

## Pre Harvest Food Safety PDG

**Attendees:** Camila Rodrigues (Chair), Rafael Davila (Vice Chair), Erica Miller, Getahun Agga, Saleh Almayman, Brienna Anderson, Javier Atencia, Rebecca Bell, Deborah Briese, Kellie Burris, Kaicie Chasteen-Ko, Zoila Chevez, Changsun Choi, Kim Cook, Sarah Cope, Paula J. Cray, Jianli Dai, Bryant Davenport, Klaas De Baerdemaeker, Francisco Diez-Gonzalez, Shiva Dubey, Randal Garrett, Brian Goodwyn, Eduardo Gutierrez Rodriguez, Jeffrey Hall, Diana Hao, Lisa Harrison, Yosra Helmy, Stephen Hughes, Annalisa Hultberg, Bala Jagadeesan, Cindy Jiang, Harsimran Kaur Kapoor, Julie A Kase, Bijay Khajanchi, Larry Kohl, Greg Komar, Rob Kooijmans, Alison Lacombe, Susan Leonard, Dan Li, Michael Michel, Patrick Mies, Hansel Mina, Amie Minor, Mark Moorman, Scott Moosekian, Juan Moreira, Claudia Narvaez, Neda Naseri, Mehran Niazi, Evan Nuckolls, Rocio Ortega, Roshan Paswan, Sulav Indra Paul, Bill Potter, Rawane Raad, Gustavo Reyes, Kis Robertson Hale, Camila Rodrigues, Cathy Rubin, Hilal Samut, Rodrigo Santibanez-Rivera, Nikki Shariat, Manan Sharma, Arlette Shazer, Manpreet Singh, Jared Smith, Shabarinath Srikumar, Diana Stewart, Don Stoeckel, Elisa Tobar, Zeynal Topalcengiz, Avinash Tope, Socrates Trujillo, Adriana Vanegas Torres, Tamara Walsky, Rory Wang, Kimberly Williams, Yikai Yang, Hung-Yueh Yeh, Shaohua Zhao.

**Number of Attendees:** 80.

**Meeting Called to Order:** Sunday, July 14, 2024, 08:30 a.m. Pacific Time.

**Minutes Recording Secretary:** Rawane Raad-Student Liaison.

**Old Business:** For the 2024 Annual Meeting, the Pre Harvest Food Safety PDG had two sessions accepted as primary and three others accepted as secondary sponsors. Updates on the IAFP Board and Board announcements included a call to download the IAFP 2024 Meeting App and resync it. Around 3300 attendees have registered for the IAFP 2024 Meeting. The chair highlighted the role of the professional development groups for IAFP growth. In 2024, IAFP received 252 session proposals and accepted 97 (38%).

**New Business:** Dr. Gustavo Reyes from Western Growers and Dr. Javier Atencia from Pathotrak both presented topics about understanding pathogen testing programs for leafy greens including sampling and real-life testing methods. Both talks included the importance of a good sampling program and the hurdles of detecting pathogens in leafy greens. Speakers presented their expertise regarding best practices for developing a sampling program on the farm.

The remainder of time was kept for a roundtable discussion with both our speakers and Dr. Rafael Davila, while Dr. Camila was the moderator. The roundtable included follow-up questions about the topic discussed as well as the possibility for the poultry industry to learn from the leafy greens testing programs.

Dr. Camila Rodrigues called to keep submitting symposium to the Pre Harvest Food Safety PDG. The Deadline for next year is October 1, 2024. A zoom meeting is planned for August to discuss proposals, webinars and roundtables ideas through the PDG. Deadline for abstract submission for IAFP 2024 is January 14, 2025. Dr. Camila also encouraged webinar development and submission when symposia are rejected. The student liaison talked about student PDG updates and called for scientists' involvement.

### Recommendations to the Executive Board:

1. The PDG recommends Dr. Rafael Davila (Eurofins) to serve as the PDG vice chair for the next year and the PDG chair for the following two years.

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

**Meeting Adjourned:** 11:00 a.m. Pacific Time.

**Chairperson Name:** Dr. Camila Rodrigues