

Water Safety and Quality PDG

Attendees: Leon Gorris (Chair), Daniel Weller (Vice Chair), Craig Reinhart, Don Stoeckel, Doug Marshall, Elisabetta Lambertini, Julie Kase, Kellie Burris, Manreet Singh, Michelle Smith, Neil Bogart, Olivia Haley, Phyllis Posy, Raj Rajagopal, and Susan McKnight.

Board/Staff Present: Dina Siedenburg.

Number of Attendees: 16.

Meeting Called to Order: 10:35 a.m. Eastern Time, Monday, June 28, 2021.

Minutes Recording Secretary: Phyllis Posy.

Old Business: 2020 PDG Meeting Minutes were adopted (Elisabetta Motioned; Doug Marshall seconded).

New Business: An overview was provided of the IAFP 2021 program relevant to PDG. It was noted that last year's PDG output was rather successful, as it resulted in 2 sessions on each day of this year's conference. Two other proposals were converted to a session at the 2021 European IAFP meeting and a very well-attended webinar on processing water.

Various attendees provided short updates on food safety developments of PDG interest. These included a review of the successful June Webinar on Processing Water; the JEMRA work on safe reuse water guidelines and microbiological safety; Gain work on food safety in markets in Nigeria and Ethiopia; publication of ISO Reuse Water disinfection standards; and a note of EPA Six-Year Review of water regulations

Changes in PDG Officers include Leon Gorris moving from Vice Chair to Chair and Daniel Weller elected to be Vice Chair. Olivia Haley joined as a Student PDG representative. Leon thanked Elisabetta Lambertini for chairing the PDG over the last two years. He also thanked Phyllis Posy for continuing to contribute to the PDG as secretary.

Several new ideas were raised for IAFP 2022 symposia ideas and other year-round activities such as webinars. Various topics noted below will be developed after the PDG meeting.

What we can learn from COVID-19 that will make food safer: Douglas Marshall, lead (Leon offered support)—consult with Food Safety Education PDG for their support; Modelling for Water Safety: Dr. Dan Weller, lead; consult with Modelling PDG; Draft Ag Water Rules (expected out this year). Noted by Michelle Smith; JEMRA work on Fresh Fruits

and Vegetables safety water use guidance: Leon Gorris lead; consult with Food Law PDG; Water Technologies Series—and Abuses—ask Susan Knight to work with Craig Reinhart

Emerging Pathogens; Olivia Haley, lead; Leon raised a proposal that the WSQ PDG may want to explore contributing to the initiative of the International Food Protection Issues PDG to establish a library of food safety rules from around the world. Can we add to their library and add water safety rules/standards related to food or should we do a similar compilation of water rules from around the world? Leon will explore with help of Olivia.

Dina Siedenburg noted that a room will be provided in Phoenix for PDG members to get together (unofficially) on Sunday: Room 228A 3:15–5:15 p.m. Arizona time.

Recommendations to the Executive Board:

1. The Board is requested to approve Daniel Weller as Vice Chair of the Water Safety and Quality PDG.
2. Since these Recommendations tend to be the last item, the Board is requested to allow for another week after the PDG meeting to finalize and submit them.
3. The Board is requested to consider continuing to offer hybrid (i.e., in-person and virtual) options for future IAFP conferences, to make our meetings more inclusive and reduce the environmental footprint.

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

Meeting Adjourned: 11:48 a.m., Eastern Time.

Chairperson: Leon Gorris.