

Pre Harvest Food Safety PDG

Attendees: Achyut Adhikari, Walid Alali, Bassam Annous, Martin Appelt, Ashley Arnold, Bledar Bisha, Pardeepinder Brar, Marisa Bunning, Laurel Burall, Kellie Burris, Allen Byrd, Kaylen Capps, Rebecca Catalena, Jeffrey Chandler, Huihui Chen, Jose Chipollini, Ruplal Choudhary, Ma. Rocelle Clavero, Carl Custer, Yue Dai, Jorge Davila-Avina, Tenille De Souza, Diane Ducharme, Xuotong Fan, Jeff Farber, David Gansemer, John Heller, Jason Horn, Stefan Horn, Ingrid Huntley, Keith Ito, Lee-Ann Jaykus, Issmat Kassem, Shivaram Keelara, Kalmia Kniel, Audrey Kreske, Mark Kreul, Eduardo Lecea, Glenda Lewis, John Line, Arosha Loku Umagiliyage, Dumitru Macarasin, Thomas McCaskey, Marianne Miliotis-Solomotis, TG Nagaraja, Yemi Ogunrinola, Isha Patel, Jitu Patel, Alda Pires, Juan Ponce de Leon, Victoria Prunte, Christophe Quiring, Mira Rakic Martinez, Chris Ramezanpour, Elizabeth Reed, Todd Rossow, Robert Sakata, Holger Schoenenbruecher, Arlette Shazer, Rick Sibbel, Michelle Smith, Jennifer Stokes, Taurai Tasara, Dimitri Tavernarakis, Todd Taylor, Phillip Tocco, Hong Wang, and Claudio Zweifel. **Number of Attendees:** 68.

Meeting Called to Order: 9:00 a.m., Sunday, July 9, 2017.

New Business:

- Bassam Annous, Chair, started the meeting by welcoming everyone and introduced Dr. Walid Alali, Vice Chair. Bassam asked those attendees who have not registered yet in this PDG to do so through IAFP. Check out this link for more information <https://www.foodprotection.org/upl/downloads/library/committees-pdgs-faq.pdf>
- The Chair encouraged members to submit nominations for Vice Chair by the end of July 2017. Election via email will follow.
- Bassam mentioned that the minutes from the 2016 meeting were E-mailed to all members and were also available online at IAFP Web site. He asked for a motion and second to approve them at this PDG meeting and were approved. No old business was raised.
- Dr. Rick Sibbel from Merck Animal Health presented "Overview: Farm Level Food Safety Risks & Preventative Tools" (25 minutes presentation). A five-minute question and answer period was followed.
- Kali Kniel, IAFP Executive Board Member, welcomed all and gave the 2017 IAFP report. Kali suggested to our PDG to consider giving awards to students presenting topics on preharvest food safety at IAFP.
- Bassam thanked Kali for IAFP support and the information provided. He then mentioned that our PDG had nine symposia accepted for IAFP 2017. He encouraged members to collaborate on symposia with members of other PDGs. Bassam stressed the importance of having three and six speakers per half and full symposium, respectively. This format was approved by the Program Committee and will be enforced.
- The Chair suggested to have 3–4 webinars a year including the possibility of students' presentations. We welcome suggestions from all members. a couple of topics for future webinars were suggested by Rick:
 - Antibiotics and food safety
 - Animal welfare and impact on food safety

- The deadline for submitting proposals for symposia and roundtables for IAFP 2018 is October 3, 2017. Bassam then opened the discussion on symposia/RT topics:
- Discussion on the new FDA regulations and compliance related to preharvest produce issues and agriculture water (Michelle Smith-FDA).
- A conversation on non-antibiotic alternatives (tools) to the use of antibiotics in livestock (Jose and Rodriguez from Merck Animal Health). Walid Alali can help.
- Antibiotic use and resistance in developing countries (Issmat Kassim-American University of Beirut).
- The interaction between animal welfare and food safety (Allen Bird-Diamond). Walid Alali can help.
- Plant microbiome and the influence on preharvest pathogens.
- Big data in pre-harvest livestock production systems (Walid Alali and Rodriguez).
- Connect with producers and hear their perception on food safety (John Heller).
- Niche market farms that grows both animals and produce in relation to food safety (Alda Pierce)
- Alfa toxins and crop food safety.

A couple of conference calls before October 3, 2017 will be held to finalize the symposia topics.

Recommendations to the Executive Board

1. We suggest sending a copy of the finalized symposium topics to the student PDG members so that they also can look at them and have a chance to participate in symposia of interest.

Next Meeting Date: July 8, 2018, Salt Lake City, UT.

Chairperson: Bassam Annous.