



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.

UK 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.**

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2. Membership List

- a. Indicate the current total number of members in your Association: 176
- b. How many NEW members joined your Association in 2023? 1

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 the number of attendees.
 - **Annual conference:** 20th Annual UK Association for Food Protection - Building food safety resilience into the food manufacturing sector
 - **Date:** 23rd November 2023
 - **Attendees:** 177 registered. 146 attended.
 - **Conference details:** The 20th Delegates heard from a range of speakers on the topic of “Building food safety resilience into the food manufacturing sector”..
 - **Conference Website:** [UKAFP Home \(cardiffmet.ac.uk\)](http://UKAFP Home (cardiffmet.ac.uk))
 - **News coverage:**

Press releases for 2023 include the following from different sources following the 2023 conference:

Wales 24/7	24/11/2023	Online	UK Food Safety Experts gather in Cardiff to discuss food safety resilience	<u>https://www.wales247.co.uk/uk-food-safety-experts-gather-in-cardiff-to-discuss-food-safety-resilience</u>
Business News Wales	24/11/2023	Online	UK Food Safety Experts Gather in Cardiff to	<u>https://businessnewswales.com/uk-food-safety-experts-gather-in-cardiff-to-discuss-food-safety-resilience/</u>

			Discuss Food Safety Resilience	
Food Safety News	27/11/2023	Online	First European Food Safety Forum planned; UKAFP holds annual meeting	https://www.foodsafetynews.com/2023/11/first-european-food-safety-forum-planned-ukafp-holds-annual-meeting/

- **Conference speakers:**

Dr Benjamin Johns	Clinical Scientist, Public Health Wales	Public Health Wales: “The Final Slice of the Swiss Cheese Model”
Professor Louise Manning	Lincoln Institute for Agri-food Technology, University of Lincoln	How can we make food supply chains more resilient?
Carmel Lynskey	Deputy Director – Head of Achieving Business Compliance Programme (UK), Food Standards Agency	The Food Standards Agency (FSA): Building resilience in regulation
John Figgins	Senior Technical Manager, BRCGS	Resilience from a food safety compliance, third-party auditing perspective
Professor (Hon) Dr John Holah	Managing Director, Pendennis Food Hygiene Ltd	Resilience in factory and equipment hygienic design
Nic Sharman	Director, Nic Sharman Consultancy Ltd and Cibus Solutions Ltd	Developing an environmental monitoring program that challenges the standards
Dr Rachel Ward	Fellow of the Institute of Food Science and Technology (FIFST), Managing Scientist, Exponent	Resilience when handling a food safety crisis



Image of UKAFP committee (L-R Dr Ellen Evans, Helen Taylor, Professor (Hon) John Holah, Richa Bedi-Navik, Simon Burn, Debra Smith.



Roundtable with speakers (L-R Professor Louise Manning, Dr Rachel Ward, Carmel Lynskey, Dr Benjamin Johns, Professor (Hon) John Holah, Nic Sharman, John Figgins)

Presentations from the event can be found [here](#),

Summary of Annual Conference:

- Excellent turn-out at the UKAFP Conference. Good communication from delegates pre-event sending in their apologies, resulted in a much more accurate estimation of how many people were potentially going to attend on the day.
- 146 out of 177 attended on the day = **82.5% turn-out**
- Attendees from across industry, students, environmental health, consultants and government agencies.

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

The next conference is likely to be Autumn 2024 in the All Nations Centre, Cardiff.

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 & # of Attendees
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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.

Naomi Melville	Winner of the Student and early career scientist research poster competition at the 20th annual UKAFP conference. £100 award, IAFP student membership and certificate awarded for a poster titled: "Meal Kits and Food Safety in the UK: A Closer Look."
Laura Hewitt	Second prize award in the Student and early career scientist research poster competition at the 20th annual UKAFP conference. IAFP student membership and certificate awarded for a poster titled: "Evaluation of food-safety and quality improvement approaches to improve factors that influence food safety culture in the food industry."
Veronika Bulochova	Third prize award in the Student and early career scientist research poster competition at the 20th annual UKAFP conference. IAFP student membership and certificate awarded for a poster titled: "AI Food Safety Monitoring in the Food Service Sector: Perceived Benefits and Limitations."

Marin Demirci	Fourth prize award in the Student and early career scientist research poster competition at the 20th annual UKAFP conference. Certificate awarded for a poster titled: "Trends in Scientific Publications on Food Safety Management in TÜRKİYE.."
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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:

<https://www.cardiffmet.ac.uk/health/zero2five/UKAFP/Pages/default.aspx>

The website was updated in November 2023 with the post conference information

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

We launched the United Kingdom Association for Food Protection (UKAFP) profile on LinkedIn, with 335 followers.

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:

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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 : UKAFP Affiliate submission for C.B. Shogren Memorial Award.

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.

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.

UKAFP submission for C.B. Shogren Memorial Award :

Attendance at meetings and membership:

- Helen Taylor, John Holah, Deb Smith, David Lloyd, Ellen Evans, and Simon Burns, regularly attend both the annual European Symposium and the IAFP annual meeting in North America. This year they will be involved in number of IAFP Roundtables, Workshops, PDG meetings, and Symposia.
- Deb Smith regularly attends the on-line Hygiene and Sanitation PDG meetings.
- Current UKAFP membership stands at 175 members. This is a split between academics, regulatory and industry colleagues.

Types and effectiveness of communication and education:

- The UKAFP Committee have consistently, over the last 5 years, attracted ~175 delegates / members to our annual conference. These delegates

have come from academia, and both food regulatory organisations and food industry businesses. This has been challenging as the social economic climate is difficult, so the committee has worked exceptionally to connect with other food professionals to deliver an attractive and meaningful programme which adds value to our food community.

- The UKAFP have recruited a cohort of 15 Student Ambassadors who support and attend all organised food protection events, encouraging networking, attendance and development of food safety knowledge and experience.
- We encourage the involvement of early career scientists by encouraging students to attend local and regional activities throughout the year. The UKAFP was also involved with the Annual IFST Lecture, which was live streamed to an audience at Cardiff Metropolitan University in October 2023 which enabled industry, academics, students, and regulators to attend.
- The [UKAFP website](#) is housed on the Cardiff Met website and logs all our activities, celebrations, news, network etc
- In November 2023, we created a LinkedIn page to communicate our activities to our professional network and members, with 323 followers currently.
- Following the 2023 conference, press releases (from different sources) included the following:

Wales 24/7	24/11/2023	UK Food Safety Experts gather in Cardiff to discuss food safety resilience	https://www.wales247.co.uk/uk-food-safety-experts-gather-in-cardiff-to-discuss-food-safety-resilience
Business News Wales	24/11/2023	UK Food Safety Experts Gather in Cardiff to Discuss Food Safety Resilience	https://businessnewswales.com/uk-food-safety-experts-gather-in-cardiff-to-discuss-food-safety-resilience/
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Collaboration with other professional organisations:

The UKAFP membership is made up of a group of technical, regulatory, and academic professionals who network and link with multiple global organisations to raise the profile and understanding of IAFP globally, the members actively attend meetings, knowledge groups, and conferences, and represent the UKAFP and the IAFP in a positive manner. The organisations detailed below are

connected, through our committee network, to enable the mutual promotion of events and membership benefits, and the provision of relevant speakers and subject matter experts.

We collaborate with the [Institute of Food Science and Technology \(UK\)](#), in all aspects of food safety education and training. We communicate the principles of IAFP via our Special interest group activities in allergen management, Innovation, and associated branch activities throughout Wales and the UK. The UKAFP Committee supported the 2023 IFST Annual conference, which was hosted in Cardiff with approx. 250 Food Safety Professionals in attendance. UKAFP members and committee are active with many organisations who are focused on food safety, and we work with them to protect the global food system. Our learnings, knowledge, expertise, and experience is shared with food safety colleagues in,

- The UK Food Standards Agency, e.g., Regulatory reform groups and consultation;
- The UK 'Safe and Local Supplier Approval' organisation (SALSA), e.g., as members of the Technical advisory committee:
- The UK [Society of Food Hygiene and Technology \(SOFHT\)](#), e.g. through membership, and a seat on the Directors board.
- The [European Hygienic Equipment Design Group \(EHEDG\)](#) One of our team is a member of the European Hygienic Engineering Design Groups regional section for UK and Ireland and works collaboratively with UKAFP to promote the work of IAFP at events being organised by them, e.g., an EHEDG UK&IE event entitled 'Contact Materials and Cleanability: Food Safety through Hygienic Design' will be held on 28th Mach 2024 and UKAFP will have a stand promoting the work of IAFP. We have also promoted the Sanitary Equipment and Facility Design PDG with EHEDG contacts in the wider EHEDG community.
- BRCGS, <https://www.brcgs.com/about-brcgs/why-brcgs/> our members support the development and review of Food Safety Standards globally : e.g. Helen Taylor was part of the standard working group for BRCGS Start issue 2.
- Campden BRI, <https://www.campdenbri.co.uk>, and
- The Chilled Food Association <https://www.chilledfood.org/> where we are connected through our network to enable the mutual promotion of events and membership benefits, and shared provision of speakers.
- Food Standards Scotland, members from the UKAFP committee are supporting the organisation with a comprehensive review of the definition of 'clinically vulnerable groups' that are susceptible to foodborne illness.

Student Engagement:

- Over the past two years we have been networking with students at Cardiff Metropolitan University to engage with both undergraduate and post

- graduate students to promote awareness and membership of IAFP. (see below)
- We have also introduced an annual food safety research poster event at our annual conference to encourage 'early career researchers' to submit and present their findings to the delegates. Committee members independently assess the researchers' study and their presentation. The independent assessors' results are collated and the students with the three highest scores are selected for a financial award and free student membership to IAFP.
 - In 2023 we also showcased the award-winning student posters from the 2023 annual IAFP conference (held in Toronto, Canada) to illustrate 'what good looks like'. Although the authors were not able to attend the event, they provided a bio describing the benefit of being a member of IAFP and what they enjoyed about the conference, the purpose of this was to encourage other students to contribute research to the annual conference.
 - We encourage the involvement of young career scientists by encouraging students to attend local and regional activities throughout the year, e.g. The Annual IFST Lecture was 'live streamed' in October 2023 to Cardiff Met University which enabled industry, academics, students, and regulators to attend.

Representation at the IAFP council Meeting on 16.07.2023:

Helen Taylor consistently attends the IAFP Council Meeting

Officers:

All our UKAFP officers are current members of the IAFP.