

## Student PDG

**Attendees:** Ivannova Lituma (Chair), Juan Archila Godinez (Vice Chair), Manita Adhikari, Noushin Arfatahery, Vera Arthur, Jyoti Aryal, Jakob Baker, Charles Bakin, Ronny Barrera, Amalia Beary, Rosie Beaulieu, Greeshma Bharathan, Myrna Cadena, Caio Carvalho, Andrea Cerrato Castellanos, Tyler Chandross-Cohen, Ava Chavez, Han Chen, Bhaswati Chowdhury, Shihyu Chuang, Mario Cobo, Sitara Cullinan, Madhuparna Deb, Brenna DeRocili, Aakankshya Dhakal, Samantha Dicker, Emily Durbin, Natoavina Faliarizao, Maddyson Frierson, Kavya Gavai, Fanny Gozzi, Elisa Guardado, Phanindra Gude, Jouman Hassan, Riya Hooda, Hiroya Hoshino, Minji Hur, Indu Aashritha Idumalla, Sachi Irizawa, Sheetal Jha, Emily Johnson, YeonJin Jung, Ryu Kanghee, Harsimran Kaur Kapoor, Masaki Kato, Harleen Kaur, Arshpreet Kaur Khattra, Minji Kim, Elma Kontor-Manu, Pratiksha Kotkar, Anne-Marie Lauzier, Jolie Li, Xiaonuo Long, Mallika Mahida, Ellie Meeks, Ellen Mendez, Yeimi Mendoza Mencias, Marlee Mims, Razieh Sadat Mirmahdi, Barakatullah Mohammadi, Laura Munoz Leyva, Marcelo Nieto-Chavez, Babatope David Omoniyi, Monica Osorio-Barahona, Keorimy Ouk, Amrit Pal, Sokhom Panhavatey, Mariana Paredes Rivera, Roshan Paswan, Kavita Patil, Sulav Indra Paul, Rawane Raad, Alyssa Rosenbaum, Travis Sananikone, Allen Schaefer, Mari Schroeder, Dina Scott, Trushenkumar Shah, Hunter Sheffield, Shyam Singh, Panos Skandamis, Kaitlin Smith, Ana Sousa, Sloane Stoufer, Kyle Stoutenberg, Gabriella Strocko, Sonia Su, Pheara Tep, Marvin Tzirin, Claire Umstead, Rosie VanLuven, Nicholas Wagner, Ava Weyrich, Shaelyn Xu, Tongzhou Xu, Caroline Yates, Sathish Yerrapati, Alexandria Zhang.

**Number of Attendees:** 97.

**Meeting Called to Order:** Sunday, July 14, 2024, 11:01 a.m. Pacific Time.

**Minutes Recording Secretary:** Juan C. Archila Godinez.

**Old Business:** The SPDG chair welcomed, called to order and read the anti-trust guidelines to all students. All Board members, new and previous, introduced themselves. For the new SPDG Board, 17 students participated, for which 71 students voted. In the meeting, the mission and goals of the SPDG were read. The mission is “to provide students with a platform to enrich their experience.” It encouraged everyone to use *IAFP Connect*, and the benefits of being a member were shared. The member dashboard was presented, showing how to receive notifications from the SPDG activities. There were also different social media platforms on which students could connect, including LinkedIn and Instagram. Students can find volunteer opportunities, event updates, and webinar information on those social media platforms. An activity that was highly encouraged was the IAFP mentor match program for food safety professional advice. A review of the year’s activities was shared with all student members. These activities were (1) the 3MT Competition, (2) a Webinar, (3) Coffee hour with affiliates, (4) Coffee hour with the IAFP Board, (5) Meet your favorite scientist, and (6) Newsletters. For the 3MT Competition, 17 videos were received, 3 judges evaluated the videos, and 5 finalists were selected. The winners would be announced at the student luncheon; this activity was possible by the Phi Tau Sigma. An example of a webinar was shared, and all students were encouraged to provide new ideas for next year. The coffee hour and meet your favorite scientist was mentioned as an opportunity to get involved with different professionals. The newsletter is also a way to deliver information about these activities and stay connected. Also, congratulations were extended to the student travel scholarship recipients, students highlighted throughout the year, and those who participated in the t-shirt competition. In IAFP 2024, the student booth was located at the Long Beach Convention Center, Booth #1028, to engage with other students.

**New Business:** In IAFP 2024, SPDG is hosting a sponsor/co-sponsor roundtable called “Transitioning from Grad School to Professionals: Insights from Recent Graduates.” Opportunities to connect with other students in IAFP 2024 included the Student Luncheon (07/14) and Student Mixer (07/16). It was asked all student members to share their recommendations for the event – Meet Your Favorite Scientist. A reminder was provided to all student members to get involved with their affiliates. Also, what to do as a student monitor for the conference. The last reminder was about what a symposium, roundtable, and webinar are to provide recommendations to the board.

**Recommendations to the Executive Board:**

1. Recommend approval of Sheetal Jha as vice-chair for the year 2024–2025 SPDG.
2. Recommend approval of Ivannova Lituma as chair for the 2024–2025 SPDG.
3. Host a Roundtable or Symposium about non-traditional career pathways in food safety.
4. Host an event on how to publish in the *Journal of Food Protection* and *Food Protection Trends*.
5. Work closely with other PDGs on topics and events.
6. Host more activities to engage with others and learn from their experiences.
7. Host a webinar on how to find fellowship opportunities for students.
8. Recommend that certain PDGs and sessions do not overlap.

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

**Meeting Adjourned:** 12:00 p.m. Pacific Time.

**Chairperson:** Ivannova Lituma