

Animal and Pet Food Safety (APFS) PDG

Attendees: Beilei Ge (Chair), Li Ma (Vice-Chair), Clifton Baldwin, Marianne Bellot, Lisa Benjamin, Ledon Black, Meikel Brewster, Nicolette Brown, Greg Burnham, Caio Carvalho, John Kevin Castro, Catherine Chubb, Rachel Conrad, Mary-Grace Danao, Andrew Dean, James Drescher, Carlos Gonzalez Ducker, Matt Guo, Nicolette Hall, Kyle Hellmer, Jani Holopainen, Jada Jackson, Amanda Martin Jones, Jordan Kiefer, Ian Klug, Kali Kniel, Jeffrey Kornacki, Richard Kralj, Cornelia Aalders-Lankhorst, Susan Linn, Christopher Mains, Ryan McDonald, Rachel McEgan, Joseph Meyer, Jesse Miller, Gerardo Morantes, Kasey Nelson, Celso Bruno de Oliveira, Michael O'Rourke, Christophe Quiring, Timothy Rugh, Patricia Rule, Kaylee Rumbaugh, Deepti Salvi, Mansour Samadpour, Buddhi Sapkota, Michele Sayles, Scott Sayles, Ahnna Schulte, Adrienne Shearer, Anru Shen, Yang Shen, Szu-Chuan Shen, Gregory Siragusa, Doina Solis, Rachel Teoh, Deepa Thiagarajan, Celina To, Jennifer Turpin, Francisco Garces-Vega, Leya Susan Vliju, Sarah Kozak-Weaver, Pamela Wilger, Chung-Hsin Wu, Kris Young, Chee Zheng.

Total Number of Attendees: 64.

Meeting Called to Order: Sunday, 9:00 a.m. Eastern Time, July 16, 2023.

Minutes Recording Secretary: Leya Susan Viju.

Old Business: The Chairperson (Beilei Ge) summarizes IAFP 2022 Meeting Minutes including Board Responses, and members approved the minutes.

New Business: The Chairperson welcomed all attendees to this PDG meeting, introduced the Vice-Chairperson (Li Maria Ma), appointed a recording secretary (Leya Viju, Student PDG liaison), and orally reviewed the antitrust guidelines.

Tim Jackson, IAFP Board Liaison to this PDG, welcomed everyone to the IAFP 2023 meeting. He provided IAFP 2023 Annual Meeting announcements from the Executive Board. Leya Viju, representing the Student PDG, gave an update about the 2022-2023 activities and accomplishments of the Student PDG.

The Chairperson encouraged members to use the *IAFP Connect*, sign up for PDGs and volunteer opportunities, and opt in for messages from this PDG. She mentioned that to be involved with the PDG, you don't need to be a member of IAFP but membership is highly encouraged to stay connected. She also mentioned the opportunities for PDGs to host year-round webinars.

The Chairperson reviewed the purpose and status of the PDG and mentioned that this PDG will hold an election for the next Vice-Chairperson prior to the IAFP 2024 Annual Meeting (in early fall) and encouraged nominations. The group discussed PDG goals for 2023-2024 including having activities throughout the year (e.g., quarterly webinars), and providing values to the PDG community.

A list of symposium/poster/technical sessions sponsored or co-sponsored by this PDG at IAFP 2023 was shown, including three symposium proposals not accepted, which may be considered for IAFP 2024 proposal

or webinar submission. The Chairperson provided statistics for both IAFP 2023 session proposals and webinars, and thanked session organizers/convenors/presenters.

Two technical presentations were given, one by Gerardo Morantes, from Buhler Inc., on “Optical Sorting Technology for Mycotoxin (Aflatoxin) Reduction,” and the other one by Marla Keller (presented by Beilei Ge) from FDA, on “Updates on FSMA Implementation for Animal Food.”

Symposium/Roundtable/Workshop ideas for IAFP 2024 were discussed by the whole group. The Chairperson reminded everyone about the DEI principals, involvement of international and next generation of young scientists, and 2 PDG sponsorship for each proposal. These ideas were distilled into 5 topics with potential organizers/speakers/co-sponsoring PDGs identified for further development. The next step has been discussed for organizers to solidify these topics for proposal submission by October 3, 2023. Broad topics discussed included pathogen control in pet food, nutritional deficiencies in animal food, human-pet linkage, genomic testing for animal food fraud, and emerging trends including consumer perspectives etc.

Recommendations to the Executive Board:

1. If we are to propose a workshop (1 to 2 days), would there be funding and support from IAFP?
2. Understandably, animal food is not traditionally a focus of IAFP. The PDG members showed great appreciation for the establishment and healthy growth of this PDG and would appreciate very much that the Board promotes this PDG whenever possible.

Next Meeting Date: July 14, 2023, Long Beach, California.

Meeting Adjourned: 11:00 a.m. Eastern Time.

Chairperson: Beilei Ge.