

Viral and Parasitic Foodborne Disease PDG

Members Present: Kalmia Kniel (Chair), Marlene Janes (Vice Chair), Lee-Ann Jaykus, Jennifer Cannon, Larry Cohen, Tim Dambaugh, Stephen Grove, Julie Jean, Juli Kase, Efi Papafragkou and Jie Wei.

New Members: Tyler Berg, Vanessa Cranford, Sara Markland, Dumitru Macarisin, Carol Shieh, Denise Lindsay, Diana Stewart, Bizhan Pourkomailian and Phyllis Posy.

Meeting Called to Order: 1:09 p.m., August 1, 2010.

Recording Secretary of Minutes: Stephen Grove.

Old Business: 2009 Minutes approved.

New Business:

1. Discussion of Symposium Ideas:

Two symposium ideas:

- Detection-Combine with Applied Methods PDG to discuss difficulties and strategies for detecting foodborne viruses in foods, sample prep, infectious vs non-infectious, use of surrogates
 - Jen Cannon, Efi Papafragkou, Julie Ann Kase, Venessa Crawford (Applied Lab Methods)
 - * Utilize "poll everywhere" or "i-clicker" software to engage the audience (Larry Cohen and Phyllis Posy)
- Supply Chain-Where are the weaknesses in the supply chain that can allow for viral illnesses?
 - Overview of virus survival, persistence, entrance, gain industry interactions
 - Larry Cohen, Bizhan Pourkomailian, Marlene Janes, Stephen Grove and Jen Cannon.
 - Roundtable or short symposium to encourage engagement and interest with the industry.
- Conference calls will be coordinated by the end of the month to discuss these symposium
- Continue focus on both virus and parasites. In saying this we will coordinate with other PDGs to see if there is interest in protozoa.

2. Encouraging use of the Webinars. Use to educate and inform industry.

Top 10 Food Safety Tips:

- Wash Your Hands!1.
- Don't vomit around food!2.
- Don't prepare foods while you are sick.3.
- Don't prepare foods while changing diapers.4.
- Do not eat raw seafood.5.
- Know your source of ingredients.6.
- Follow GAPs, GMPs, SSOPs.7.
- Educate your employees.8.
- Refrigerate foods properly after cooking.9.
- Use proper cooking temperatures.10.

Sources of Information used by members of the virus and parasitic PDG come from scientific journals, ProMed, CDC, FDA, and European Surveillance.

Recommendations to the Board:

1. Overlapping PDG meetings is a problem.
2. Encourage IAFFP to become more of a leader in communicating food safety to the public; through podcasts, an application on iphones/ipod, more exposure to the media and general public.
3. In general the PDG thinks that the use of social media is a positive issue. Encourage students to help in the use and updating of the information. One suggestion is to have a team of two students be in charge of the information portal or space and update it with scientific information. There could be two students per PDG and they could receive free registration for the meeting. Another recommendation is for IAFFP to become involve in LinkedIn (as suggested by an industry representative). We realize that a drawback to this is the amount of time that would need to be devoted, which is why we suggest that students become involved.

Next Meeting Date: Conference calls will be held within 1 month.

Meeting Adjourned: 2:54 p.m.

Chairperson: Kali Kniel.