

Fruit & Vegetable Safety & Quality PDG

Attendees: Enrique Garcia (Chair), Govindaraj Dev Kumar (Vice Chair), Achyut Adhikari, Grace Akumu, Sonia Almeria, Brienna Anderson, George Anderson, Samir Assar, Cameron Bardsley, Rebecca Bell, Elizabeth Bihn, Davis Blasini, Benjamin Blouin, Samantha Bolten, Anna Brover, David Buckley, Laurel Burall, Kellie Burris, Roberto Canchola, Zonia Elizabeth Caro-Carvajal, Vijay Chhetri, LeAnn Chuboff, Donna Clements, Kerry Cooper, Sarah Cope, Faith Critzer, Sitara Cullinan, Bryant Davenport, Brenna DeRocili, Gayatri Rajashekhar Dhulappanavar, Shiva Dubey, Doreen Edebe, Kristin Esch, Xuotong Fan, Peyman Fatemi, Bonnie Fernandez-Fenaroli, Connie Fisk, Angela Fraser, T.J. Fu, Solomon Gebru, Charles Giambrone, Brian Goodwyn, Rocelle Grabarek, Halle Greenbaum, Ganyu Gu, Jose Guerrero, Sanjay Gummalla, Eduardo Gutierrez Rodriguez, Jeffrey Hall, Diana HAO, Lisa Harrison, Heather Hart, Shauna Henley, Montserrat Hernández Iturriaga, Sunee Himathongkham, Stephen Hughes, Annalisa Hultberg, Sharon Humphries, Julie Hwang, Indu Aashritha Idumalla, Keith Ito, Cindy Jiang, Yuqiao Jin, Emily Johnson, Lynette Johnston, Julie A Kase, Kiran Kastury, Ai Kataoka, Sushant Kaushal, Erin Kealey, Bijay Khajanchi, David Kingsley, Greg Komar, Rob Kooijmans, Jovana Kovacevic, Eric Krause, Isabel Laubach, Karen Leacock, Susan Leonard, Teressa Lopez, Humberto Maldonado, Cynthia Mangione, Roberto Martins Zucchetti, Fabien Matsiko, Kyle McCaughan, Jennifer McEntire, Miriam Mendez, John Mills, Markanna Moore, Sudarsan Mukhopadhyay, Jorge Muniz Flores, Claire Murphy, Neda Nasheri, Angela Nguyen, Roger Noonan, Modesto Olanya, Yeni Olatunji, Isabella Oliveira Tosta, Alexis Omar, Geun Woo Park, Amy Parks, Anthony Pavic, Brian Perry, Amanda Philyaw Perez, Arenis Piñón, Gabriella Pinto, Alda Pires, Jorge Quintanilla Portillo, Kruti Ravaliya, Briseida Rios, Camila Rodrigues, Ofelia Rodriguez Garcia, Cathy Rubin, Hilal Samut, Valeria Santillan, Monica Santin-Duran, Vicki-Lynne Scott, Jason Sharrett, Angela Shaw, Arlette Shazer, Otto Simmons, Amarat (Amy) Simonne, Kaitlin Smith, Jared Smith, Daniele Sohier, Pauline Spagnoli, Don Stoeckel, Laura Strawn, Gabriella Strocko, Yuan Su, Sriya Sunil, Trevor Suslow, Iryna Syb, Daniel Tadesse, Elisa Tobar, Phillip Tocco, Mathilde Trudel-Ferland, Socrates Trujillo, Grace Tung, Becky Unwer, Wieke van der Vossen, Mariana Villarreal Silva, Richard Walsh, Rory Wang, Eric Wilhelmsen, Jasmine Williams, Stephanie Windschitl, Michael Wood, Jacqueline Woods, Jiaying Wu, Zirui Ray Xiong.

Number of Attendees: 150.

Meeting Called to Order: Sunday, July 14, 2024, 2:50 p.m. Pacific Time.

Recording Secretary: Enrique Garcia.

Old Business: Minutes from the 2023 meeting were adopted. PDG members were reminded that *IAFP Connect* is the primary mechanism for communication and collaboration. PDG members were encouraged to contact Kristin and Enrique if they have suggestions for webinars for 2023/2024. There were three webinars hosted by the FVSQ PDG 2023/2024. The webinar recordings are available on the IAFP website.

New Business: Outgoing Chair, Kristin Esch, thanked the PDG for the opportunity to serve as Chair and welcomed Enrique Garcia as incoming Chair and Govindaraj (Govind) Dev Kumar as incoming Vice Chair.

Enrique Garcia provided the IAFP Executive Board Announcements on behalf of Michelle D. Danyluk. The Executive Board updates included that for IAFP 2024, more than 3,300 attendees were registered and IAFP membership is at its highest level ever at 4,577 members. Please visit the Exhibit floor and talk to the exhibitors. Last year, the acceptance rate for submitted sessions was less than 50%. As you develop symposia and roundtable, please prioritize the quality and information rather than quantity of sessions submitted from your PDG. Please consider a Webinar as a deliverable for your PDG.

Enrique Garcia orally reviewed with the PDG members the Antitrust Guidelines (“What You Cannot Do”). Enrique Garcia mentioned that only 13 out of 29 proposals submitted to the PDG for sponsorship were accepted for the 2024 IAFP Annual Meeting. The 13 FVSQ-sponsored sessions for the 2024 meeting were shared in the agenda. A facilitated break-out session was conducted during the PDG meeting. The topics were based on a poll that was sent out to members prior to the PDG meeting. The goal was to facilitate discussion between those with like minded ideas for purposes of identifying similar and trending areas of interest for symposia, roundtables, and/or webinar submissions. The PDG Chair and Vice Chair will summarize the information received and will be

sharing it with the PDG members via *IAFP Connect* after the Annual Meeting concludes.

Colleagues provided presentations to cover updates on behalf of the following organizations. Kruti Ravaliya – Consumer Safety Officer, Division of Produce Safety, Center for Food Safety & Applied Nutrition, FDA. Greg Komar – Technical Director, California Leafy Greens Marketing Agreement.

Reminders were provided about the use of *IAFP Connect* for PDG communications and sharing of professional opportunities. Symposia, roundtables, and workshop proposal are due to the IAFP by October 1, 2024. The PDG members seeking sponsorship by the PDG were encouraged to submit their proposal to the Chair and Vice Chair prior to the IAFP deadline for review.

PDG members were advised to send any suggestions for webinars for 2024/2025 to Enrique or Govind.

Recommendations to the Executive Board:

1. Recommend to the Board that Govindaraj Dev Kumar, University of Georgia, be approved as Vice Chair of the PDG.
2. Consider returning the PDG meeting to a 2-hour meeting instead of a 90-minute meeting.
3. PDG Members support the continued implementation of the breakout portion of the meeting, and therefore, would like the Board to consider the room configuration for the PDG meeting. Roundtables with areas to move around would be beneficial.

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

Meeting Adjourned: 4:30 p.m. Pacific Time.

Chairperson Name: Enrique Garcia