

Animal and Pet Food Safety PDG

Attendees: Li Ma (Chair) Michele Sayles, Maryam Ajasa, Samoa Asigau, Michael Batz, Dan Belina, Ledon Black, Neil Bogart, Michael Borg, Alex Brandt, Nicolette Brown, Ariel Buehler, Yanxuan Cai, LeAnn Chuboff, Paula J Cray, Jianli Dai, Mary-Grace Danao, Scott Deterding, Natoavina Faliarizao, Andrew Farnum, Razieh Farzad, Beilei Ge, Charles Giambone, Jake Gilgen, Binita Goshali, Dayane Gossner, Halle Greenbaum, Nicolette Hall, Eddie Hall, Evan Henke, Ian Hildebrandt, Adrienne Hill, Amanda Jones, Harsimran Kaur Kapoor, Jasmine Kataria, Pete Kennedy, Amit Kheradia, Rob Kooijmans, William Long, Gina Lorenzi, Christopher Mains, Mackenzie Mayo-Gibbons, Janny Mendoza, Michael Michel, Jeanette Murphy, Jeff Nauseda, Megin Nichols, Mike O'Rourke, Julianny Rivera Calo, Marie-Eve Rousseau, Janet Rowat Kraiss, Kaylee Rumbaugh, Joy Saha, Marsha Sayre, Keith Schuetz, Ahnna Schulte, Paula Schwarz, Arlette Shazer, Anru Shen, Subash Shrestha, Julie Simcox, Sherri Stephens, Sara Sterkel Colombo, Savannah Stewart, Tim Taylor, Thomas Taylor, Deepa Thiagarajan, Collin Timm, Nassifatou Tittikpina, Jennifer Turpin, Brent Wallen, Richard Walsh, Justin Wiertzema, Pamela Wilger, Kathy Wilson, Eduardo Ximenes, Kris Young.

Number of Attendees: 76.

Meeting Called to Order: Sunday, July 14, 2024, 1:00 p.m. Pacific Time.

Minutes Recording Secretary: Halle Greenbaum – Student Liaison.

Old Business: The previous year's meeting minutes were approved and the IAFP Board response for workshop funding was reviewed. Executive Board announcements were conveyed.

New Business: IAFP 2024 symposia/roundtables discussed. Audience mentioned S20 and S22 as additional symposia to attend pertaining to pet food.

Ms. Savannah Stewart (Kansas State University) presents on *Salmonella* survivability in rendering fats, as well as cleaning practices of trucks and tanks, and sanitizer efficacy on biofilms on HDPE.

Ms. Jenny Murphy presented "FDA Propels the Frontiers of Animal Health Innovation". She discussed the need for innovative technologies grounded in science and safety, and how the Center for Veterinary Medicine regulates the pet and animal food industry, including the AVIA and its objectives and trajectories.

Dr. Michelle Sayles gives the Pet Food Alliance Overview in the place of Dr. Jennifer Martin. She highlights the importance of research being guided by industry input, as well as top challenges the industry is currently facing.

Meeting cut short at 2:15 pm due to fire alarm evacuation.

Discuss Symposium/Roundtable/Workshop for IAFP 2025 Annual Meeting or Webinars
Topics: Industry trends (e.g., new products, safety concerns, monitoring data), safety concerns including foreign materials, *Salmonella*, and mycotoxins, regulatory updates (e.g., regulation, recalls, traceback), technology advances (e.g., methods, metagenomics, mitigation).
Ideas: Lessons learned from recent pet food outbreaks and recalls (Midwestern Pet Foods, Mid America Pet Food), Novel ingredients for pet food (e.g., insects).

Recommendations to the Executive Board:

1. Appoint Dr. Michelle Sayles (Diamond Pet Foods) as the Vice Chair for the Animal and Pet Food Safety PDG, 2024–2026.

Next Meeting Date: Sunday, July 27, 2025, Cleveland, Ohio.

Meeting Adjourned: Sunday, July 14, 2:15 p.m.

Chairperson Name: Dr. Li (Maria) Ma