

## Food Law PDG

**Names of Attendees:** Rosetta Newsome (Chair), Ashley Eisenbeiser, Emily Forauer, Eric Edmunds, Jenny Scott, Nadia Narine, Robert Buchanan, Wendy Bedale, and Wendy McMahon.

**Board/Staff Present:** Ruth Petran, Didi Loynachan, and Dina Siedenburg.

**Number of Attendees:** 12.

**Meeting Called to Order:** 1:35 p.m. Eastern Time, Friday, September 18, 2020.

Participants were welcomed to the meeting, and they then introduced themselves. The tentative agenda was reviewed and approved. The anti-trust guidelines for association meetings were read.

**Minutes Recording Secretary:** Emily Forauer.

**Old Business:** With a motion made by Bob Buchanan and seconded by Jenny Scott and no objections to accept the minutes of the July 21, 2019 Food Law PDG meeting as posted in the PDG Community and published in *Food Protection Trends*, the minutes were approved.

### **New Business:**

**Student PDG Update:** Emily Forauer provided an update on Student PDG activities. She mentioned several items: a new position for International and Affiliate representative, which for the first time will be part of the upcoming meeting; the Three-Minute Thesis Competition, which will be virtual; implementation in early November of the Mentor – Mentee Program; and interest in co-sponsoring IAFP Annual Meeting sessions relevant to the Student PDG.

**Update on the IAFP 2020 Annual Meeting Session with Food Law PDG Sponsorship:** One of the four proposals submitted that mentioned Food Law PDG sponsorship was accepted. It is a roundtable—*What Don't We Know? Cultured Meat Vs. Traditional Meat and Fish Food Safety Concerns*—scheduled for October 27, 12:00 – 1:30 p.m. CDT. It was mentioned that a factor in the decision on proposals submitted is the large number, and that proposals not able to be accepted could be considered for webinars.

**Discussion—Ideas for Symposia, Roundtables, Workshops, and Abstracts for IAFP 2021:** Ideas shared for consideration for the IAFP 2021 Annual Meeting are: FSMA update, given the 10 year anniversary; international policies and laws and harmonization in an era of trade wars; integrating food law subject matter into student university education; new strategies (e.g., workshop) for early-career professionals to gain knowledge of important concepts and practical information on food law; the role of Codex, what it is, what it does, and examples of different country aspects (e.g., of developing and developed economies); and lessons to be learned in serving as an expert witness (an idea for a 2 – 3 day workshop or a series). The thought was offered that some of these ideas could be suitable for a review article as well.

**Discussion—Ideas for Webinar(s) for Food Law PDG Development:** FSMA update, including implementation, difficulties, practical guidance (e.g., via one or a series of webinars); specific aspects of food law (e.g., regulatory, liability, defense; addressed in a series of webinars); and regulatory issues of novel antimicrobials.

**Update, Discussion—Collaboration Opportunity with the International Food Protection Issues (IFPI) PDG:** This opportunity stems from the IFPI PDG's project to develop brief high-level overviews of the structure of government systems and key food safety laws in different countries. A sample, focused on Australia, and a template for overview development is posted in the IFPI PDG Community. There was an overall positive response to this collaborative opportunity, and it was suggested that the leaders of the two PDGs get together to determine how to work to together.

**Update, Discussion of the *Journal of Food Protection Review* Article Project:** This project, which aims to invite development of mini and comprehensive review articles, was brought to the attention of the PDG. Lists of topics for which authors have been identified and topics for which authors have not yet been identified were shared. PDG members are invited to provide feedback on potential authors as well as additional topics. The topic of probiotics and prebiotics and diseases in the immuno-compromised was suggested, which may also be suitable as a roundtable topic. Suggestions on topics and authors may be sent to Joshua Gurtler at USDA.

**Update from IAFP Board Liaison:** Ruth Petran provided several updates. She spoke to the IAFP 2020 Virtual Annual Meeting, mentioning early-bird registration rates through October 1; the Ivan Parker Lecture on Monday morning, October 26; the U.S. Regulatory Update on Food Safety on Tuesday morning, October 27; and the John H. Silliker Lecture, which will be an interactive interview, on Wednesday morning, October 28. There will be some live as well as pre-recorded sessions (e.g., awards presentations). Posters will be available by mid-October. Much of the content will be accessible for six months. She also mentioned the formation of an IAFP Diversity Council, and a call for interest in exploring potential concerns and challenges regarding diversity, inclusion, and equity. A few questions about the IAFP 2020 posters were raised and addressed, including mention of the option for poster presenters to be available online at a certain time, and static Q&A boards with chat functionality for poster, symposia, and technical session presenters.

**Recommendations to the Executive Board:** None.

**Next Meeting Date:** July 18-21, 2021, Phoenix, Arizona.

**Meeting Adjourned:** 2:40 p.m. Eastern Time.

**Chairperson Name:** Rosetta Newsome.