

Seafood Safety and Quality PDG

Members Present: Kathleen Rajkowski, Veneranda Gapud, Katherine Swanson (Board Liaison), Troy Ayers, Adam Borger, Timothy Dambaugh, Kevin Edwards, Peter Hibbard, Marlene Janes, Salina Parveen and Tori Stivers.

New Members: Steve Kenney, Shiowshuh Sheen, Tim Dambaugh, Maria Angela Reyes, Erick Martin and Jinru Chen.

Visitors/Guests: Kristin Woods and Suresh Pillai.

Meeting Called to Order: 9:00 a.m., Sunday, August 1, 2010.

Recording Secretary of Minutes: Veneranda Gapud.

Old Business:

- Welcomed new members.
- Approval of 2009 minutes: motion to approve by Kevin Edwards and seconded by Marlene Janes – MOTION CARRIED.
- Announced Symposium sponsored by PDG: New Definitions in Imported Seafood Safety on Wed. afternoon – August 4, 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

New Business:

- Katie Swanson, Board Liaison, addressed the committee. She announced that this year's meeting had over 2000 registered. She briefly explained the Board's 5 points for increasing communication (point to be sent to all on PDG's mailing list).
- Introduction of Vice Chair and members present at meeting.
- Discussion on concerns particularly with regard to Webinars:
Suggest IAFP control them and have University Partners.
Suggest having sponsors to help with cost particularly for internationals.
- One set of standard is need for seafood safety and need to get message that seafood is safe to the consumer.
- IAFP needs to partner with smaller seafood organization, i.e.: Catfish Association, and with international organizations dealing with seafood safety and standards, i.e.: FAO.
- Kristin Wood, Auburn University, gave a brief over- view of Extension and how it can be used to get information out.
- Announced the invitation by Linda Leake of the Food Chemical Hazards and Food Allergy PDG to attend their session. The PDG will have a speaker to talk on: The 2010 deepwater horizon oil spill: concerns for the short-term and long-term safety of seafood from the Gulf of Mexico.
- Need to not promote video on catfish.
- Discussion on possible topics for 2011 meeting.
- E-mailed topics were the stepping point for discussion on:
 1. Processing aids (phosphates, sulfites, carbon monoxide, etc.) and not thermal aids (irradiation).
 2. What have we learned (globally) with regard to oil spills in gulf and other seafood harvesting areas? Other nations are/have experienced oil (chemical spills) in their harvesting areas with affect seafood.
 3. need to be encouraged to participate at meetings.
- Cooperation of other PDG on submitting joint programs for consideration:
 1. Water quality in aquaculture (global) with Water Quality PDG
 2. International perspective on the use of processing aids on the seafood industry with the International PDG to have input from FAO.

Recommendations to the Executive Board:

1. Webinar be concerned with firewalls.
2. A topic presented at a PDG meeting with general interest should be announced earlier and to the general IAFP membership or set as a late-breaking session.

Chairperson: Kathleen T. Rajkowski.