

Advanced Molecular Analytics PDG

Attendees: Xiangyu Deng (Chair), Abass Oduola, Anna Townsend, Celina To, Doug Marshall, Fatemeh Ataei, Gabriel Sanglay, Josie Greve Peterson, Kelsey Florek, Laura Rolon, Martin Wiedmann, Megan Brown, Pina Fratamico, Pushpinder Litt, Sarita Raengpradub, Savannah Applegate, Shannara Lynn, Shaohua Zhao.

Board/Staff Present: Didi Loynachan, Emilio Esteban, and Michelle Danyluk.

Number of Attendees: 21.

Meeting Called to Order: 11:00 a.m. Eastern Time, Thursday, June 24, 2021.

Minutes Recording Secretary: M. Laura Rolon.

Old Business: A motion was made and passed to accept the 2020 meeting minutes with no revisions. Meetings minutes and recording for the 2020 meeting are available online. Updates from the Chair: The IAFP Board agreed to the recommendation for Jasna Kovac to serve as Vice Chair of AMA PDG. The Board also reviewed last year's recommendation to increase the number of PDG co-sponsors for proposal topics. The Board answered that the Program Committee set the limit to 2 PDG to narrow the focus for attendees when selecting which sessions to attend.

The AMA PDG sponsored seven proposals, of which six were presented as primary sponsor. Six of these proposals were accepted, resulting in an 86% success rate. Applied Laboratory Methods PDG is a frequent co-sponsor.

The networking session during IAFP 2021 will be held in room 224A on Sunday from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

Elections for Chair and Vice Chair for the AMA PDG will open next year.

Student PDG updates: Ana Townsend (Student Liaison) presented the new Board for the Student PDG (SPDG) for 2021–2022. The 3-minute thesis competition is accepting submissions until June 25. SPDG Mentorship Program registration is open for mentor and mentees for all IAFP members. This program is in collaboration with IAFP staff.

Technical updates from three speakers: Collaborative efforts to advance molecular analytics in food safety and quality—Dr. Martin Wiedmann, Cornell University. Tracking the spread of SARS-CoV-2 variants in Wisconsin—Dr. Kelsey Florek, University of Wisconsin Madison. *Salmonella*: Put that in your BAX® and Quantify it, Dr. Savannah Applegate, Hygiene.

New Business: The floor was open to discuss IAFP Symposia/Workshop/Roundtable proposals for 2022. A potential topic of interest proposed was virus, parasites, and genomic epidemiology (Pushpinder Litt).

Recommendations to the Executive Board: None.

Next Meeting Date: July 31–August 3, 2022, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

Meeting Adjourned: 12:12 p.m. Eastern Time.

Chairperson: Xiangyu Deng.