

Food Law PDG

Attendees: NA.

Meeting Called to Order: Sunday, 3:16 p.m. Eastern Time, July 16, 2023.

Minutes Recording Secretary: Jyoti Aryal.

Old Business: The meeting commenced with a call to order, and a welcome was extended to all attendees. Each participant introduced themselves, sharing their areas of interest in relation to food. The previous meeting's agenda from 2022 was presented, and a formal motion was made to approve it. The agenda was approved without any modifications. The Antitrust Guidelines were read aloud and subsequently discussed. The minutes from the previous meeting, held on July 31, 2022, were reviewed and approved.

New Business: An update from the IAFP Board liaison was provided by the chairperson of Food Laws PDG. For the updates, real-time updates to the IAFP app were emphasized, a video on diversity, equity, and inclusion was mentioned, and attendees were encouraged to watch it, the free webinar initiated by IAFP was discussed, attendees were informed about the need for mentors in IAFP for IAFP mentor match program, and those interested in volunteering for committee work were instructed to update their settings in *IAFP Connect*, providing information on volunteer activities and professional details.

Updates on IAFP SPDG were provided which included encouragement to join the attendees as invited scientists for "Meet Your Fav Scientist" program, invitation to volunteer as judges for the 3MT competition, and request to attendees to submit proposals and to consider the Student PDG as a session co-sponsor.

Ideas for the 2024 IAFP Annual Meeting Symposia, Roundtables, and Workshops were discussed. The ideas suggested and discussed included: understanding food allergen labeling and compliance with cGMP, international differences in food labeling requirements, novel food ingredients and their impact on labeling and compliance, regulatory responsibilities of different global bodies and their implications for education and industry, identifying deficiencies in students' knowledge of laws and regulations potentially through surveys, assessing residual risks in food safety and the need for continued risk management, and data sharing platforms for food safety with a focus on anonymity. The suggestion of conducting a webinar series was put forward, and it was unanimously accepted by all attendees. The proposed webinar series would focus on various topics, starting with "Back to the Basics" and continuing with subjects such as jurisdiction, international challenges in labeling, allergen control, transportation safety laws, and traceability.

Recommendations to the Executive Board:

1. The mission statement of the Food Laws PDG was revisited, and a recommendation was made to the Board to add the term "risk" before "scientific issue."

Next Meeting Date: July 14, 2024, Long Beach, California.

Meeting Adjourned: 5:15 p.m. Eastern Time, Sunday, July 16, 2023.

Chairperson: Melanie Neumann.