

Food Chemical Hazards and Food Allergy PDG

Names of Attendees: Lili He (Chairperson), Amy Wise (Vice Chairperson), Alex Hanley, Amanda Faltynowski, Andrew Pearson, Angèle Van den Heuvel, Anza Bester, Ashley Brooks, Bennett Dzandu, Beth Paras, Brian Schaneberg, Brittany Caldwell, Brittany Holmes, Carol Wallace, Chantal Nde, Cierra Gadd, Cindy Jiang, Craig Llewellyn, Dan DeBee, Daniel Smieszek, Derek Hladki, Derek Richey, Dikshya Shilpakar, Emily Moyer, Erin Ducko, Felicia Wu, Festus Tawose, Gabriela Lopez Velasco, Gale Prince, Gregory Paoli, Helen Taylor, Jack Burnett, Jasmine Lacis-Lee, Jennine Cannizzo, Jerome Combrisson, Julie Simcox, Lauren Hamilton, Laura Wildey Kearse, Li Xiao, Luke Emerson-Mason, Maureen Hanley, Mangesh Palekar, Marcus Lacorn, Mary Morris-Donaldson, Melanie Downs, Melanie Rank, Neal Saab, Quanhong Li, Raquel Medeiros, Richelle Beverly, Richard Jacobs, Sanjit M. Fernandes, Sara Mortimore, Sharon Humphries, Steven Murphy, Susan Teegardin, Sydney Blanks, T.J. Fu, Tiffany LaLonde, Tracie Sheehan, Tressa Dennett, Wendelyn Jones, Yinqing Ma, Yuhan Huang, Zhinong Yan.

Total Number of Attendees: 66.

Meeting Called to Order: Sunday, July 27, 2025, 3:00 P.M.

Old Business: None.

New Business: Dr. Lili He opened the meeting by introducing herself and Co-Chair Dr. Amy Wise. She reviewed the antitrust guidelines and invited attendees to participate in a 5-minute networking session to get to know one another. Dr. He then highlighted upcoming sessions sponsored or co-sponsored by the PDG during the conference.

Speaker Presentations:

Presentation 1: "The End of Red 3 – Scientific, Regulatory, and Consumer Perspectives"

Presenter: Dr. Lili He

Dr. He provided an overview of the background, applications, and recent U.S. ban of Red 3, noting that regulatory action is expanding globally. She emphasized increasing consumer concerns and advocated for the transition to natural color alternatives in food products.

Key Takeaways: Regulatory ban of Red 3, Industry adaptation strategies, Promotion of safer, natural food colorants. Q&A Highlights: Addressed the tension between scientific data and regulatory decisions, Emphasized the importance of consumer perspectives and clear communication over technical challenges.

Presentation 2: "Americans' Perceptions of Food Allergens, Intolerance, and Sensitivity"

Presenters: Tony Flood and Kris Sollid, International Food Information Council (IFIC).

Kris Sollid introduced IFIC and its monthly, annual "Spotlight Surveys" targeting a representative sample of U.S. consumers. Tony Flood presented findings related to public understanding of food allergies and intolerances. Key Takeaways: Dairy is the most commonly reported intolerance/sensitivity, Tree nuts are the most reported allergen, Over 50% of Americans report knowing someone with a food allergy or sensitivity. Key concerns: Unclear food labeling, 67% of respondents trust food allergy information, with healthcare providers ranked as the most trusted source

Q&A Highlights: Although 50% are aware of labeling, awareness does not always translate to trust, Discussion around coconut as an allergen vs. a healthy oil alternative, Annual survey results released in January, with additional surveys planned.

PDG Items: Call for Vice Chair Nominations: Description of the Vice Chair role and a call for applications were announced.

IAFP Updates: Dr. He shared messages from the IAFP Board, including calls for: webinar proposals, session proposals for IAFP 2026, reviewers for the *Journal of Food Protection (JFP)*, Resubmission of previously declined proposals.

Brainstorming Session: Attendees participated in small-group discussions focused on developing session or webinar proposals. Key topics raised by participants included: Validation methods for food allergy detection and evaluation, Food allergy instructions in restaurants, Collaboration with the Allergy Foundation and AOAC on validation guidance, Mitigation strategies for food allergens, Cross-collaboration with other PDGs, Ultra-processed foods and novel foods, Strategies for managing the Top 9 food allergens, Emerging practices for food allergy medications. Participants were divided into four breakout groups to refine and prioritize these ideas.

Call for IAFP 2026 Proposals: The meeting concluded with a reminder to begin preparing submissions for the 2026 IAFP Annual Meeting.

Recommendations to the Executive Board: None.

Next Meeting Date: Sunday, July 26, 2026, New Orleans, LA.

Meeting Adjourned: 4:30 P.M.

Chairperson Name: Lili He.