



AFFILIATE VIEW

To provide food safety professionals worldwide with a forum to exchange information on protecting the food supply

VIEW FROM THE CHAIR:

Looking Forward to a New Role



I'm very excited to be writing my first column for Affiliate View! I must confess that when I started my studies in Dairy Science and Technology at the Federal Univer-

sity of Viçosa in Brazil, I had no idea I would be part of such a prominent organization in the food safety sector. I even felt a special appreciation when I discovered that IAFP started out as a dairy industry association. For those who believe, could it be said that it was my destiny?

I have been an IAFP Member since 2019, and my participation in the Association has grown. Today, I have the privilege of being part of the Executive Board, having assumed the position as Affiliate Council Chairperson at the Affiliate Council Meeting (official after completion of IAFP 2024). I want to congratulate and thank Fabiana Guglielmone for her advice and great work!

Fabi, we will miss you! We welcome Helen Taylor, Delegate of the United Kingdom Association for Food Protection, who was elected as Affiliate Council Secretary. And thank you to Ellen Gravi, Delegate of the Ontario Food Protection Association, who stood for election. It is very important to

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IAFP that Members engage with the Association and apply for various positions that become available.

I'd like to take advantage of my first column to share my initial plans for my term as Affiliate Council Chair. I want to continue Fabiana's work, giving voice to and promoting integration between Affiliates by sharing and learning from challenges and opportunities. I believe the main forum for our inte-

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Southeast Asia

Spain

African Continental
Argentina
Australia
Brazil
Canada
Alberta | British Columbia
Ontario | Quebec
Bangladesh in
North America
Chile
China
Chinese in North America
Colombia
Hong Kong
Hungary

Indian in North America Japan Korea Lebanon Mexico New Zealand

Portugal

Taiwan Turkey **United Arab Emirates United Kingdom United States** Alabama I Arizona Arkansas | California Capital Area | Carolinas Colorado | Connecticut Florida I Georgia Idaho | Illinois | Indiana Iowa | Kansas Michigan | Minnesota Upper Midwest Missouri | Nebraska New Jersey | New York Ohio I Oklahoma Pennsylvania

South Dakota

Washington | Wisconsin

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gration will be the quarterly Affiliate Council Virtual Meetings, scheduled for November 7, 2024, March 26, 2025, and May 22, 2025. Susan Smith, Affiliate Liaison, will send out invitations with details prior to each meeting.

I will also be inviting members from other Affiliates to share their views on relevant food safety issues that are being discussed in the general or in specialized media at the time of *Affiliate View* columns. I want to take advantage of this opportunity to invite you to suggest topics you believe will be interesting to cover in these columns.

Speaking of Affiliate integration, IAFP Latino 2024, organized by IAFP's Affiliate, the Brazil Association for Food Protection (BRAFP), takes place November 11–14, 2024 in Santos, São Paulo, Brazil. This meeting will include a roundtable where Affiliate members from Brazil, Argentina, Colombia, and Chile will discuss food safety challenges common to Latin American countries. I invite everyone to participate – even those who cannot attend – by visiting our website and reviewing the extensive program we've prepared.

Last, but not least, it's always important to bring attention to IAFP's Executive Board Speaker Program, including the Expanded Speaker listing. This program is available for all Affiliates to utilize for upcoming meetings. IAFP speakers are an inexpensive way to obtain knowledgeable food safety professionals with expertise in specific topics. Travel expenses to and from an IAFP Affiliate meeting are covered by IAFP; Affiliates cover onsite expenses such as meals and lodging. All speakers are listed on the IAFP website under the Affiliates tab (and listed on pages 14–15). If you would like to schedule an IAFP speaker, contact Susan for availability.

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AFFILIATES IN THE SPOTLIGHT

FEATURING YOUR COMMUNICATIONS WITH IAFP

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Food Safety Consortium: Joint Conference and Exhibition Held

Reported by Vincent Lee

The Food Safety Consortium (FSC), IAFP's Hong Kong Affiliate, jointly organized the inaugural FoodMed Conference and Exhibition with Hong Kong Baptist University, May 28–29, 2024. It brought together 300 participants from the industry with an exhibition featuring various food safety and quality technology and solutions. In addition, to help promote food safety in the local community, World Food Safety Day (observed on June 7) was also promoted.

The event's theme was "Integrating Food and Chinese Medicine: Exploring Science, Technology, and Holistic Approaches for Health," covering various topics, including food innovation and safety, market trends of food as medicine, clinical applications, and regulatory considerations.



The two-day conference was officiated by Professor Alex Wai, President and Vice-Chancellor; and Dr. Terence Cheung Yung-yan, Centre for Food Safety of the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department, Government of Hong Kong SAR. It aimed to foster the exchange of professional knowledge on food safety and food as medicine, and discuss the future developmental trends in supporting primary healthcare in society.

Regulatory officials speaking included:

- Professor Junshi Chen, China National Centre for Food Safety Assessment
- Dr. Terence Cheung Yung-yan, Government of Hong Kong SAR
- Dr. Lei Zhang, China National Centre for Food Safety Risk Assessment
- Dr. Fei Zhang, Chinese Academy of International Trade and Economic Cooperation







- Mr. Tom Heilandt, Codex Alimentarius
 Commission
- Dr. Maur Di Martineo, FAO

Research and experts speaking included:

- Professor Kwok Fai So, Jinan University
- Professor Zuhua He, CAS Center for Excellence in Molecular Plant Sciences, Shanghai Institute of Plant Physiology and Ecology
- Professor Min Chen, China Association of Traditional Chinese Medicine
- Professor Min-Hsiung Pan, National Taiwan University
- Professor Lorenzo Pastrana, International Iberian Nanotechnology Laboratory

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Industry practitioners speaking included:

- Mr. Sheng Huang, Beijing Tong Ren Tang Health Pharmaceutical Co., Ltd.
- Ms. Rebecca Liang, Illumina
- Dr. Frank Ma, Infinitus (China) Co., Ltd.
- Mr. Fred Li, Gobi Partners

Professor Terence Lau, Interim Chief Innovation Officer of HKBU and FSC Chairman, remarked, "The conference explores the vast potential health benefits of food-derived compounds and how technological innovation shapes the future development of the 'food as medicine' concept, and its translational development."

The exhibition showcased the latest innovations and startups from HKBU in the fields of food as medicine and food technology. Ample networking opportunities were organized to connect fellow attendees, speakers, and investors to foster collaboration and entrepreneurship in the fields of food as medicine and food technology.

Argentine Food Safety Commission: Webinar Celebrates World Food Safety Day Reported by Fabiana Guglielmone, President & Delegate



The Argentine Food Safety Commission (CAIA) organized a webinar, "Let's Prepare for the Unexpected," on June 6, 2024,

to celebrate World Food Safety Day, observed on June 7 since 2018. The scientific program was composed of three relevant topics presented by food safety professionals.

Mónica Galleguillos, Eurofins Training Chile SA (Chile), shared her experience on "Learning from Mistakes." Erika Marco, ANMAT/INAL (Argentina), talked about "Incident Management and Product Recall: The Importance of Being Prepared." Leonor Casanova, Pedidos Ya Market (Argentina), closed the webinar with "Quality and Food Safety Management in the Digital Supermarkets."



Five hundred people were registered for the webinar, which was recorded and is available (in Spanish) on theYouTube channel of the

Argentine Association of Microbiology (AAM).

New Zealand Association for Food Protection: Joint Meeting Held

Reported by Aswathi Soni, Secretary

The New Zealand Association for Food Protection (NZAFP) held its 2024 Annual Meeting in Hamilton on July 2, in conjunction with the one-day Annual Food Safety Symposium organized by the New Zealand Food Safety Science & Research Centre (NZFSSRC) and the 3-day Annual Conference of the New Zealand Institute of Food Science and Technology (NZIFST). The meetings had more than 100 and 200 attendees, respectively, made up of food safety professionals from industry, academia, regulators, and students.



Highlights of this year's Affiliate activities were plenary presentations by Dr. Michelle Danyluk, Professor of Food Safety and Microbiology, Department of Food Science and Human Nutrition, University of Florida, and IAFP Past President. Michelle's visit was co-sponsored through the IAFP Executive Board Speaker Program, NZFSSRC, and NZIFST. As an esteemed international produce safety expert, she spoke on food safety in diverse scenarios, including "Extreme Weather Events and Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Safety," along with "International Considerations on Food Safety in a Changing World."

Twelve presentations from Affiliate members focused on food safety and suitability and were well received by the audience.

During her time in New Zealand, Michelle traveled to Wellington (photo below) where she met with the New Zealand Food Safety Risk Assessment team. She offered her valuable insights on fresh produce safety using her research-based examples as case





studies in an interactive webinar for industry and researchers from the horticulture sector. The webinar was sponsored by NZAFP and chaired by Dr. Roger Cook, Affiliate Delegate (photo above).

NZAFP held its Affiliate Annual General Meeting in conjunction with the Annual Meeting. While weatherrelated travel issues resulted in an unusually low attendance, the meeting laid the groundwork for future initiatives, including the organization of a mid-year virtual catch-up for members. This initiative aims to maintain momentum and foster continuous communication among members. The online format was selected to improve accessibility, enabling greater participation without the costs of travel.

Also discussed was the role and tenure of the Affiliate's international Delegate, a critical role for representing the Affiliate's interests on a global stage. It was decided that the NZAFP Constitution would be revisited to determine if any changes are necessary regarding this position. Roger Cook will again represent the Affiliate at IAFP 2024, and it was agreed upon that he will present his experiences to the members as a joint event in collaboration with NZFSSRC.

Members cast their votes for President and Secretary, re-electing Dr. Craig Billington as President, and Dr. Aswathi Soni as Secretary. Roger Cook and Professor Phil Bremer also retained their positions as Delegate and Past President, respectively.

The next AGM will be held in person the first week in July 2025, in Palmerston North, NZ.

African Continental Association for Food Protection: Annual Meeting Held During IAFP 2024

Reported by Charles Muyanja, Past President/Treasurer



The African Continental Association for Food Protection (ACAFP) held its Annual Meeting on July 15, 2024, during IAFP 2024 in Long Beach, California. Approximately

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30 attendees from various U.S. states and African countries participated.

The meeting's speaker was Professor Charles Muyanja, Past President and Treasurer. He welcomed attendees and thanked them for the great interest shown to improve food safety on the African continent. Members were informed that Dr. Joseph Odemeru, ACAFP President, and other board members were unable to attend due to prior engagements. Charles narrated the Affiliate's history by pointing out its vision, mission, and benefits. Members were informed about webinars and the two food safety conferences held in Africa by the Affiliate, pointing out the themes of each and informing attendees to watch for updates.

A topic of concern was how to forge ahead to improve food safety in Africa in the face of rich expertise and experiences outside of Africa. Members were urged that, even though they are outside the continent, they can still contribute to food safety improvements within Africa. Charles noted that the association will continue to work with organizations such as the African Union, FAO/WHO, and African governments through regulatory bodies to support the work of the association.

Attendees were shown the association's website (acafoodprotection.org), including membership categories, and encouraged to join and pay membership dues. Membership has steadily grown, especially in academia, industry, and government organizations. Strengthening communication among members and the association leadership was shown to be a vital ingredient for membership maintenance as well as student memberships.

ACAFP received IAFP's C.B. Shogren Memorial Award this year as the Affiliate that demonstrated exceptional overall achievement in promoting IAFP's mission "to provide food safety professionals worldwide with a forum to exchange information on protecting the food supply."

No elections took place, but members were informed that Dr. Odemeru encouraged volunteers to lead the association as "he feels it is time to bring in new blood." The complimentary IAFP one-year Membership certificate was offered to the youngest attendee in the room.

Bangladesh Association for Food Protection in North America: Annual Meeting Held During IAFP 2024 Reported by Debabrata Biswas, President

The Bangladesh Association for Food Protection (BAFPNA) held its Annual Meeting on July 16, 2024, during IAFP 2024 in Long Beach, California. Dr. Mohamad Aminul Islam, Washington State University and BAFPNA Secretary, welcomed all attendees and introduced the executives and board members. Eleven members attended in person and one member attended virtually. In addition, Dr. Michelle Danyluk, IAFP Past President, was in attendance to provide a brief overview of IAFP's goals and the Affiliate Council's activities.

Participants introduced themselves at the start of the meeting prior to the scientific session.

Dr. Islam presented "Antimicrobial Resistance Sharing Among Humans, Animals, and Environments: A Genomic and Metagenomic Approach."

A presentation followed on BAFPNA activities from Dr. Islam. Dr. Arpita Aditya, BAFPNA Treasurer, provided an update on the Affiliate's account.

Dr. Salina Parveen, Affiliate Past President, facilitated a group discussion. Four new Bangladesh graduate students joined the meeting, including Sudipta Talukdar and Md. Saiful Islam, both from the University of California – Davis; Sulav Indro Paul from Oklahoma State University; and Puja Boidya from the University of Wyoming. The team discussed possible topics and dates for the upcoming webinar in October 2024, and possible ways to support Bangladeshi students who might attend IAFP 2025. The group also discussed other potential activities for IAFP 2025, including symposia and workshop proposals, before voting for its Affiliate executive committee. Newly-elected officers include:

President: Debabrata Biswas Vice President: Mohamad Aminul Islam Secretary: Arpita Aditya Treasurer: Zajiba Tabashsum Past President: Nur Hasan Delegate: Salina Parveen



The meeting adjourned with a vote of thanks by Dr. Parveen, Past President, followed by a group dinner to celebrate the achievements of the Affiliate.

Arkansas Association for Food Protection: Pet Food Safety Webinar Held Reported by Jennifer Acuff, Delegate



On August 12, 2024, more than 140 participants attended "Enhancing Pet Food Safety from Farm to Fork," a webinar sponsored by the IAFP

Foundation and organized by the Arkansas
Association for Food Protection (AAFP). The webinar
served as a summary of a Pet Food Safety Session
held at the Affiliate's 15th Annual Meeting in
September 2023, and was organized by
Drs. Jennifer Acuff, Kristen Gibson, and Peggy Cook.
The event provided a deep dive into critical aspects
of pet food safety, featuring expert discussions on
various topics.



The session began with Dr. Susy Tejayadi addressing interventions for raw pet food, highlighting processing techniques like high-pressure processing to enhance safety. Next, Dr. Billie Johnson discussed the complexity of the pet food supply chain and exploring traceability solutions. Dr. Michele Sayles followed with a presentation on preventing dry surface biofilms in pet food processing environments, focusing on strategies to mitigate pathogen risks. The webinar concluded with Dr. Jarrod Kersey's insights into the impacts of regulations and customer expectations on pet food safety. A brief Q&A wrapped up the webinar, allowing attendees to engage directly with the speakers.

The questions for speakers offered additional insight into the current gaps in knowledge with pet food safety. Inquiries ranged from broad questions addressed to all panelists about emerging technologies to specific questions for each panelist about regulatory oversight of pet foods vs. human foods and how the upcoming *Salmonella* framework for poultry products might impact pet food adulterants. The webinar was recorded and is available to IAFP Members in the webinar archives on the IAFP website.

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Ohio Association for Food Protection: Summer Meeting Held with Tour

Reported by Connie Freese, Delegate



The Ohio Association for Food Protection (OAFP) held its summer meeting at Nestlé Quality Assurance Center (NQAC) on August 13, 2024, in Dublin, Ohio. The Affiliate is thankful for

Nestlé welcoming the group and providing a fabulous experience and tour for OAFP Members.



Kaylee Doran and Mollie Cradle, Nestlé analytical scientists, provided a brief history and overview about NQAC. Dr. Gabriel Sanglay, spoke on "Automation in the NQAC Microbiology Department."



Andrew Savage and Ashley Griffin presented "Chemistry Analytical Methods and Instrumentation."



Allison Howell, doctoral student from The Ohio State University, presented her research project, "FAIRE: Franklin County Public Health Practice-Based

Research to Identify and Prevent Environmental Risk Factors Contributing to Foodborne Illness."



Dr. Nicole Arnold, The Ohio State University, gave an overview on the services The Ohio State University Extension provides in all 88 Ohio counties.



Brian Ramsaur, Sr. Manager, Food Safety & Regulatory Compliance, Kroger, spoke on the "Anatomy of a Recall."



All 20 attendees donned lab coats and goggles to tour the NQAC labs.

Argentine Food Safety Commission: Food Safety Symposium Held

Reported by Fabiana Guglielmone, President & Delegate



On August 22, 2024, the 5th Argentine Food Safety Symposium took place in Buenos Aires, Argentina. Organized by the

Argentine Food Safety Commission (CAIA), this was an important activity as part of the "Argentina Microbiology Congress (CAM 2024)." The scientific program included four conferences and two roundtables, where food safety professionals shared their experiences with attendees.



Alejandro
Mazzotta,
Chobani, LLC
and IAFP Past
President,
opened the
symposium as
part of the IAFP
Executive
Board Speaker
Program. He
spoke about
the benefits of
IAFP Member-

ship before sharing, "All That is Missed from a HACCP Plan, but Must be Controlled."



Juan Martin Oteiza, CIATI-CONICET, spoke at the second conference on how the food industry is being transformed through genomic analysis, summarizing today's available genomic tools.

The first roundtable was on "The Top Three in Food Safety," coordinated by Josefina Cabrera Durango, INAL-ANMAT. Soraya Bellini, CIATI, covered "Emerging Chemical Contaminants in Food and Packaging." Carolina Motto, Allergents Consultant, spoke on "Good Practices to Prevent Allergen Incidents." Magdalena Hortel focused on the "Impact of Salmonella" in the Food Industry."

The second roundtable, "How to Avoid Recurrent Food Safety Incidents and Recalls," aimed to reflect whether or not we are learning from our mistakes. Alejandro Mazzotta shared "Relevant Tools to Make Proper Root Cause Analysis." Martin Deferrari, McCain, focused on the "Vulnerability of the Quality Systems," and Ana Vera, Supermercados La Anónima, presented "How to Build a Positive Food Safety Culture to Avoid Recurrence."

Gabriel Vinderola, INLAIN (CONICET-UNL), followed, talking about probiotics and postbiotics, in his presentation, "How to Use Microorganisms to Promote Health and the Link to Food Safety."



In the final lecture, Fabiana Guglielmone, Unilever and Affiliate Council Chairperson, shared her experiences regarding the

trendy topic, "The Use of Digital Tools and Artificial Intelligence to Promote Food Safety."

Two hundred fifty people participated in the symposia. It was great to see participants from other Latin American countries, including Brazil, Costa Rica, Perú, Paraguay, Guatemala, and El Salvador. Nine sponsors contributed support to the symposia, including Arcor, BioMérieux, Caliba, Ciati, Ceimic, Ivess, Merck, Neogen, and Prognosis.

The involvement of the participants who asked questions and interacted among other audience members showed the need for this kind of face-to-face meeting after many years of virtual ones.

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During the Closing Session, the invitation was shared to participate in IAFP's Latin America Symposium in Santos, São Paulo, Brazil, November 11–14, 2024. It was also announced that the next IAFP Latin America Symposium will be held in Argentina in 2026.



In closing, Fabiana (above) was presented with the "Asociación Argentina de Microbiologia Award" in recognition of her professional career and her contributions to the scientific community in Applied Microbiology – a truly emotional moment for her!

Affiliate Chronicles: IAFP 2024

Affiliate Council Elects 2024–2025 Secretary: Helen Taylor



Helen Taylor was elected by acclamation of the IAFP Affiliate Council as Secretary for the 2024–2025 term on July 14, 2024. Helen's term commenced at the

close of IAFP 2024 in Long Beach, California. She succeeds Caio Carvalho as Chairperson for the 2025–2026 term.

Helen is Technical Director for ZERO2FIVE, the Food Industry Centre at Cardiff Metropolitan University in Wales, United Kingdom. For the past 19 years, she has worked with food and beverage manufacturing sectors to deliver 'best in class' support, knowledge, and application in all technical aspects of manufacturing and innovation with a team of professional industrialists to more than 150 companies. Helen currently serves as Chair of the Wales Branch of the Institute of Food Science and Technology in the UK, and is an active member of the Wales Food Advisory Committee, Food Standards Agency, UK. A current member of the

Technical Advisory Committee for SALSA, she sits on various working groups for the FSA, BRCGS, SALSA, and IFST.

As an undergraduate student, Helen completed a one-year internship with the public health laboratory service, UK, in food microbiology. She then spent the next 15 years operating in food manufacturing and retail businesses in various technical roles, first as a graduate student with Cargill, then with various businesses operating within the poultry, red meat, ready-to-eat chilled and ready meal sectors while developing her skills, knowledge, experience, and 'craft.'

An active member of the United Kingdom
Association for Food Protection since 2007,
Helen has served as President and Past
President, and is its current Delegate. She has
served on the Organizing Committee for the
UKAFP Annual Conference since 2007. Helen
joined IAFP in 2009 and has served on the
European Scientific Committee as Chair and
Vice Chair; the European Organizing Committee;
IAFP's Nominating Committee; on numerous
PDGs; and as a mentor. She has attended IAFP's
European Symposium and Annual Meetings
consistently throughout the past 17 years.

Welcome!

AFFILIATE BRIEFS

The following Affiliates also held Affiliate Meetings during IAFP 2024 in Long Beach, California.



(Above): The Indian Association for Food Protection in North America met on July 15.

(Top right): The Southeast Asia Association for Food Protection met on July 16.

(Bottom right): The Chinese Association for Food Protection in North America met on July 15.





Affiliate Chronicles: IAFP 2024

2024 Affiliate Awards

Congratulations to the 2024 Affiliate Award recipients for their hard work during the past year! Five Affiliates were recognized with five awards during the Affiliate Council Meeting held on July 14, 2024. The C.B. Shogren Memorial Award was formally presented at the IAFP 2024 Awards Banquet on July 17 in Long Beach, California.



Affiliate Member Education

Ontario Food Protection Association



African Continental Association for Food Protection



Best Overall Affiliate Meeting

Arkansas Association for Food Protection



C.B. Shogren Memorial Award



Affiliate Membership Achievement

Upper Midwest Dairy Industry Association

2024 Affiliate Council Meeting Minutes

The Affiliate Council met on July 14 in Long Beach, California during IAFP 2024. Following are the official minutes that will be published in the November–December 2024 issue of *Food Protection Trends*.

Affiliate Delegates Present:

Alabama Neil Bogart

Argentina Fabiana Guglielmone

Arkansas Jennifer Acuff

Australia Mark Turner

Bangladesh in NA Md. Naimul Kabir

Brazil Caio Carvalho

British Columbia Rhiannon Wallace

California William Huntley

Chinese in NA Yige Bima

Colombia Francisco Garces-Vega

Florida Taylor O'Bannon

Georgia Wendy White

Indiana Amanda Deering

Japan Shige Koseki

Mexico Raul Avila Sosa

Minnesota Carrie Rigdon

New York Steve Murphy

New Zealand Roger Cook

Ontario Ellen Gravi

Quebec Julie Jean

Southeast Asia Alvin Lee

Taiwan Shihyu Chuang

United Arab Emirates Bobby Krishna

United Kingdom Helen Taylor

Washington Connie Fisk

Wisconsin Kristin Schill



IAFP Board/Staff Present: Tim Jackson, Michelle Danyluk, Manan Sharma, Lisa Garcia, Tamara Ford, Susan Smith.

Visitors/Guests: Takiya Ball (Wisconsin), David Blomquist (Minnesota), Jessica Burke (Ontario), Myrna Cadena (California), Faith Critzer (Georgia), Aakankshya Dhakal (Louisiana), Karen Fong (British Columbia), Kristen Gibson (Arkansas), Sanjay Gummalla (Capital Area), Erin Headley (Wisconsin), Rick Heiman (Missouri), Aaron Huckabee (Florida/Georgia), YeonJin Jung (New York), Janell Kause (Virginia), Kunihiro Kubota (Japan), Kajam Kunarajasingam (Ontario), Nelly Lam (Hong Kong), Terence Lau (Hong Kong), David Lloyd (United Kingdom), Janeth Luna (Colombia), Minto Michael (Wisconsin), Nadia Narine (Ontario), Jerri Lynn Pickett (Arkansas), Rawane Raad (Georgia), Diego Romulo (Argentina), Don Schaffner (New Jersey), Tom Sidebottom (California), Deepa Thiagarajan (Michigan), Kitiya Vongkamjan (Southeast Asia).

Meeting Called to Order: 7:37 a.m. (U.S. Pacific Time), Sunday, July 14, 2024.

Minutes Recording Secretary: Caio Carvalho.

Agenda: The agenda was reviewed and approved with one topic added by Susan Smith: VII. Election of Affiliate Secretary. Motion with addition approved (Neil Bogart) and seconded (Helen Taylor).

Delegate Roll Call: Captured by badge scanning.

Approval of 2023 Minutes: A motion was made to approve (Francisco Garces Vega) and seconded (Ellen Gravi).

Report from Affiliate Chairperson: Fabiana Guglielmone provided the following updates:



- 1. Attendees were reminded to scan badges at entrance.
- 2. Affiliate View has received many summary and photo submissions to be published from Affiliates. Twenty-nine Affiliates submitted information to be published over the past year. Africa, Ohio, and Bangladesh Affiliates sent more than one summary to be published in Affiliate View. Affiliates were encouraged to share their information about events and other relevant subjects they want included for each quarterly issue.
- 3. Webinar suggestions are welcomed. Affiliates are encouraged to share their

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webinar proposals with Dina Siedenburg in the IAFP office.

4. There were three Affiliate Council Virtual Meetings held during the past year. This frequency was approved by the Affiliate Council, allowing for a shorter onsite meeting during Annual Meeting. Participation of Affiliates and Affiliate members has been active with invitations for the three meetings sent in advance from Susan. The attendees were reminded that meeting recordings are available on *IAFP Connect* for those who can't attend. Also, they were encouraged to send agenda topics in advance to be discussed in these meetings.

5. Affiliate 2024 milestone anniversaries: None were reported.



Report from IAFP President: Tim Jackson thanked attendees for being active in their Affiliates and IAFP. He announced that more than 3,000 attendees were registered for IAFP 2024, and IAFP Membership is at its highest with 4,577 members. He reminded attendees to download the App and visit the Welcome Booth organized by the DEI Council. Attendees

were also informed about the Quiet Room available for use for those in need. The California Affiliate was recognized for its support in acting as this year's Local Arrangements Committee to help with IAFP 2024.



Report from IAFP Executive Director. Lisa Garcia is celebrating her 28th IAFP Annual Meeting. She stated that Affiliates carry the food safety message to places for people who can't attend the Annual Meeting. Affiliates should share the various IAFP webinars with their members. She also touched on the costs required to put on an event like the Annual

Meeting. After COVID, all prices rose – from food to venue rent – but despite that, IAFP is doing its best to keep the same high quality for the meeting at a reasonable registration fee.

Report from IAFP Staff Liaison: Susan Smith mentioned it was her 15th Annual Meeting. Thirty-five Annual Reports were submitted for 2023 activities, representing 63% of active Affiliates, and a decrease from last year. According to the IAFP Bylaws, Affiliates must submit an Annual Report, regardless of activities. Susan sends monthly reminders to all Affiliate Officers. All reports are electronically submitted. Affiliates should read the description to choose the most appropriate award(s) for their activities. This year we had many good applications, which made it difficult for the Award Selection Committee to determine the winners. Affiliates should apply for as many awards as they think they qualify for. She reminded attendees that the Affiliate President and Delegate must be active IAFP Members at the time of application. A few Affiliate websites aren't being updated on a regular basis, so Susan encouraged them to keep websites updated to access upcoming meetings, Affiliate officers, etc. Twenty-four Affiliates held meetings in 2024 but not all of them requested speaker support from IAFP. The IAFP Board Speaker and Expanded Speaker Programs are available, and 13 Affiliates benefited from using it in 2023. IAFP pays the speaker's travel to and from the meeting; Affiliates only pay lodging, local transportation, and food. This is a great resource to schedule high-level speakers for Affiliate meetings. Speakers can also present remotely at no cost for the Affiliate or the Association. Those Affiliates which collect dues through IAFP should inform the Association if dues are increased. Affiliate members were encouraged to register on IAFP Connect to receive communications from

IAFP. No new charters were issued in 2023, but Susan talked about how to help establish a new charter for those who wish to start one in their area. Question from audience: IAFP website is not good for cell phone viewing. Would IAFP develop an app for cell phone use? Lisa will check if this is possible. Neil Bogart thanked Susan for her support throughout the years.

Discussions: Byron Chaves with the Nebraska Affiliate asked attendees how to help revive the Affiliate after 10 years of inactivity.

Discussions: Attendees were asked about any Best Practices utilized to support Affiliates to increase membership. In 2023's Affiliate Council Meeting, several options were discussed, and attendees were asked if these options had been

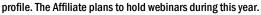


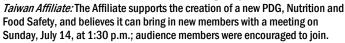
put in place with any results. Ontario Affiliate: Students were invited to be part of the Affiliate Board to bring in new ideas. For example, they refreshed the way the Affiliate manages social media. The Ontario Affiliate is very satisfied with the results.

Georgia Affiliate: How to get universities engaged: Check those which have related departments and invite them to present

their research during Affiliate meetings. California Affiliate: The state has so many complexities and diversity in food safety with some associations overlapping. Therefore, the Affiliate is partnering with others to leverage the strengths for each.

Chinese Affiliate in North America: It is also trying to get students more engaged. Members have talked with recruiters to map the student profiles needed so they can connect the recruiters to the students who fit the required







Southeast Asia Affiliate: How can webinars be shared with students who aren't IAFP Members but are Affiliate members? Tim: The cost of membership for developing countries will decrease, so we believe it will encourage students to become members. If, with the new tierstructured membership rates, they still can't afford membership, we should look for sponsors for student memberships.

Argentina Affiliate: The Affiliate also struggles to increase membership despite strong attendance at events and webinars.

Presentation of Certificates of Merit to the Ontario Affiliate: Ontario President Jessica Burke proposed in advance that Certificates of Merit be presented to Ellen Gravi and Nadia Narine, Ontario Delegate and Past President, honoring their valuable support during the organization of IAFP 2023 in Toronto, Ontario.



Jessica also received one for her work and her recognition of her colleagues' efforts. Fabiana reminded attendees that anyone can propose a Certificate of Merit.

Election of Affiliate Council Secretary: Fabiana called for nominees from the floor. Potential candidates were reminded they need to serve

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as their Affiliate Delegate for the next two years, and be an active IAFP Member. Two candidates volunteered to stand for election: Ellen Gravi, Ontario Affiliate Delegate, and Helen Taylor, UK Affiliate Delegate. Fabiana asked them to introduce themselves and provide a brief summary that included number of



years with their respective Affiliate and as Affiliate Delegate, and the number of IAFP Annual Meetings they have attended.

Ellen Gravi: Works with Gravi Food Safety Inc. as a consultant. IAFP Member for two years; Delegate for one year; supported the Local Arrangements Committee for IAFP 2023 in Toronto.

Helen Taylor: IAFP Member and UK Delegate, both since 2006. She also served as the UK Affiliate President and has attended every IAFP Annual Meeting since 2006. She served on the Organization Committee for the IAFP European Symposium in UK in 2016. She also served as part of the Food Safety Association in UK and is a Technical Director for the ZERO2FIVE Food Industry Centre at Cardiff Metropolitan University.

Candidates left the room while Delegates voted. Helen Taylor was elected by a majority vote.



Kristin Schill, Wisconsin Affiliate, asked about the requirements for Affiliate Secretary. Susan answered that qualifications and requirements for serving as Affiliate Secretary are posted on the IAFP website, including that the candidate must be the Delegate of the Affiliate and an active IAFP Member.

Don Schaffner asked if the Affiliate Council is aligned with the Constitution and Bylaws. Lisa Garcia answered yes, but the Affiliate Council also has Operational Guidelines.

2024 Affiliate Awards Presentation: Fabiana highlighted the achievements of the award recipients and presented the 2024 Affiliate Awards as follows:

Affiliate Membership Achievement: Upper Midwest Dairy Industry Association. The Affiliate had a 15% increase in membership. One of its strategies was to provide scholarships for new student members as a way to expose new professionals to the Affiliate. (No representative from the Affiliate was present to accept the award.)

Affiliate Communications Materials: Georgia Association for Food Protection – The Affiliate demonstrated the simultaneous use of several communication channels, and showed to be very proactive in sharing relevant content with its members, such as 15 YouTube videos; posts on Instagram and LinkedIn; communicating through Mailchimp; and interactive food safety quizzes.

Affiliate Member Education: Ontario Food Protection Association – The Affiliate organized 12 webinars throughout 2023; sent a monthly Eblast with food safety news; held an Annual Meeting Technical Meeting and two additional Technical Meetings; and held networking social meetings with impressive attendance.

Best Overall Affiliate Meeting: Arkansas Association for Food Protection – The Affiliate's Annual Meeting was attended by a record 230 attendees. It was a two-day event with 18 diverse speakers and varied topics.

C.B. Shogren Memorial: African Continental Association for Food Protection – The Affiliate increased its membership by 55% with 160 new members throughout the year. It organized its "Second ACAFP Food Safety Conference in Africa," a three-day meeting where 120 attendees heard key speakers and participated in a diverse and relevant program. During the year, the Affiliate also organized other scientific activities with strong attendance. It was an example of collaboration and resilience to make the event happen even while facing financial challenges.

Old Business: (Attachment C) Minto Michael was appointed as Affiliate Secretary. IAFP Board suggested verifying eligibility before appointment. Result: Due to his relocation out of state, Minto could not stand for election for incoming Secretary. Therefore, a special virtual election was held in October 2023. Caio Carvalho stood for the position and was elected through a majority of Delegate votes.



New Business: Student Liaisons: YeonJin Jung will serve as the incoming Student PDG Chairperson, and Aakankshya Dhakal will act as the International and Affiliate Representative. YeonJin said that students recognize the efforts from IAFP to give them more exposure and to network.



Caio gave an update about the Latin American Symposium in November in Santos, São Paulo, Brazil.

A representative from the Indian in NA Affiliate asked how to pay affiliate dues through the IAFP website. Susan made herself available to help the Affiliate on this subject.

Recommendations to the Executive Board: The Affiliate Council recommends that Helen Taylor, Delegate for the United Kingdom Association for Food Protection, be appointed as the next Affiliate Council Secretary.

Passing of the Gavel: Chairperson Fabiana Guglielmone passed the gavel to Caio Carvalho, Secretary, signifying the beginning of Caio's term as the Affiliate Council Chair, official after the completion of IAFP 2024.

Next Meeting Date: Virtual meetings will continue with dates and times scheduled well in advance to allow attendees to get them on their calendars. The next in-person meeting is Sunday, July 27, 2025, in Cleveland, Ohio.

Meeting Adjourned: 9:13 a.m. (U.S. Pacific Time).

Chairperson: Caio Carvalho.

IAFP HEADLINES

IAFP 2025 PLANNING HAS STARTED



IAFP 2025 is well into the planning stages. Held in various locations throughout North America, our Annual Meeting has grown over the years to become the leading food safety conference worldwide. IAFP 2025 will be held July 27–30 in Cleveland, Ohio at the Huntington Convention Center.

Submissions for symposia and roundtables for IAFP 2025 are due Tuesday, October 1, 2024. Workshop proposals for IAFP 2025 are also due on that date. Abstract proposals for IAFP 2025 are due January 14, 2025. Visit the IAFP website for information on all submissions.

Registration and hotel information for IAFP 2025 will be open and posted on the IAFP website early next year.

UPCOMING INTERNATIONAL MEETINGS

IAFP is proud to support/sponsor our upcoming international food safety meetings, bringing together hundreds of people from around the world to learn, share, and network. The 18th Dubai International Food Safety Conference and IAFP's 11th Middle East Symposium will be held October 21–23, 2024, in Dubai, UAE. This year's theme is "Future Foresight in Food Safety." The conference is organized by the Food Control Department of Dubai Municipality and supported by IAFP.

The 18th Annual China International Food Safety & Quality (CIFSQ) Conference will take place October 30–31, 2024, in Shanghai, China. Attendees from across China and around the globe will spend two intensive days learning, sharing, and networking. IAFP is proud to be a global host of this meeting.

IAFP Latino 2024 will take place November 11–14, 2024, in Santos, São Paulo, Brazil. Organized by IAFP's Affiliate, the Brazil Association for Food Protection, this year's theme is "Challenges for the Safety and Quality of Food Produced and Sold in Latin America." Participants will have the opportunity to present their scientific work in technical and poster sessions.

INOFOOD 2024 will be held November 25–26, 2024, in Santiago, Chile. Held every two years, the INOFOOD Summit is a forum for high-level discussion in Latin America of the most significant issues related to safety, quality, and technology









in the food sector. More than 700 attendees and presentations from more than 50 prominent worldwide speakers are anticipated. The meeting will include an exhibition dedicated to technologies for food safety.

All international meetings are listed on the IAFP website.

MAKE A NOTE: IAFP 2025 AWARD NOMINATION AND APPLICATION DEADLINES

IAFP welcomes your nominations for our Association awards. 2025 criteria and forms will be posted soon on the IAFP website. This year, all applications and nominations will be submitted through an electronic submission system. You are not required to be an IAFP Member to nominate a deserving professional or colleague for one of our awards. We also encourage Members to apply for the IAFP Travel Award for State or Provincial Health or Agricultural Department Employees in North America and for the IAFP Travel Award for Food Safety Professionals in a Country with a Developing Economy to attend IAFP 2025 in Cleveland, Ohio. The deadline for most IAFP awards is Tuesday, February 11, 2025. The deadline for IAFP's Student Travel Scholarship is Tuesday, January 21, 2025. Full-time graduate and undergraduate Student Members enrolled in a food safety program are encouraged to apply. Recipients will receive registration and travel funds to attend IAFP 2025 in Cleveland, Ohio.

Applications for the European Student Travel Scholarship are due Tuesday, 7 January 2025. Full-time graduate and undergraduate Student Members enrolled in a food safety program in Europe are encouraged to apply. Recipients will receive registration and travel funds to attend IAFP's European

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Symposium on Food Safety. Location and dates will be announced soon.

IAFP 2024 RECORDED SESSIONS AND PHOTOS AVAILABLE

Recorded sessions presented at IAFP 2024 (from presenters granting permission) are available for viewing on the IAFP website (go to the Annual Meeting page and click on IAFP 2024 in the archived section at the top right-hand side of the page). Attendees can view sessions they missed or sessions for a second time at their leisure. Those who couldn't attend can view some or all sessions (for a fee) for the latest in food safety topics and discussions.



Hundreds of photos from IAFP 2024 are posted for viewing and downloading. Relive this year's Annual Meeting in Long Beach, California through our photo gallery at: flickr.com/

photos/iafp/albums. Photos are categorized in albums by day of the week.

Photos of Pre-Meeting Workshops, Affiliates, and Exhibitors are in separate albums labeled accordingly.

IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO DONATE TO THE IAFP FOUNDATION!

IAFP is pleased to announce that more than \$56,000 was donated to the IAFP Foundation throughout IAFP 2024. In addition, more than \$10,200 was raised through our popular Silent Auction, our highest total since pre-pandemic – all of which helped exceed our goal of \$60,000 for the Foundation during this year's Annual Meeting. Thank you to all who



contributed – including Fred Weber and Tori and David Stivers, who generously challenged our donors through their two \$10,000 matching funds – and to those who donated on our website. Know that your contributions will continue to provide educational opportunities through

Travel Awards, webinars, speaker support, and other programs. If you didn't get a chance to donate, please visit the IAFP Foundation page on our website.

IAFP TIER-PRICING MEMBERSHIP RATES EFFECTIVE SEPTEMBER 1, 2024



To allow for increasing costs in operations and meeting expenses over the past several years, IAFP revised its Membership rates as of September 1, 2024 – the first time in 17 years. This rate revision will help keep up with expenses while continuing to provide excellent value for the many benefits IAFP consistently

brings to its Members. In addition, IAFP will allow more accessibility to all potential Members, offering a tiered Membership at various levels based on the World Bank's classification by gross national income (GNI) per capita.

UPCOMING QUARTERLY AFFILIATE COUNCIL VIRTUAL MEETINGS NOW SCHEDULED

To retain interaction with our worldwide Affiliates throughout the year, Affiliate Council Virtual Meetings are scheduled on a quarterly basis, helping to better streamline and shorten the Affiliate Council Meeting held during IAFP's Annual Meeting. Plan now to attend one or more of the following meetings scheduled for Thursday, November 7, 2024, Wednesday, March 26, 2025, and Thursday, May 22, 2025. Invitations and agendas will be sent in advance to those who are on *IAFP Connect*. All virtual meetings are recorded and available shortly after on *IAFP Connect*.

Affiliates in Action Third Quarter 2024

July

- New Zealand Association for Food Protection
- Bangladesh Association for Food Protection in North America
- China Association for Food Protection and Chinese Association for Food Protection in North America
- Indian Association for Food Protection in North America
- African Continental Association for Food Protection
- ♦ Korea Association for Food Protection
- Southeast Asia Association for Food Protection
- Australia Association for Food Protection

August

- ♦ Ohio Association for Food Protection
- ♦ Argentine Food Safety Commission

September

- ♦ Mexico Association for Food Protection
- New York State Association for Food Protection
- Associated Illinois Milk, Food and Environmental Sanitarians
- Washington Association for Food Protection
- ♦ Georgia Association for Food Protection
- Quebec Food Protection Association
- Indiana Environmental Health Association
- Arkansas Association for Food Protection
- Upper Midwest Dairy Industry Association
- ♦ Ontario Food Protection Association

AFFILIATE CALENDAR

PROMOTE YOUR MEETINGS THROUGH IAFP

October 2024

8-9: Kansas Environmental Health Association, 2024 Fall Conference, Manhattan, Kansas. Visit kansasenvironmentalhealthassociation.org/.

16: Iowa Association for Food Protection, 2024 Annual Meeting, Hudson, Iowa. Contact Lynne Melchert at Imelchert@prairiefarms.com.

18: Taiwan Association for Food Protection, **2024** Annual Meeting, Taipei City, Taiwan. Visit en.tafp.org.tw/.

November 2024

6: United Kingdom Association for Food Protection, **2024** Annual Conference, Cardiff, Wales, United Kingdom. Contact Helen Taylor at hrtaylor@cardiffmet.ac.uk.

11–14: Latin American Symposium on Food Safety (Brazil Association for Food Protection), IAFP Latino 2024, São Paulo, Brazil. Visit brafp.org.br/iafp2024/.

19: Florida Association for Food Protection, **2024 Fall** Educational Lunch, Lakeland, Florida. Visit fafp.net/.

December 2024

4: Wisconsin Association for Food Protection, 2024 Fall Workshop, La Crosse, Wisconsin. Visit wifoodprotection.org.

To be featured in the next issue of *Affiliate View*, send your news and photos by December 6, 2024 to Susan Smith at ssmith@foodprotection.org.

IAFP Support for Affiliate Meetings

Whether to complement the mission and promotional materials of your Affiliate, or to show your relationship with the International Association for Food Protection, we offer the following supplies for use or distribution at your meetings:

- IAFP pop-up display.
 This updated and attractive pop-up display shows attendees that you are affiliated with IAFP.
- ♦ IAFP 2024–2025 Presentation. A PowerPoint slide show with a suggested 15-minute script. This is the same presentation used by members of the IAFP Executive Board when invited to speak at Affiliate meetings.
- Promotional materials box.
 Contents include a complimentary IAFP Membership certificate and brochures, current issues of FPT and Affiliate View, and IAFP Annual Meeting flyers. Additional complimentary resources are available upon your request.

To request these items for your next meeting, call or email Susan Smith at the IAFP Office.

IAFP EXECUTIVE BOARD SPEAKER PROGRAM



Mark Carter, MC Squared President

FOR AFFILIATES

- Method Development and Validation
- Statistical Sampling Plans and Development



Manpreet Singh, Ph.D., University of Georgia President-Elect

- Managing Risks in Meat & Poultry Processing
- Food Safety Management Systems in Food Processing
- Antimicrobial Resistance of Foodborne Pathogens



Manan Sharma, Ph.D., U.S. Department of Agriculture/ARS Vice President

- Produce Safety (Irrigation Water, Soil Amendment)
- Bacteriophages and Food Safety
- Detection Methods of Pathogens in Water/Water Filtration



Pam Wilger, Post Consumer Brands Secretary

- Environmental Monitoring
- Dry Industry Microbiology and HACCP
- Sampling, Micro Testing Methods and Lab Management



Tim Jackson, Ph.D., U.S. Food & Drug Administration Past President

- Food Safety Management
- Food Microbiology
- Regulatory Food Safety



Caio Carvalho, Cargill Brazil Affiliate Council Chair

- Food Microbiology
- Career Plan for Young Professionals in Food Safety & Microbiology



Helen Taylor, Cardiff Metropolitan University Affiliate Council Secretary

- Food Safety & Quality Management Systems
- HACCP Food Safety Auditing
- Food Manufacturing Small & Medium Enterprises Auditing

How It Works

- IAFP Board Members are available to speak at Affiliate meetings on numerous topics involving food safety.
- Each Affiliate may request one
 Executive Board speaker for one
 Affiliate meeting within a 12-month calendar year.
- 3. A minimum of 15 minutes should be allowed for the Board Member to deliver information about the International Association for Food Protection in addition to their main subject(s) (see #1).
- 4. IAFP will pay the Board Member's expense to travel to the Affiliate meeting location.
- The Affiliate covers local expenses, including meals, lodging, and local transportation for the Board Member.
- 6. The Board Member makes their own travel reservations and will submit an expense report to the IAFP office within 10 days of completion of their travel to the Affiliate meeting. Any local expense (see #5) will be billed to the Affiliate.
- 7. A two-month advance notice is required.
- 8. To invite a Board Member to speak at your Affiliate meeting, contact Susan Smith, IAFP Affiliate Liaison, at +1 515.276.3344; or email ssmith@foodprotection.org. (Please do not contact Board Members directly until approved by IAFP.)

IAFP SPEAKER PROGRAM (EXPANDED)

Jim Dickson, Ph.D.
Iowa State University

- Foodborne Pathogens in Meat: Progress and Challenges
- Interventions to Control Foodborne Pathogens in Meat
- · Food Safety Issues with Pet Food
- Process Validation for Food Safety

Kathy Glass, Ph.D. University of Wisconsin – Madison

 Opportunities and Limitations of Clean Label Antimicrobials



- Validating Formulation Safe RTE Foods
- Intervention Strategies to Control Listeria monocytogenes in Ready-to-Eat Foods
- Control of Sporeforming Bacteria During Extended Cooling and Refrigerated Storage
- Efficacy of Nitrate Alternatives to Inhibit the Growth of Bacteria

Kali Kniel, Ph.D. University of Delaware

- One Health
- Foodborne Viruses



Produce Food Safety Issues

Alejandro Mazzotta, Ph.D. Chobani, LLC

- Dairy Food Safety and Spoilage
- FSMA and Regulatory Compliance
- Food Safety and Quality Systems



Ruth Petran Ph.D. Ruth Petran Consulting, LLC

- Sanitation Preventive Controls
- Norovirus Management
- Hazard Analysis



Gale Prince Consultant

Human Factor
 Considerations for
 Achieving Food Safety
 Compliance



- Driving Forces for Hygienic Design of Food Equipment
- The Cost of a Product Recall Should You Budget For It?
- Food Allergens
- A Fifty-Year Food Safety Career Based on a Bar Napkin



- Understanding and Managing Food Safety Risks
- Quantitative Microbial
 Risk Assessment of Foods
- Development and Application of Predictive Models for Food Microbiology
- Handwashing, Hand Sanitizers, and Cross-Contamination



Don Zink, Ph.D. IEH Laboratories & Consulting Group

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• Controlling Listeria and Salmonella



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IAFP 2026, July 26–29, New Orleans, Louisiana IAFP 2027, July 18–21, Kansas City, Missouri IAFP 2028, July 23–26, Charlotte, North Carolina

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