

## **Viral and Parasitic Foodborne Disease PDG**

**Members Present:** Marlene Janes, Alvin Lee, Gary Richards, Kyle LeStrange, Sarah Markland, Kirsten Hirneisen, Leen Baert, John Scott Meschke, Fabienne Loisy-Hamon, Franck Chatigny, Lee-Ann Jaykus, Kali Kniel, Qing Wang, Blanca Escudero, Doris D'Souza, Suresh Pillai, Keith Lampel, Hari Dwivedi, Julie Kase, Nadia Leden and Ynes Ortega.

**Board/Staff Members Present:** Don Zink.

**New Members:** Jiemin Cormier, Alma Pérez-Méndez, Karin Hoelzer, Alejandro Amezcuita, Duncan Craig, Adrienne Shearer, Marta Segarra, Mingming Li and Xueyan Wang.

**Visitors/Guests:** Katie Gensel, Christina Moore, Claire Lee, Yan Sun and Heng Zhao.

**Meeting Called to Order:** 9:00 a.m., Sunday, July 22, 2012.

**Recording Secretary of Minutes:** Kali Kniel.

**Old Business:** Welcome and introductions; no modifications to the agenda; and approval of minutes from last year's meeting. Discussion of the webinar this PDG hosted this year. The webinar had International speakers, including one from the United States, one from Europe, and one from Canada. Webinar was opened to members outside of the PDG. (See recommendation to the board below.) Three symposia were accepted, 1) Toxoplasmosis (Monday afternoon); 2) Viral transfer, risk, and translation (Monday morning); and 3) Control of virus in food chains (Monday morning).

**New Business:** To help with the synthesis of the virus research that continues to evolve the PDG will plan to write a review article. The graduate students within the PDG will also be asked to join in this effort. PDG members will begin working on this with this year's symposia.

Discussion on webinars: This year's was well attended and informative, but no time for questions. Since this was the first one, the next one may be handled differently in terms of time for questions. Discussion on the timing of the webinar to allow for the majority of people across the globe to attend.

One idea is a webinar on the epidemiology of norovirus, including recent data by the CDC. Another idea is a webinar on the development of surrogates for norovirus. This webinar will be planned and discussed by the executive board of Norocore. Gary Richards will be part of this discussion as well. The conversation could include the limitations of surrogates and the role of human norovirus feeding studies. Perhaps some basic virology could be included in that as well.

Another webinar idea from Nigel Cook is on the recent UK information related to "Control of Virus and Parasite Contamination for Food Supply Chains." This may also

be developed into a symposium as well. This could be combined with a regulatory update.

The PDG would like to include basic virology information in the webinars along with applied information. We will seek input from the American Society of Virology (ASV) or other associations.

Discussion on planning for IAFP 2013: A conference call will be held within a month to further discuss.

Lee Ann Jaykus on behalf of Norocore will submit a symposium discussing the various efforts of that project.

Symposium on drinking water: validation of filtration for virus removal, point of use units, global usage, global standards. Other topics include other viruses like hepatitis E virus, rotavirus, adenovirus. These could be included in the drinking water symposium. This topic could be extended to processing water. Standards on reclaimed water would be important for this topic as well. This PDG will contact the Water PDG for development of this symposium topic.

Outreach to parasitologists and new members: This PDG recognizes the need to include and encourage new members including those with an interest in parasitology. A WHO working group on parasites to prioritize foodborne parasites is meeting this September. This could be a topic for a webinar or a symposium. We would make an attempt to advertise to parasitologists and other potential new members.

The PDG will look into better utilization of the PDG website through IAFP.

### **Recommendations to the Executive Board:**

1. Members of the PDG that are involved in the development of a webinar should have the webinar registration fee waived. The charging of a fee was surprising to the PDG members in particular to those who had helped develop the webinar.
2. Aid in the establishment of a means of communication among the PDG, in particular to reduce overlap of symposia topics. Perhaps Google Groups could be used for this? Perhaps a conference call could be run by IAFP (if this was worthwhile last year).
3. IAFP could waive the registration fee to the Annual Meeting for the chair of each PDG. This might be useful in recruiting new vice chairs as well as to ensure that the chair is financially able to attend the IAFP annual meetings.
4. Please define the role of the student liaison to the PDG. Perhaps this could be added to the committee handbook.

**Next Meeting Date:** July 28, 2013.

**Meeting Adjourned:** 10:56 a.m.

**Chairperson:** Marlene Janes.