

Food Fraud Prevention PDG

Names of Attendees: Angela Anandappa (Chairperson), Katie Zammit (Vice Chairperson), Abdullahi Idris Muhammad, Achyut Adhikari, Adeniyi Odugbemi, Alda Pires, Alicyn Dickman, Allison DeGraffenreid, Alyssa Rosenbaum, Amanda Faltynowski, Amanda Tabb, Andrew Appiah Darkwah, Andrew Stiven Ortiz Balsero, Andrew Widmer, Andrew Wilson, Angelina Adjete, Anish Abeysiriwardena, Annie Iniya John Benedict Ashok, Annie Piepenhagen, Annie Piepenhagen, Annette Kenney, Anza Bester, Aryany Peña Gomez, Aswathi Soni, Ata (Al) Baroudi, Bobby Krishna, Bonolo Mathekga, Brett Felton, Brian Perry, Brenna DeRocili, Brent Wallen, Charles Bency Appolon, Chris Paradise, Christopher Rupert, Christopher Rupert, Chyer Kim, Claire Murphy, Claudio Gallottini, David French, David Mugabo, Devin LaPolt, Diana Stewart, Dima Faour-Klingbeil, Don Stoeckel, Doreen Edebe, Eduardo Lecea, Elisabetta Lambertini, Elizabeth Bihn, Elizabeth Bihn, Elizabeth Epps, Ellen Gabriel, Ellen Gabriel, Emilio Esteban, Erdogan Ceylan, Erica Fealko, Erin Duffin, Esther Palmer, Ewen Todd, Fabien Matsiko, Favour Okunbi, Fernando Avelleyra, Festus Tawose, Gail Prince, Gabriella Strocko, Gina Cullerton, Greg Komar, Hadda Faye, Harmeet Kaur, Helen Taylor, Indu Aashritha Idumalla, Isabella Oliveira Tosta, Jaber Ghorbani, Jack Sarcone, Jack Sarcone, Jacquelinina Woods, James Doyle, Janice Ball, Jerome Combrisson, Jessica Roman, Joe Holt, John Figgins, John Spink, Jonathan Basha, Joshua Gurtler, Juan Moreira, Juan Ponce De Leon, Jude Dilioha, Julie Simcox, Katherine Sierra, Katheryn Parraga-Escalante, Kathryn Kadlec, Kaitlin Smith, Karuna Kharel, Karen Everstine, Karen Leacock, Keith Ito, Kellie Burris, Kristin Butler, Kunna Faal, Kyle McCaughan, Laura Dunn Nelson, Laura Wildey Kearse, Laurel Burall, Lei Zhang, Leon Gorris, Lindsay DiGenova, Lisa Lucore, Lorena Correia, Luis Salazar, Maggie Miller, Marc Barret, Maria Luisa Klobongona, Mark Flanagan, Mark Lebednick, Mary Snow, Maryam Blythe, Mat Bartkowiak, Mathilde Trudel-Ferland, Maureen Hanley, Mauricio Durigan, Megan Franies,

Meijun Zhu, Melissa Bruce, Micah Black, Michael Rybolt, Michelle Smith, Mohammad Alam, Nadia Le Den, Natalie Epps, Nicole Martin, Nikki Shariat, Nishela Abeysiriwardena, Patty Weber, Peyman Fatemi, Phil Thomas, Philip Bwalya, Phyllis Posy, Prashant Dahal, Quincy Lissaur, Rachel McEgan, Raquel Medeiros, Rane Anderson, Richard Jacobs, Richard Walsh, Sagar Pokhrel, Sabahnur Demirci, Sampathkumar Balamurugan, Sanjit M. Fernandes, Sanjit M Fernandes, Sarah Murphy, Sean Montgomery, Sharon White, Sharmeen Khan, Sitara Cullinan, Sophie Pierre, Staci Richardson, Stephen Grove, Steven Gendel, Sydney Blanks, Taylor Richter, Tiffany LaLonde, Tim Accola, Todd Frantz, Tracy Nowaczyk, Trina Garcia, Trey Jensen, Tzazil Gabriela Oliva Coba, Vanessa Coffman, Vanessa Gonzales Pacheco, Veerachandra Yemmireddy, Vianca Tashiguano, Vikas Kumar Galipothu, Wendy White, Yinqing Ma, Yulie Meneses, Zirui Ray Xiong.

Total Number of Attendees: 157.

Meeting Called to Order: Sunday, July 27, 2025, 8:30 A.M.

Old Business: A motion was made by James Doyle and seconded by Julie Simcox to approve the minutes from the previous meeting, and it passed.

New Business: The meeting began with opening remarks from Dr. Angela Anandappa, followed by a presentation of the agenda which had no amendments. The IAFP's mission statement was read to attendees, and it was noted that Robert's Rules would govern parliamentary procedure. The *Journal of Food Protection* and *Food Protection Trends* were announced, and it was noted that the *Journal of Food Protection* accepts invited reviews from a list of 56 topics. John Spink asked what a review paper was, and it was explained that it's a

paper that summarizes, discusses, or comprehensively reviews existing research rather than presenting new findings.

John Spink inquired if Food Fraud was one of the 56 topics and was informed that it wasn't on the list provided by Dina, but Karen Everstine noted that a paper on the topic was in progress.

She also mentioned that the paper in progress was not focused on methods. The PDG's purpose and Membership information were reviewed from page 8 of the guidelines and handbook, and antitrust guidelines were also reviewed. There were no student PDG announcements, and attendees were encouraged to attend two scheduled roundtables.

Fernando Avelleyra from Walmart presented "Beyond Testing," an initial look at their position paper. The paper, authored by Claire Meneses, Anza Bester, Julie Simcox, John Points, Stuart Hastie, John Figgins, Fernando Avelleyra, and edited by Angela Anandappa, shares the struggles and focus areas for companies, particularly small ones, on their journey to prevent food fraud. It suggests that prevention is the ideal defense, rather than detection, and that food fraud programs should be solidly incorporated into how companies define their risk. Companies should have clear, contractual expectations for suppliers, and GFSI standards should include strong food fraud programs. The paper outlines a "holistic, multi-layered approach to mitigate food fraud and protect consumer trust" through strategic pillars: Governance & Leadership, Policies & Procedures, Training & Communication, Vulnerability Assessment & Supply Chain Illumination, Monitoring & Horizon Scanning, and Testing & Inspections. The next steps include publishing a general interest paper in *Food Protection Trends*.

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Sabahnur Demirci from Mérieux Nutrisciences presented "Trends in Food Fraud Incidents," discussing Safety HUD, a tool that monitors food safety and fraud trends. The tool takes information from 85 countries and 130 sources, tracking 13,000 alerts to date. The presentation noted that food fraud incidents are increasing rapidly with more creativity, and gray market activities account for about half of these incidents. Milk and dairy products are the number one

category for fraud, largely involving substitution with vegetable oils and fats, with many incidents originating in European countries.

TreQuincy Lissaur from SSAFE presented on “Resources in Food Fraud Prevention”. SSAFE is a global nonprofit focused on advancing the safe supply and trade of food, with three core pillars: Projects & Harmonization of Standards, External Engagement, and Good Practice Sharing. Lissaur noted that the more the food fraud space can be de-complicated, the better.

SSAFE has created a food fraud assessment tool to meet GFSI requirements and identify vulnerabilities based on controls, opportunity, and motivation. The tool uses the formula:

Opportunity – Motivation + Control = Food Vulnerability.

Meetings are scheduled for the third Friday of each month at 5 p.m. Central Time. Information will be sent out.

Recommendations to the Executive Board: None

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

Meeting Adjourned: 10:00 A.M.

Chairperson Name: Dr. Angela Anandappa.