Using Science and Technology to Reduce Food Waste and Ensure Food Safety

June 27

10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. Eastern Time
Don't be Shovel'd! Use Next Generation Sequencing to Improve Seafood Safety and Quality



Webinars

OFPA successful monthly webinar series boasted enthusiastic and active participation. Members enjoyed exploring diverse themes featured in these interactive sessions from academic, industry and government exemplified by instances selected below:

2023 WEBINARS REGISTER NOW

SEP 21
1 PM - 2 PM EST
PRESENTER: **JULIE BOND**, President, CFO, Board Consulting Group
TOPIC: Learn about SR&D and How to Qualify, and the Next Steps!

OCT 12
11 AM - 12 PM EST
PRESENTER: **Nicole Gallace**
TOPIC: Bridging the Gap Between Students Graduates and Employers

NOV 14
2 PM - 3 PM EST
PRESENTERS: **Amanda Melnyk** (Director Business Development, Manitoba), **Linda L. Boer** (Customer FSO Manager, McCain's North America), **Jill Vailley** (Senior Manager Quality Systems, McCain's Processors of Canada)
TOPIC: A Culture of Food Safety & Quality at McCain Foods Ltd

DEC 1
10 AM - 11 AM EST
PRESENTER: **Dr. Lawrence Goodridge** (Emerging Faculty Professor in Food Safety, Entering Canadian Research Institute for Food Safety, University of Guelph)
TOPIC: Genomic Control Approaches for *Salmonella* in Dry Foods

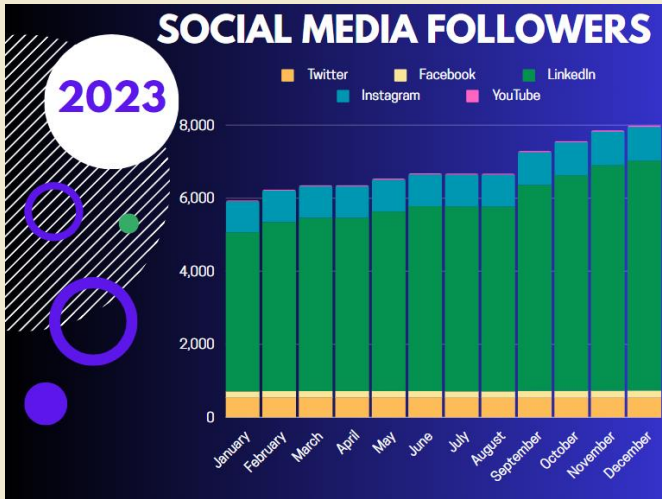
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WEBINAR BUILDING FOUNDATIONAL ELEMENTS FOR SUSTAINABLE FOOD SAFETY MANAGEMENT



Social Media

The OFPA leverages multiple social media platforms to disseminate information about our events, awards, food safety recalls, organization sponsors, and OFPA updates/meetings. By the close of 2023, our primary social media platform, LinkedIn, had garnered a following of 6,296 individuals!



Thank You

To all our Exhibitors for making our Fall 2023 Food Safety Symposium & 66th Annual General Meeting a grand success!

ONTARIO FOOD PROTECTION ASSOCIATION

2023 SOCIAL NETWORKING MIXER

14 SEP 2023 5PM-9PM

LOST CRAFT BREWERY
837 RUNNYMEDE RD, TORONTO

EXHIBITOR & SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Each sponsorship includes 1 registration ticket, 2 drink tickets and unlimited hors d'oeuvres!

Sponsor: \$950

- 10 min talk open floor- no marketing content, acknowledgment of your sponsorship will be made verbally and displayed during the event, and social media promotion prior to the event

Exhibit Booth: \$650

- includes 1 attendee registration acknowledgment of your participation as an exhibitor at the event on the screen

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PARTNER WITH US

2023 FALL
FOOD SAFETY SYMPOSIUM & 66TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

THURSDAY 16 NOV, 2023 | START AT 8:30AM EST

Theme: Quantitative Microbial Risk Assessment of Foods

Key Note Speaker

Dr. Donald W. Schaffner is a distinguished Food Science professor at Rutgers University. His expertise lies in hand hygiene, food microbiology, and risk assessment. He's a fellow of prestigious organizations, including the Institute of Food Technologists and the International Association for Food Protection where he served as president in 2013-2014. He co-hosts Food Safety talk and Risky or Not podcasts in his spare time.

KEYNOTE SPEAKER
DR. DONALD W. SCHAFFNER
Extension Specialist and Professor in Food Science
Rutgers University

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LIVE Webinar

Bridging the Gap Between Students Graduates & Employers

THURSDAY 12 OCT, 2023 | START AT 11:00AM EST

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NICOLE GALLACE
Talent Solutions for the Food & Beverage Industry

For more details check out our website
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Free for OFPA Members
Non-members by donation

OFPA
2023 AWARDS

The OFPA recognizes outstanding achievements and contributions of food safety professionals. Every year, the association reaches out to our members, partners, and colleagues to collect nominations.

- AWARD OF SANITARIAN & FOOD SAFETY PROFESSIONAL OF THE YEAR**
- LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT HONOURARY AWARD**
- AWARD OF MERIT**

NOMINATE NOW

For more details check out our website
[HTTPS://OFPA.ON.CA/](https://ofpa.on.ca/)



Website

In 2023, the OFPA website underwent a redesign, enhancing accessibility to information such as the organization's mission, governance, affiliations, and past award winners. Additionally, the website includes content tailored for students, details on upcoming events, and guidance on connecting with the organization. Within our member exclusive section, OFPA members gain access to an array of valuable resources, including technical articles, event presentations, webinar recordings, and job postings.

<https://ofpa.on.ca>



Newsletter

OFPA Guardian Newsletter

Wrapping up the year OFPA Guardian published an annual edition that aggregates food safety highlights, ensuring members remain current on vital industry developments and regulatory adjustments. OFPA members are informed with up-to-date food safety information, Government-to-Business meetings, and forthcoming food safety events. OFPA also reflects on past their yearly events and thanks to our corporate members for their continued support.

Annual Newsletter 2023 (Edition 10): [OFPA Annual Newsletter- 2023 Final.pdf](#)





Events

The OFPA built upon the success of past events and raised the bar by hosting memorable events in 2023. Alongside the established Fall Symposium and Annual General Meeting, our Social Networking Mixer and Clive Kingsbury Video Competition emerged triumphantly. Catch glimpses of our vibrant moments at each remarkable event below:



- **2023 Spring Technical Meeting & Clive Kingsbury Video Competition**

<https://ofpa.on.ca/events/2023-ofpa-spring-technical-meeting-clive-kingsbury-video-competition/>

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AFFILIATE EDUCATION AWARD



MONTHLY WEBINARS

Our mission at the Ontario Food Protection Association is to represent industry, government and academia by bringing professionals together in a forum to promote, educate and communicate innovation in food safety.



With our objectives being:

- To assist in improving the professional status of those involved with food safety.
- To collect and distribute to its members and interested parties, information pertaining to sanitation and food safety.
- To encourage improvements in food safety practices.
- To provide a forum to discuss current concerns in food protection and other topics of mutual interest.
- To communicate with various regulatory agencies on issues of sanitation and food protection.
- To cooperate with other professional groups in development and advancement of public health, food safety practices and general and environmental sanitation.

In 2023 the OFPA had our monthly webinar series. Each month we host a speaker that is a subject matter expert on the current relevant topic related to the industry to present. Webinars are free to OFPA members and available to non-OFPA members by a nominal donation to the OFPA. We have received excellent feedback and engagement with our members on a variety of topics, below are the topics presented in 2023.

MONTHLY WEBINARS-2023

WEBINAR:
NOVEL FOODS: TRENDS, CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES

SPEAKERS

DR. JAY ALAPPAT - REGIONAL TECHNICAL DIRECTOR (CHEMISTRY) MERIEUX NUTRISCIENCES

KAYLEI PERRY - FOOD SAFETY SPECIALIST AND TECHNICAL SALES MANAGER MERIEUX NUTRISCIENCES

 **JANUARY 26TH**
1PM-2PM EST

 Register today <https://ofpa.on.ca/>

FREE FOR OFPA MEMBERS
NON-MEMBERS BY DONATION



84 Registrants

WEBINAR

**FOOD FRAUD PREVENTION:
WHAT IS NEXT FOR 2023?**

JOIN US ON FEBRUARY 8, 2023
1 PM EST

Speaker John W Spink Ph. D. -
Director and Lead Instructor for
the Food Fraud Prevention
Academy

 Free for OFPA Members
Non-members by donation

 www.ofpa.on.ca



Unavailable

**BUILDING FOOD SAFETY CULTURE WITHIN FOOD SERVICE AND
RETAIL**

TANYA WARAICH
Corporate Continuous Improvement Manager -
Compass Group Canada

 May 5, 2023
11:00 AM EST

 <https://ofpa.on.ca/>

Free for OFPA members
Non members by donation.



28 Registrants

WEBINAR:

HOW TO GET THE MOST OUT OF YOUR THIRD PARTY CERTIFICATION AUDIT




KRIS MIDDLETON - NORTH AMERICAN FOOD PROGRAM MANAGER BUREAU VERITAS

REGISTER HERE

April 28th
10:45 AM to 12:15 PM

Free for OFPA members
Non members by donation

15 Registrants

WEBINAR:

Allergen Control

- Challenges
- Perspectives
- Solutions




**Speaker
Deb Smith - Global Hygiene Specialist**

**June 1, 2023
11 AM EST**

**REGISTER
WWW.OFPA.ON.CA/**

Free for OFPA Members
Non-members by donation

81 Registrants

Webinar:

Building Foundational Elements for Sustainable Food Safety Management System



**PRESENTED BY:
OLAWUMI (WUMI) YUSUFF - FOOD SAFETY DIRECTOR, FERRARA CANDY COMPANY**

Thursday July 13, 2023
3:00 PM to 4:00 PM

<https://ofpa.on.ca/upcoming-events/>
Free for members and by donation for non members



60 Registrants

August Webinar

Unlocking Financial Support & Growth Potential



Speaker - Frank Massong
VP of Government Affairs Culture Assurance Consulting

**August 10
10 AM EST**

Free for members, by donation for non members
<https://ofpa.on.ca/>

81 Registrants

WEBINAR

LEARN ABOUT SR&ED & HOW TO QUALIFY, & NEXT STEPS



JONAS SADDEN
SR&ED ASSESSMENT SPECIALIST

September 21, 2023
1:00 PM to 2:00 PM EST

> REGISTER NOW

FOR ADDITIONAL DETAILS CHECK OUT OUR WEBSITE [HTTPS://OFPA.ON.CA/](https://ofpa.on.ca/)



85 Registrants

• LIVE Webinar

OFPA
ONTARIO FOOD PROTECTION ASSOCIATION

Bridging the Gap Between Students Graduates & Employers

THURSDAY
12 OCT, 2023

START AT
11:00AM EST

REGISTER NOW

NICOLE GALLACE
Talent Solutions for the Food & Beverage Industry

For more details check out our website [HTTPS://OFPA.ON.CA/](https://ofpa.on.ca/)

Free for OFPA Members
Non-members by donation

50 Registrants

• LIVE Webinar

OFPA
ONTARIO FOOD PROTECTION ASSOCIATION

A CULTURE OF FOOD SAFETY & QUALITY AT MCCAIN FOODS LTD

TUESDAY
14 NOV, 2023

START AT
2:00PM EST

REGISTER NOW

PRESENTERS

AMANDA MELNYK
Director Business Development, McCain Foods

LINDA LOFQUIST BOOR
Customer FSQ Manager, McCain Foods

JILL VARLEY
Senior Manager Quality Systems, McDonald's Restaurants of Canada

MODERATOR

BIRENDRA RAJAPREYAR
Account Partner, Veeva, Food and Beverage

This webinar is sponsored by **veeva**

147 Registrants

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ONTARIO FOOD PROTECTION ASSOCIATION

WEBINAR:

Salmonella In Dry Foods - Using Genomics To Develop Control Approaches

Speaker - Dr Lawrence Goodridge

December 1, 2023
10 AM EST

REGISTER
WWW.OFPA.ON.CA/

Free for OFPA Members
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33 Registrants

Monthly Eblasts and OFPA Guardian Newsletter

OFPA members are provided with monthly e-blasts and in 2023 a newsletter.

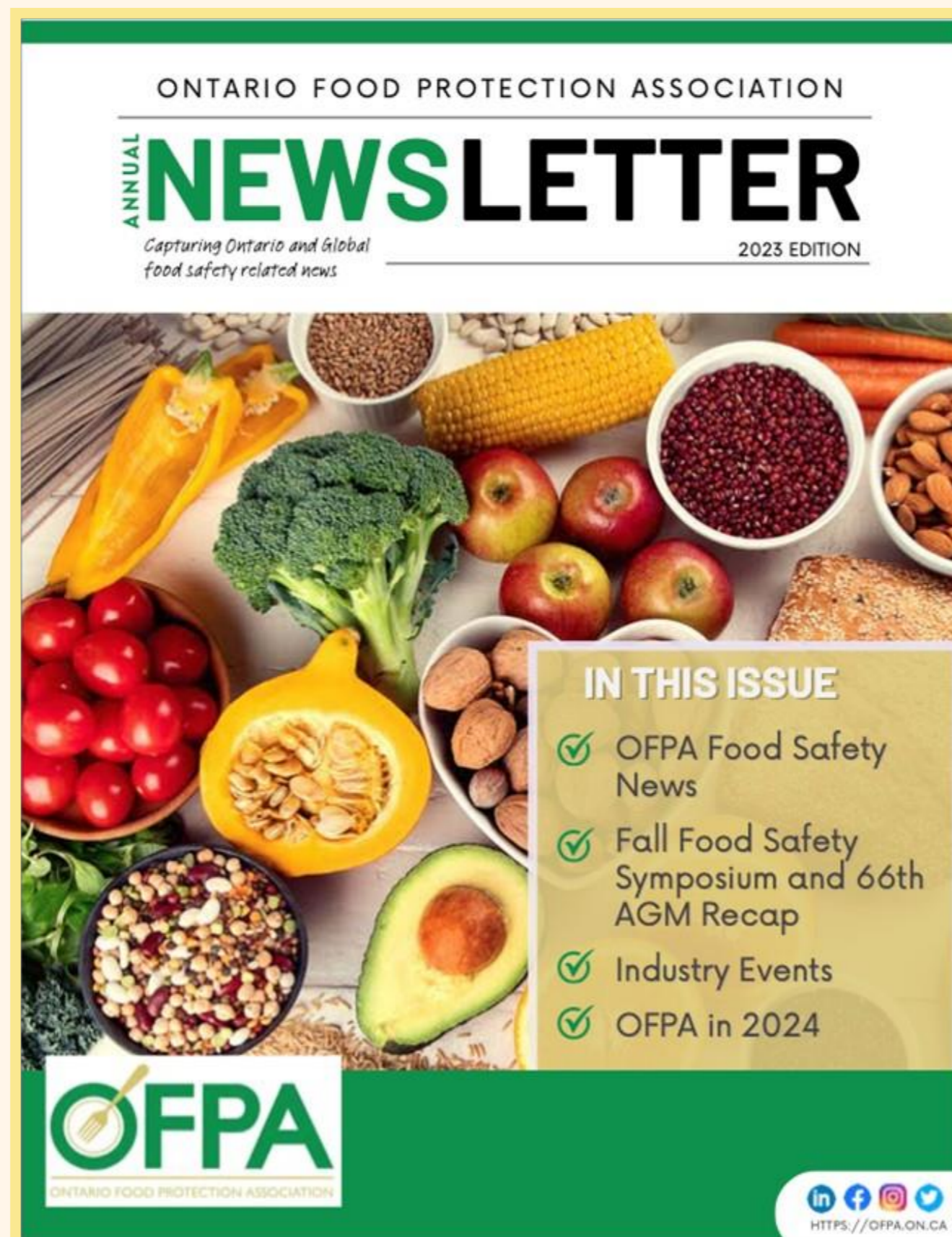
Eblasts provide registration access to webinars, reminders for upcoming events, links to relevant news articles. The newsletters summarize events and webinars of the last quarter, relevant industry articles and sponsorship information. Below are some snapshots of articles included in some of the correspondences that were sent in 2023.



LINK: <https://mailchi.mp/2ba113755771/ofpa-onpoint-february-9092739?e=dd5f53529b>

LINKS:

- [How Temperatures Affect Food Safety | Food Safety News](#)
- <https://www.fda.gov/consumers/consumer-updates/antibacterial-soap-you-can-skip-it-use-plain-soap-and-water>
- <https://www.guelphtoday.com/grounded/arrell-food-institute-director-joins-un-panel-of-experts-on-food-security-7795821>
- <https://www.foodnavigator-usa.com/Article/2023/11/07/NotCo-2.0-Plant-based-company-makes-bigger-B2B-push-to-be-the-ChatGPT-of-food>
- <https://www.fao.org/3/cc6081en/cc6081en.pdf>



DECEMBER 2023:

LINK: https://ofpa.on.ca/wp-content/uploads/2024/01/Final_2023_Annual_Newsletter_compressed.pdf

TECHNICAL MEETINGS

With the feedback of our members the OFPA hosts a spring and fall technical meeting which include presentations and panel discussions from industry professionals, academia and government on a variety of relevant food safety topics. Below are the agendas for our 2023 spring and fall meetings. Click the link to view the agenda for each event.

- 2023 OFPA Spring Technical Meeting & Clive Kingsbury Video Competition

<https://ofpa.on.ca/wp-content/uploads/2023/04/2023-Spring-Event-Draft-Agenda-Apr-6-2023.pdf>



98 ATTENDEES

- 2023 Fall Food Safety Symposium and 66th Annual General Meeting

LINK: https://ofpa.on.ca/wp-content/uploads/2023/11/Agenda-Fall-2023.DRAFT_-1.pdf



121 ATTENDEES

SOCIAL EVENTS

With feedback from our sponsors and OFPA members we hosted a opportunity for Food Safety professionals to get out, network, have a couple drinks, and connect with each other.

- 2023 OFPA Social Networking Mixer

LINK : <https://ofpa.on.ca/events/2023-ofpa-social-networking-mixer/>



102 ATTENDEES

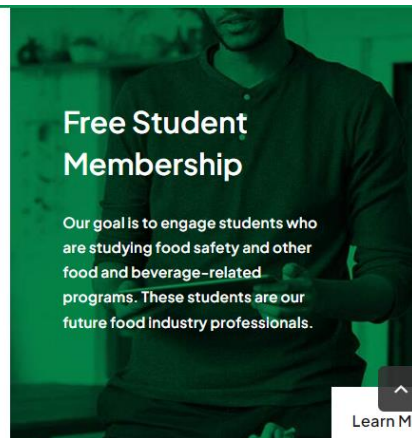


Affiliate Membership Achievement Award Application

Benefits of Becoming a Member

- ✓ Discounted membership rates to encourage student participation
- ✓ Discounted rates at all OFPA events
- ✓ Eligible for OFPA award
- ✓ Exclusive access to the Member's Portal

Sign Up Today



Our mission at the Ontario Food Protection Association is to represent industry, government, and academia by bringing professionals together in a forum to promote, educate and communicate innovation in food safety. This is all contingent on effective communication. The following are specific examples of the various ways we communicated with our members in 2023, including a description of how each of the mechanisms added value to the membership and contributed to us meeting our goals.

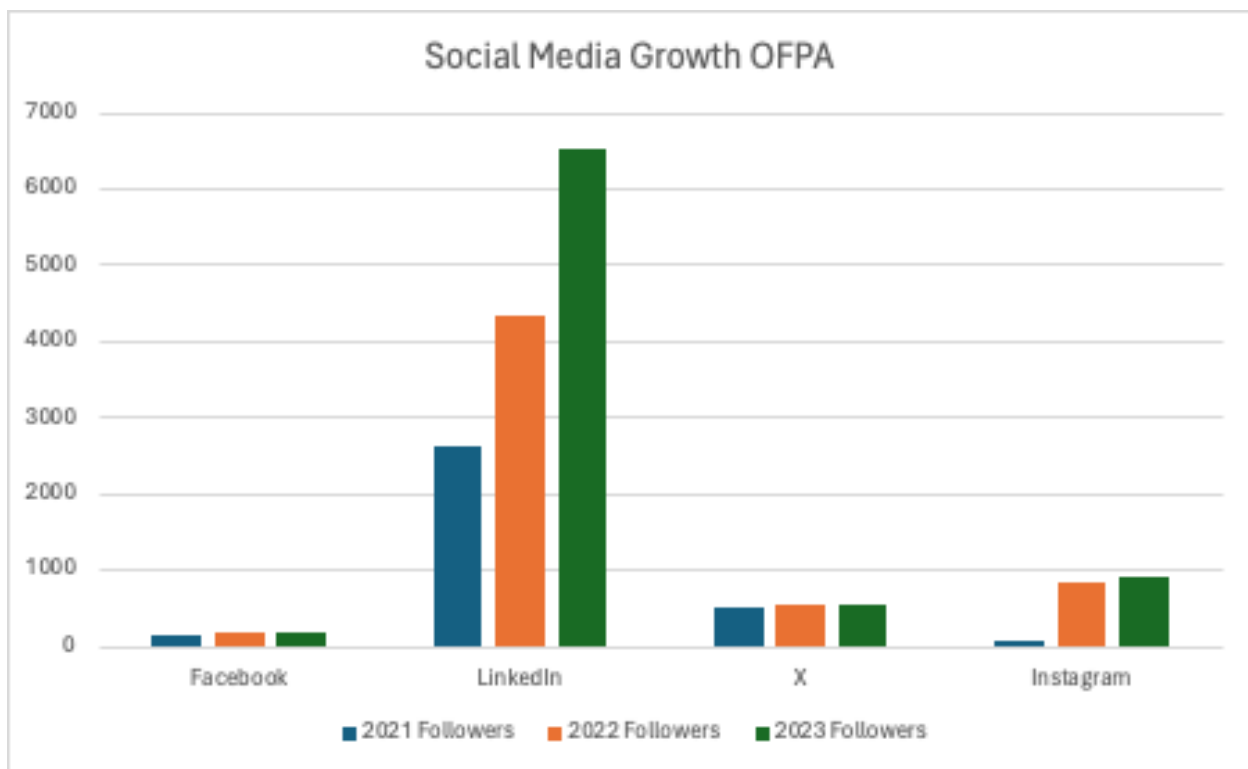
2023 Membership Numbers:

- Increase in total membership from 2022 to 2023: 10%
- Sustaining Corporate Members: increase of 28%
- Students Members: increase of 16%

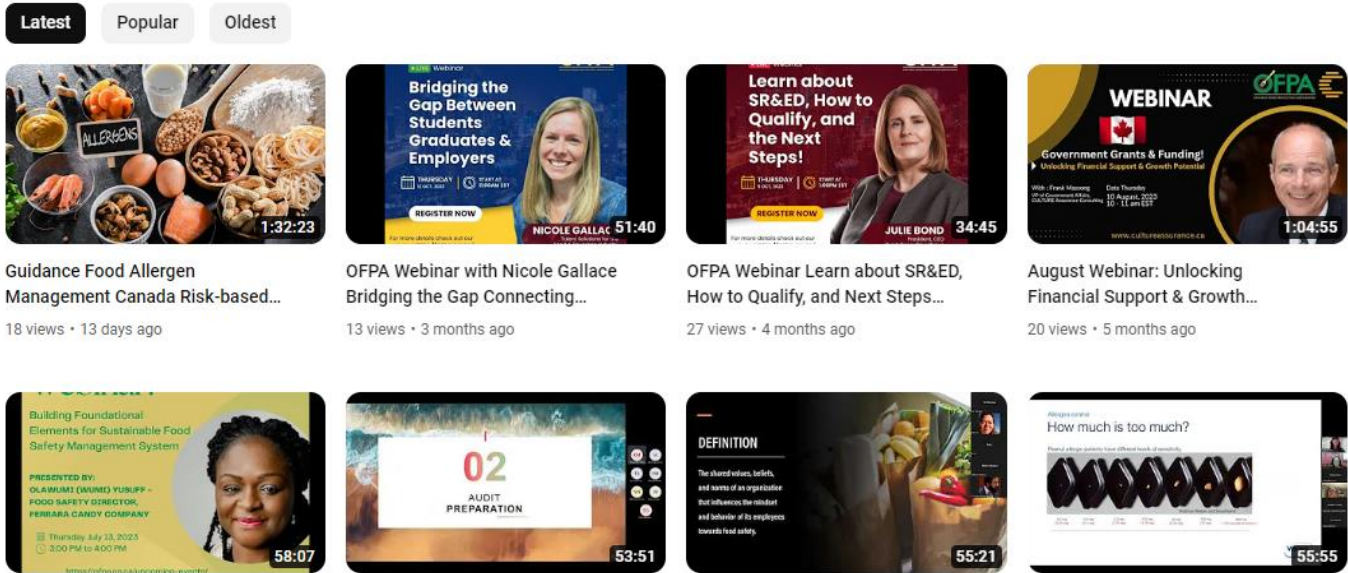
How The OFPA Recruited New Members and Specific efforts to maintain memberships in 2023

The OFPA was able to engage with multiple audiences to increase membership by:

- New Website – www.ofpa.on.ca
- Exposure as IAFP 2023 Annual Meeting took place in Toronto.
- Members receive discounts to all OFPA events.
- Hosting technical events for industry professionals to network and meet current members. 2023 – 2nd successful Social Mixer and was an informal event for industry to meet, network and promote the OFPA. <https://ofpa.on.ca/events/2023-ofpa-social-networking-mixer/>
- 2023 Spring Technical Meeting & Clive Kingsbury Video Competition <https://ofpa.on.ca/events/2023-ofpa-spring-technical-meeting-clive-kingsbury-video-competition/>
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- Website – currently promoting on Homepage / Members Area
- Social Media / YouTube channel – Target on LinkedIn followers (increase of 50% of the number of followers). All events advertised and post dedicated to joining the OFPA sent out weekly

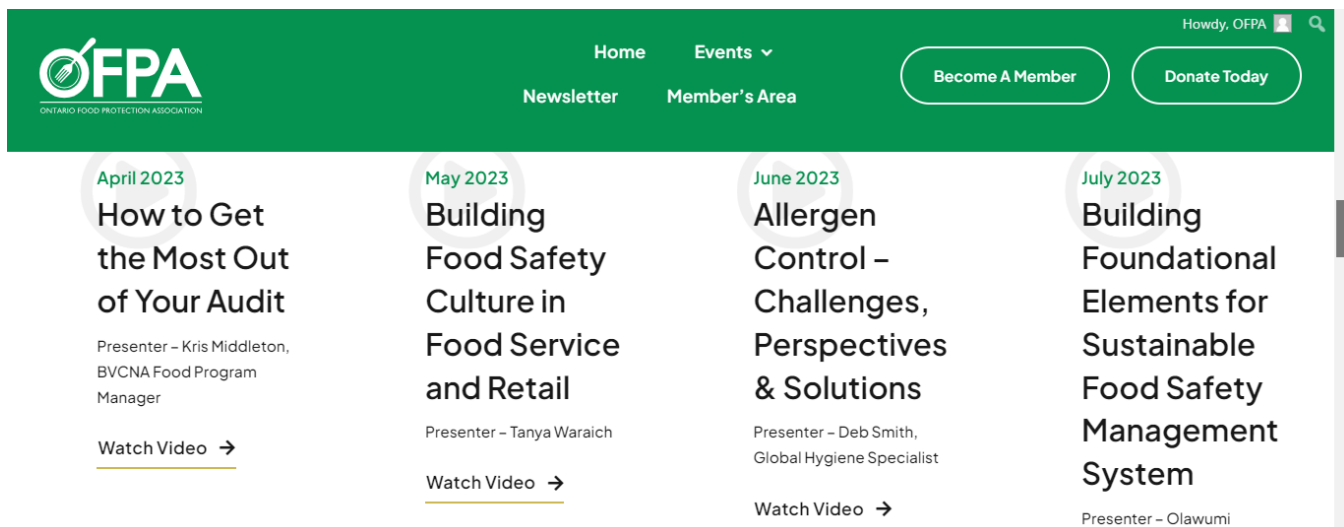


Our YouTube channel provides the opportunity to showcase webinars to highlight Food Safety topics, promoting collaboration and innovative content.



<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCtt7otcU6vlo8YjRp9y6zHw>

- Webinars – Free to members and available to non members for small donation. This is a great resource to highlight the OFPA and bring and maintain members



- Monthly E-Blast and annual Newsletter – Sent out to everyone on our mailing list and used to promote membership to all our non members subscribed - (approximately 30 sent in 2023).
Eblast Example: <https://mailchi.mp/2ba113755771/ofpa-onpoint-february-9092739?e=f305c3288e>
- Newsletter Example: *Eblast Example:* <https://mailchi.mp/2ba113755771/ofpa-onpoint-february-9092739?e=f305c3288e>



Free Student memberships – Student are the future and once they become professionals can join as a paid member.

- Awards – Our members are recognized for the achievements, and we promote to non members in all our communications.
- Member Portal – Members receive exclusive access to resources, including our job board, career center, and monthly newsletter. This is a great way to stay up to date on the latest food safety news and promote membership.
- Opportunity to join the board – Work with like-minded Food Safety professionals and make a difference.