



View from the Chair: *Spring Brings Growth...of Many Things!*

Spring has finally arrived in the Northern Hemisphere!

Warmer weather, welcome rains, and plants poking through the soil take place in this season of 'new beginnings.' This photo shows a



Photo by Alex Castillo

typical spring scene in Texas, complete with longhorns and wild flowers.

Spring brings abundant enthusiasm, promoting life activity in many ways. However, plants are also more exposed to bacterial and environmental stress, and those who grow plants (including edibles) may feel compelled to protect their crops by applying pesticides and other agrochemicals, which can affect food safety.

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55 Affiliates Across the Globe

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As temperatures rise, microbial activity increases. Most everyone in the food safety industry is familiar with the fact that incidences of certain foodborne illnesses increase during warm months. For example, bacterial pathogens that were dormant in the sea during a cold season awaken and can be detected in seafood.

Spring weather also allows for more outdoor events that often include food – and possible risks. Lack of safe storage for food exposed to outdoor temperatures can increase the potential risk for foodborne illness. Studies show that as temperatures rise throughout the season, reports of some foodborne diseases, such as *Salmonella*, increase. Combined with rainfall, the higher temperatures and humidity levels are other interesting climatic factors to account for. Surveillance studies have been conducted (see articles in the *Journal of Food Protection*, Vol. 63, No. 6, and *Epidemiology*, Vol. 15, No. 1). However, more updated information is needed, along with the ability to link surveillance data with more risk assessments.

You may think I bring a 'fatalistic' view to Spring. Not at all – I'm only stating that life works in cycles! Everyone involved with food safety should be aware that foodborne illness risks increase and decrease. Certainly, climatic

conditions play a role in these risks. But food safety professionals need to be even more knowledgeable of these effects. (Perhaps climate change and food safety would be a good topic for our upcoming Affiliate Council Meeting roundtable discussion during **IAFP 2018**.)

All collected information on climate change and its effects on food safety can and should be used for developing strategies for reducing food- and water-borne diseases. As I've stated in previous columns, food safety is

“No matter the season, food safety professionals need to be prepared....”

everyone's responsibility. Therefore, results from the reduction of foodborne illness forms a type of chain of events. It starts with surveillance of these diseases conducted; leads to using this information to assess the risk to the public; develops into risk management strategies based on the risk assessment; is followed by more research to propose alternatives for risk reduction during food processing; and ultimately leads to the development, validation and establishment of processes with a known or expected multitude of risk reduction.

More springs will come; more summers will follow. No matter

the season, food safety professionals need to be prepared to protect the food supply. This is the mission of IAFP and its Affiliates.

As we grow closer to this year's Annual Meeting in Salt Lake City, Utah (July 8–11) and the Affiliate Council Meeting (July 8 at 7:00 a.m.), take a few minutes to review for accuracy the Affiliate Delegates listed on page 9. If you find an * next to your name, your IAFP Membership has expired. Please take time to renew it (as required in IAFP's Bylaws). If you have a suggestion for this year's Affiliate Council Meeting roundtable topic, please send it to **Susan Smith** at ssmith@foodprotection.org. And consider standing for election for Affiliate Council Secretary (see page 8). This is a truly rewarding experience that I promise will provide great insight into IAFP!

If you haven't registered for **IAFP 2018**, do so on or before **June 5** to receive the early discount rate. And don't forget to book your hotel reservation at the same time. Rooms are filling up quickly!

Happy Spring!



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Affiliates in the Spotlight

Featuring your communications with IAFP

Take the spotlight!

To be featured here in the next issue, send your news and photos by **May 25** to: ssmith@foodprotection.org.

Contributors

Arkansas Association for Food Protection and Oklahoma Association for Food Protection: First Joint Annual Conference Draws More Than 300

Reported by Li Maria Ma, President/Delegate for OKAFP



The **Arkansas Association for Food Protection (AAFP)** and the **Oklahoma Association for Food Protection (OKAFP)** hosted a joint

Annual Conference on September 19–21, 2017 at

the Holiday Inn in Springdale, Arkansas. More than 300 food safety professionals attended.

The conference kicked off Tuesday evening with a social mixer. Key-note Speaker **Dr. Matthew Wise**, Deputy Branch Chief for Outbreak Response at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), spoke about the nuances of whole genome sequencing (WGS) and its



Keynote Speaker **Dr. Matthew Wise** (center) poses with the AAFP Executive Team: (from left) **Dr. Peggy Cook**, **Keith Day**, **Dr. Wise**, **Nancy Gushing**, **Karen Beers**, and **Brian Umberson**.

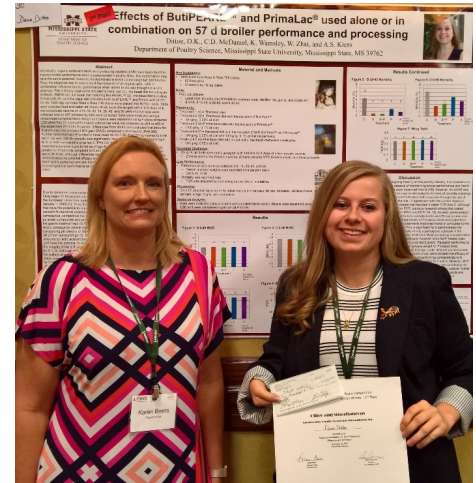
impact on outbreak investigation and responses.

The following two days were filled with a roster of high-quality speakers from academia, industry, and regulatory agencies. Presentations covered a wide variety of topics related to new developments in pre- and post-harvest food safety, retail food safety, pet food and animal feed safety, FSMA, and emerging issues such as foreign material, application of whole genome sequencing in epidemiology, antibiotic resistance, and retail food safety. Attendees also learned about Walmart's efforts with blockchain, as well as the FBI's cyber security tool, *Infraguard*.



As part of IAFP's Executive Board Speaker Program, **Dr. Linda Harris**, IAFP Past President (shown left with AAFP President and Delegate **Brian Umberson**), spoke during the luncheon on "Food Safety Concerns in Low-moisture Foods." On Day Two, **Shawn Stevens**, Food Industry Counsel LLC, spoke during lunch.

This year, a total of 36 student competition poster presentations from nine universities took part in the meeting, along with an additional 15 AAFP Member posters – the largest poster session in AAFP's conference history and a great start for OKAFP's first annual conference. The poster presentations were cate-



AAFP President **Karen Beers** (left) presents **Dana Dittoe**, Mississippi State University graduate student, with a poster award during the AAFP/OKAFP Joint Annual Conference September 19–21, 2017.

gorized into six sections: Food Safety Including Fundamental Understanding of Pathogens; Interventions; Pre- and Post-Harvest; and Pet Food and Animal Feed Safety. A total of 12 presenters were awarded in five of the sections that included students from the University of Arkansas, Oklahoma State University, Iowa State University, and Mississippi University. Awards included \$250 for first place, \$100 for second place, and \$50 for third place.

An impressive group of vendors showcased their respective technology and services. AAFP and OKAFP are extremely grateful to the following sponsors for being an essential component of our successful joint conference:

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Platinum Sponsors: Neogen; BioRad Laboratories

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Ohio Association for Food Protection: Winter Meeting and Annual Business Meeting Held

Reported by Christina Ritchey Wilson, JD, RS, Affiliate Delegate



The **Ohio Association for Food Protection (OAFP)** held its Winter Meeting and Annual Business Meeting

on January 10, 2018 at Franklin County Public Health.

The following speakers took time to share their knowledge with audience members:

Jim Chakeres, Executive Vice President of the Ohio Poultry Association, presented “Ohio Poultry and Egg Farms’ Commitment to Producing Safe and Affordable Food.” Mr. Chakeres states that Ohio is either second or third in the U.S. for egg production, and eggs are by far the most obtainable and affordable source of protein. He



OAFP Board Members include (from left): Mike Tedrick, Past President; Carrie Kamm, Treasurer; Adam Gilbert, President (assuming the remaining term of the former President); Christina Ritchey Wilson, Delegate; and Connie Freese, Second Vice President.

explained how the avian flu changed processes and biosecurity of egg production, and talked about how the *Salmonella* reduction program and Ohio’s egg quality assurance program reduce positive tests for *Salmonella*.

Regina Salter, USDA Food Safety Officer, and **Dan James**, USDA Food Safety Supervisor, co-presented “USDA Poultry Slaughter.” They talked about the FSIS Performance Standards, as well as the app for the USDA MPI Directory.

Brett Roberts, Roka Bio/IEH, shared “Automating Your Food Pathogen Testing.”

And a big ‘thank you’ goes to **Dr. Barbara Kowalczyk**, The Ohio State University, College of Food, Agricultural, and Environmental Sciences, Department of Food Science and Technology, for filling in at the last minute with an eye-opening presentation on “Improving Poultry Food Safety.” China is currently working its way into the U.S. poultry market but has had issues meeting standards. A political agreement within the Trump administration has permitted chicken from China into the U.S., contingent on China opening up its beef market to the U.S. Because chicken imported from China will be used as an ingredient in foods manufactured in the U.S. (e.g., chicken nuggets), children are at risk of being overdosed with chemicals, since chemical contamination is not monitored.

The Affiliate appreciates the efforts of **Dr. Sanja Ilic**, Assistant Professor and Food Safety State Specialist for the Department of Human Sciences Human Nutrition at The Ohio State University,



Audience members at the OAFP Winter Meeting and Annual Business Meeting listen to a speaker presentation. Holly Paden, Student of the Year award recipient, is shown center (in dark sweater).

who made it possible for the following students from the University to present posters during the meeting: **Holly Paden; Juliet Chepngeno; Kristen Motil; Kevin Mo; Laila Etefagh;** and **Nikola Kurbatfinski.**

During the Business Meeting, the following awards were presented:

Student of the Year: **Holly Paden**
Educator of the Year: **Mike Tedrick**, RS
Sanitarian of the Year: **Carrie Kamm**, RS

Connie Freese, RS, Public Health – Dayton and Montgomery County, was elected Second Vice President (rising to President in 2020 when IAFP’s Annual Meeting is in Cleveland, Ohio). At February’s Board Meeting, the Board voted that **Adam Gilbert**, RS, assume the remainder of the President’s term mid-year in advance of his own as First Vice President.

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The list of current officers includes:

President: Adam Gilbert (assuming the remaining term of the former President)

Second Vice President: Connie Freese

Past President: Mike Tedrick

Treasurer: Carrie Kamm

Delegate: Christina Ritchey Wilson

British Columbia Food Protection Association: Two Speakers Present at Annual General Meeting

Reported by Lu Han, BCFPA Student Member



The Annual General Meeting for the **British Columbia Food Protection Association (BCFPA)** was held January 29, 2018 at the Shadbolt Centre for the Arts in Burnaby. Thirty-four members attended.

The event began with opening remarks and AGM-related business from **President Stephanie Nadya**, who welcomed attendees, acknowledged the continued support of members and sustaining members, and discussed the AGM report before introducing the first speaker, **Dr. Peter Slade**.

Dr. Slade (*right*) has more than 30 years' experience as a food scientist, with extensive experi-



ence on food safety and regulation around the world. His presentation, "Risk Intelligence – Anticipating Future Food Safety Threats," reflected his personal experience in the industry, as he pointed out the importance of proactively gathering risk intelligence information and anticipating future food safety risks.

After the introduction of some key drivers for the change in the food industry, Dr. Slade also mentioned recent popular topics related to food safety issues, including food fraud; use of nanotechnologies; and the rise of antimicrobial-resistant pathogens within the food chain. The session provided a comprehensive understanding of how the industry has changed its strategies with the emergence of various food safety threats and passed on advice about the identification of potential future food safety risks.

After the nutrition break, President Nadya announced the recipient of the 2017 Student Scholarship. **Elaine Chen** (*on right, shown with*

President Nadya), M.Sc.

Food Science student at the University of British Columbia, was selected for her essay,

"Food Safety within Sustainable Food Production." The Lifetime



Achievement Award was presented to **Lance Hill** (*left*) for his substantial contributions to the Affiliate throughout the years, including

as Membership Coordinator (2002–2008 and 2010–2013), when he was responsible for communicating information regarding food safety events and food regulatory change with the Membership through its website and email. In addition, he helped develop initiatives around



event promotion, encouraging membership retention and growth. Lance also served as the webmaster and editor of the Affiliate's daily electronic newsletter, *BCFPA Daily Digest[ion]*.

Justin Falardeau

(*right*), Ph.D. Food Science student at the University of British Columbia and Affiliate Vice President, pre-



sented "Microbial Safety of Surface Waters Used in Irrigation Water in Lower Mainland of British Columbia." Justin, the 2016 recipient of both the BCFPA Student Scholarship and the IAFP Student Travel Scholarship, discussed the occurrence and possible predictors of three foodborne pathogens in the surface waters around the Lower Mainland. The presentation was well received by the audience for his efforts to ensure fresh produce safety through the study of irrigation water.

The evening ended with door prizes and closing remarks from President Nadya.

Georgia Association for Food Protection: Celebrating Spring in February!

Reported by Wendy White, Delegate



The **Georgia Association for Food Protection (GAFF)** held its Spring

2018 meeting on February 28 at Coca-Cola Headquarters in downtown Atlanta with 94 attendees participating.

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Food safety topics and presenters included:

Consumer Food Safety Messages: Our Food Safety Battle with Celebrities, **Dr. Ben Chapman**, North Carolina State University;

Using Predictive Microbiology as a Tool for Food Safety Validations, **Dr. Manpreet Singh**, University of Georgia;

Use of Phage to Inactivate Listeria monocytogenes and Salmonella enterica, **Robin Peterson**, Microeos;

Environmental Monitoring, **Dr. Donald Zink**, IEH Laboratories & Consulting and IAFP Past President; and

Low Acid and Acidified Foods Governance, **Dan Anderson**, The Coca-Cola Company.

Krissa Jones, GAFP President, and **Katie Satchwell**, GAFP Secretary, opened the meeting before introducing **Mary Traver**, VP QSE, Coca-Cola North America. Mary's inspirational words reinforced our united commitment to food safety around the globe.

Next, **Cheryl Brown**, GAFP Vice President, introduced the meeting's speakers (as previously listed).

During a short Business Meeting, **Tori Stivers** gave the IAFP Delegate Report; **Katie Satchwell** reviewed the minutes from the 2017 Fall Meeting; and **Mark Norton** provided the Treasurer's Report. Cheryl discussed the organization's tremendous success in recreating these three key committees:

Program Committee (**Cheryl Brown**, Chair) – Developing the meeting logistics (selecting date, location, etc.) and content (scheduling speakers and topics) for the two Annual Meetings.

Membership & PR Committee (**Katie Satchwell**, Chair) – Working on advertisement/outreach, membership expansion, and fundraising.

Scholarships & Awards (**Chef John Szymanski**, Chair) – Managing the Student Scholarship and developing other awards presented by GAFP.

Newly-elected Board Members include:



Newly-elected and outgoing GAFP Executive Board Members include (from left): President-Elect Cheryl Brown; outgoing Past President John Szymanski; Delegate Wendy White; Past President Krissa Jones; Secretary Jessica Chen; President Jairo de Jesus; Treasurer Brandee Hunter; and Vice President Katie Satchwell.

- President: **Jairo de Jesus**
- President-Elect: **Cheryl Brown**
- Vice President: **Katie Satchwell**
- Past President: **Krissa Jones**
- Secretary: **Jessica Chen**
- Treasurer: **Brandee Hunter**
- Delegate: **Wendy White**

Outgoing officers **Mark Norton**, Treasurer, and **Tori Stivers**, Delegate, were recognized for their long service to GAFP, both having served on the Board for more than a decade. Finally, President Jones passed the gavel to



GAFP Members and attendees take a break during the GAFP 2018 Spring Meeting to pose for a group photo. The meeting was held at Coca-Cola Headquarters in Atlanta, Georgia.



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Jairo de Jesus (left), who then thanked Krissa for her leadership. Past President Syzmanski is also leaving the Board after many years of

lending his passion and vision to the organization.

The meeting concluded with a tour of Coca-Cola's state-of-the-art headquarters, with highlights that included priceless works of art, high-tech installations, modern workspaces, museum-quality exhibitions, and a water feature creating shapes and messages using falling streams of water and light.

GAFP is grateful to the following 2017–2018 sponsors, who financially support our meetings, our students, and our mission to keep food safety:

The Coca-Cola Company; ITW Pro Brands; Victory Processing LLC; Publix; and Chemstar Corporation. The entire Membership also thanks The Coca-Cola Company for hosting a truly unforgettable meeting!

The next GAFP Meeting will be held at Sweet Water Brewery in Atlanta on September 26, 2018.

Hungarian Association for Food Protection: 75 Attend Annual Meeting and Conference

Reported by Gabriella Kiskó, Vice President

The **Hungarian Association for Food Protection (HAFP)** held its Annual Meeting and Conference, "Data Analysis and Food Safety," on 1 March 2018, in Budapest with 75 participants attending from industry, academia, and food

safety authorities. Topics and presenters included:

- *Identification of Emerging Risks, DEMETER Project, Ákos Joźwiak*, Vice Director of Hungarian Food Chain Safety Office;
- *Application of Metagenomics Data Pool in Structured Problem Solving – A Bottled Water Industry Example, Zoltan Syposs*, Group QSE Director, Coca-Cola HBC;
- *Analysis of Microbial Growth Data and Integration in Big Data System, László Baranyai*, Szent István University, Budapest;
- *World Trade Network of Dairy Products, Zoltán Laker*, Professor, Szent István University, Budapest;
- *Applications of Network Science in Food Chain Safety, Mátyás Milkovics*, Hungarian Food Chain Safety Office;
- *Analyses Supporting Regulatory Decision by Network Research in Food Chain Safety, Szilveszter Csorba*, Hungarian Food Chain Safety Office;
- *Animal Epidemic Data Analysis and Modeling, Tekla Engelhardt*, Hungarian Food Chain Safety Office;
- *Estimation of Sampling Uncertainty of Pesticide Residues with Data Analysis, Zsuzsa Farkas*, Hungarian Food Chain Safety Office;
- *Potential of Data Analysis in Mycotoxin Research, Helga Tima*, Szent István University, Budapest;



László Baranyai, Szent István University, Budapest, was a presenter at the Hungarian Association for Food Protection's Annual Meeting and Conference.



Csilla Mohácsi-Farkas, HAFP President, provided an "Introduction to IAFP/HAFP" at the Affiliate's recent Annual Meeting and Conference in Budapest.

- *Introduction to IAFP/HAFP, Csilla Mohácsi-Farkas*, HAFP President, Szent István University, Budapest; and
- *Networking: World Café*, group discussions about data exchange among authorities, industry, and academia.



Audience members listen to the presentation given by Zoltan Syposs, Group QSE Director, Coca-Cola HBC, at the Hungarian Association for Food Protection's Annual Meeting and Conference, held in Budapest on 1 March 2018.

Forty-one Annual Reports Received

Forty-one out of 50 (82%) *active* Affiliates (those more than a year old and in force) completed and submitted 2017 Annual Reports in February. This is up 3% from 2016 submissions. Annual Report submissions maintain compliance with IAFP Constitution and Bylaws and help us better track your contact information, activities, and accomplishments.

Award recipients will be recognized at **IAFP 2018** in front of their peers at the Affiliate Council Meeting on Sunday, July 8 (the C.B. Shogren Memorial Award will be presented at Wednesday night's Awards Banquet). Thank you to the following Affiliates who took the time and effort to submit their reports by the deadline:

- **African** Continental Association for Food Protection
- **Alabama** Association for Food Protection
- **Argentine** Food Safety Commission
- **Arizona** Environmental Health Association
- **Arkansas** Association for Food Protection
- **Australian** Association for Food Protection
- **British Columbia** Food Protection Association
- **Capital Area** Food Protection Association
- **Chinese** Association for Food Protection in North America
- **Colombian** Association of Food Science and Technology
- **Colorado** Association for Food Protection
- **Florida** Association for Food Protection
- **Georgia** Association for Food Protection
- **Hong Kong** Food Safety Consortium
- **Hungarian** Association for Food Protection
- **Idaho** Environmental Health Association
- Associated **Illinois** Milk, Food and Environmental Sanitarians
- **Indian** Association for Food Protection in North America
- **Indiana** Environmental Health Association
- **Iowa** Association for Food Protection
- **Kansas** Environmental Health Association
- **Korea** Association for Food Protection
- **Mexico** Association for Food Protection
- **Michigan** Environmental Health Association
- **Minnesota** Food Protection Association
- **Missouri** Milk, Food and Environmental Health Association
- **New Jersey** Association for Food Protection
- **New York State** Association for Food Protection
- **New Zealand** Association for Food Protection
- **Ohio** Association for Food Protection
- **Oklahoma** Association for Food Protection
- **Ontario** Food Protection Association
- **Quebec** Food Protection Association
- **Pennsylvania** Association of Milk, Food and Environmental Sanitarians
- **Southeast Asia** Association for Food Protection
- **Spain** Association for Food Protection
- **Taiwan** Association for Food Protection
- **United Kingdom** Association for Food Protection
- **Upper Midwest** Dairy Industry Association
- **Washington** Association for Food Protection
- **Wisconsin** Association for Food Protection

Represent IAFP Affiliates by Running for Affiliate Council Secretary!

Do you know of a worthy candidate who can represent the interests and goals of your organization's affiliation with IAFP? Nominations are now being accepted for **Affiliate Council Secretary** for the 2018–2019 term, which begins at the close of **IAFP 2018**. This vital position will serve a one-year term as Affiliate Council Secretary, followed by a one-year term as Affiliate Council Chair on the IAFP 2019–2020 Executive Board. Duties include: 1) keeping an accurate record of the proceedings and activities of the Council; 2) assuming the duties of the Affiliate Council Chair in the absence of the Chair; 3) keeping an updated record of authorized representatives to the Council; and 4) serving as an ex-officio, non-voting member of the IAFP Executive Board, which meets four times annually: twice in Des Moines, Iowa and twice at the location of the Annual Meeting.

For more questions about this role, contact **Alex Castillo**, Affiliate Council Chair, or **Susan Smith**, Affiliate Liaison.

2018 Affiliate Council Meeting: Preliminary Roll Call

As we prepare for the **2018 Affiliate Council Meeting** in Salt Lake City, Utah, we ask that all 55 Affiliates review this list of Delegates (*as of April 1, 2018*) expected to represent their Affiliate. To report changes or an anticipated absence, please notify **Susan Smith** at the IAFP office. Affiliate Council Delegates will receive the official meeting agenda by E-mail mid-June. It will also be published in the Summer issue of *Affiliate View*.

Africa | Peter Kennedy
 Alabama | Neil Bogart
 Alberta | Lynn McMullen
 Argentina | Gabriela Stancanelli
 Arizona | Steve Wille
 Arkansas | Brian Umberson
 Australia | Sandy Hume

Brazil | Mariza Landgraf
 British Columbia | Sijyun Wang
 California/Southern | Turonda Crumpler
 Capital Area | Jenny Scott
 Carolinas | Linda Leake
 Chile | Monica Galleguillos
 China | Xiumei Liu*
 Chinese AFPNA | Xiuping Jiang
 Colombia | Nury Alvarez Lara*
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 Florida | Peter Hibbard
 Georgia | Wendy White
 Hong Kong | Terence Lau
 Hungary | Laszlo Varga
 Idaho | Sherise Jurries
 Illinois | Steve DiVincenzo*
 Indian AFPNA | Harshavardhan Thippareddi
 Indiana | Amanda Deering
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 Kansas | Shawn Eserl
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 Texas | Alejandro Castillo
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 United Kingdom | David Lloyd
 Washington | Stephanie Olmsted
 Wisconsin | Adam Borger

**Delegate is currently not an IAFP Member, as of April 1, 2018 (a requirement under IAFP Bylaws).*



IAFP 2017 Affiliate Council Delegates and Representatives

IAFP Headlines



IAFP 2018 Will Have “Mountains of Food Safety” for Attendees!

You won't want to miss **IAFP 2018** in Salt Lake City, Utah, July 8–11! With an anticipated attendance of 3,600 food safety professionals, this year's meeting promises to be an outstanding event.

Four Pre-Meeting Workshops will take place on July 6 and July 7:

- Hygienic Design and Sanitation
Friday, July 6 and Saturday, July 7

- Whole Genome Sequencing: A Tutorial and Hands-on Workshop to Help Understand This Emerging Technology
Friday, July 6 (1:00–5:00 p.m.) and Saturday, July 7 (all day)

- Food Genomics 101
Saturday, July 7

- Standardized Biofilm Methods for Laboratory Studies of Biofilms
Saturday, July 7

Networking takes place July 7–11 and includes (in part) the Welcome Reception; Committee and PDG Meetings; Student Luncheon; Opening Session & Ivan Parkin Lecture; Cheese and Wine Reception; Exhibit Hall Luncheons and Receptions; Business Meeting; U.S. Regulatory Update on Food Safety; John H. Silliker Lecture; and Awards Reception and Banquet.

IAFP 2018's Silent Auction will also take place throughout the majority of

the meeting, ending mid-afternoon on Tuesday, July 10. More than \$9,000 was raised for the Foundation in 2017. (See page 12 for more information on how to donate.)

Not an IAFP Member but plan to attend the Annual Meeting? Join today and save more than \$200 in registration fees – easily recouping your Association dues and gaining valuable Member benefits! Save even more by registering on or before **June 5**, when early registration rates end!

When registering, make sure to book your hotel reservation at the same time. Hotel rooms offering our group rate sell out quickly, so don't wait to reserve your room! To register for **IAFP 2018** and to reserve your hotel, visit: <http://www.foodprotection.org/annualmeeting>.

Executive Board Welcomes Incoming Secretary



Congratulations to **Dr. Ruth Petran**, who was elected to the IAFP Executive Board as Secretary. Dr. Petran will take office at the conclusion of **IAFP 2018** in Salt Lake City, Utah, and will fulfill a five-year commitment to the Association, serving as President beginning in July 2021.

Dr. Petran is RD&E Vice President of Food Safety and Public Health at Ecolab in Eagan, Minnesota.

As a 31-year IAFP Member, Dr. Petran has presented in or led symposia at numerous IAFP Annual Meetings and actively participates in PDGs and on the Committee for Control of Foodborne Illness. She received the IAFP Developing Scientist Award in 1987, has served on several award Selection Committees, and is a founding member of the IAFP Affiliate, the **Minnesota Food Protection Association**. Dr. Petran served on the *Food Protection Trends (FPT)* Editorial Board from 2005–2013. She currently serves on IAFP's Editorial Board for the “Food Microbiology and Food Safety” book series, published by Springer.

Dr. Petran holds a B.S. in Consumer Food Science from Cornell University in New York, and an M.S. in Food Science and Doctorate in Public Health, both from the University of Minnesota.

Affiliate Calendar

Let IAFF help advertise your meetings on our website and in our publications.
Submit your event details directly to our online calendar,
or E-mail to ssmith@foodprotection.org.

Affiliates in Action First Quarter 2018

January

- ◆ Ohio Association for Food Protection
- ◆ British Columbia Food Protection Association

February

- ◆ Georgia Association for Food Protection

March

- ◆ Hungarian Association for Food Protection
- ◆ Idaho Environmental Health Association
- ◆ Arizona Environmental Health Association
- ◆ Michigan Environmental Health Association

To be featured in the next issue of *Affiliate View*, send your news and photos by **May 25** to Susan Smith at ssmith@foodprotection.org.

April 2018

(Meetings through April 12 were held prior to press time.)

3: *Upper Midwest Dairy Industry Association and Iowa Association for Food Protection*, 2018 Joint Spring Informational Meeting, St. Cloud, MN.

3–6: *Missouri Milk, Food and Environmental Health Association*, 2018 Annual Education Conference, Springfield, MO.

4: *Upper Midwest Dairy Industry Association and Iowa Association for Food Protection*, 2018 Joint Spring Informational Meeting, Rochester, MN.

5: *Ontario Food Protection Association*, Spring Technical Meeting, Mississauga, ON.

12: *Indiana Environmental Health Association*, 2018 Spring Educational Conference, Muncie, IN.

18: *Colorado Association for Food Protection*, Informational Meeting, Denver, CO. Visit <https://coloafp.org>.

19–20: *Kansas Environmental Health Association*, 2018 Spring Conference, Manhattan, KS. Visit <http://keha.us/>.

May 2018

2–3: *Associated Illinois Milk, Food and Environmental Sanitarians*, 2018 Spring Conference, Bloomington, IL. Visit <http://www.aimfes.org/>.

3: *New Jersey Association for Food Protection*, Spring Seminar, New Brunswick, NJ. Visit <http://njfoodprotection.org/>.

3–4: *Turkish Food Safety Association*, 2018 Annual Meeting (during the Food Safety Congress), Istanbul, Turkey. Visit <http://www.ggd.org.tr/>.

21–22: *Pennsylvania Association of Milk, Food and Environmental Sanitarians*, 2018 Annual Conference, State College, PA. Visit <http://pamfes.com/>.

22–24: *Florida Association for Food Protection*, 2018 Annual Meeting, St. Petersburg, FL. Visit <http://www.fafp.net/>.

June 2018

12–13: *Texas Association for Food Protection*, 2018 Annual Meeting, Ft. Worth, TX. For more information, visit <http://www.txfoodprotection.org>.

IAFF 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:

- ◆ **IAFF pop-up display.** This updated and attractive pop-up display shows attendees that you are affiliated with IAFF.
- ◆ **IAFF 2017–2018 Presentation.** A PowerPoint slide show with a suggested 15-minute script. This is the same presentation used by members of the IAFF Executive Board when invited to speak at Affiliate meetings.
- ◆ **Promotional materials box.** Contents include a complimentary IAFF Membership certificate and brochures, current issues of *FPT* and *JFP*, and IAFF Annual Meeting flyers. Additional complimentary resources are available upon your request.

To request these items for your next meeting, call or E-mail Susan Smith at the IAFF Office.



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for Affiliates



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- ◆ Food Safety Management
- ◆ Food Microbiology
- ◆ Regulatory Food Safety



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- ◆ Pre-Harvest Food Safety Risks
- ◆ Norovirus and Foodborne Viruses
- ◆ Current/Contemporary Food Science Issues



Roger Cook, Ph.D., New Zealand Ministry for Primary Industries
Secretary

- ◆ Foodborne STECs – An International Perspective
- ◆ Regulatory Food Control Plans – A Practical International Perspective
- ◆ The Future: Culture Independent Confirmation & Qualitative Chemical Hazard Characterization



Linda J. Harris, Ph.D., University of California – Davis
Past President

- ◆ Tree Nuts: Food Safety Risks and Intervention Strategies
- ◆ Low-Moisture Foods: Food Safety Challenges and Opportunities
- ◆ Microbial Food Safety and Culinary Herbs



Alex Castillo, Ph.D., Texas A&M University
Affiliate Council Chair

- ◆ Food Safety and Its Impact on International Trade
- ◆ How Should I Validate My Process-based Preventing Controls?
- ◆ Antimicrobial Interventions and Treatments in Food: When and How Do They Work and How Can I Make Them Work Best?



James O'Donnell, Hussmann Corporation
Affiliate Council Secretary

- ◆ Food Safety Challenges in the Retail Space
- ◆ Working with Regulators – How Industry Can Collaborate to Advance Public Health
- ◆ Using Small Format Stores to Bring Fresh to Food Deserts

How It Works

1. IAFP Board Members are available to speak at Affiliate meetings on numerous topics involving food safety.
2. 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.
5. 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.
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IAFP Speaker Program *(expanded)*

Gary Acuff, Ph.D.
Texas A&M University



- ◆ Addressing Risk Using Performance Objectives
- ◆ Proper Use of Pathogen Surrogates in Process Intervention Validation
- ◆ What is Really Achievable in Pathogen Reduction for Beef?

Michael Brodsky, Ph.D.
Brodsky Consultants



- ◆ Managing Food Safety and Security in the 21st Century
- ◆ Emerging Issues in Food Safety
- ◆ The Fallacious Fecal Coliform or What is a Fecal Coliform Anyway?

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

Jeff Farber, Ph.D.
University of Guelph



- ◆ Overview of Raw Milk Cheese Issues in Canada
- ◆ Risk Assessment and Risk Management of Foodborne Listeriosis in Canada
- ◆ A Dummy's Guide to Free Online Predictive Modelling Tools
- ◆ Emerging Foodborne Pathogens

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



- ◆ Opportunities and Limitations of Clean Label Antimicrobials
- ◆ Strategies to Maintain Microbial Food Safety in Reduced-sodium Foods
- ◆ Intervention Strategies to Control *Listeria monocytogenes* in Ready-to-Eat Foods

Alejandro Mazzotta, Ph.D.
Chobani, Inc.



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

Gale Prince
Retired/Consultant

- ◆ So You Chose Food Safety as a Career Choice
- ◆ Food Safety Culture Drives Excellence
- ◆ Food Safety Modernization Act (FSMA)



Don Schaffner, Ph.D.
Rutgers University

- ◆ Understanding and Managing Food Safety Risks
- ◆ Quantitative Microbial Risk Assessment of Foods
- ◆ Development and Application of Predictive Models for Food Microbiology



Katie Swanson, Ph.D.
KMJ Swanson
Food Safety, Inc.

- ◆ Useful Microbiological Testing for Food Safety Management
- ◆ Preventive Controls for Human Foods Training Curriculum Development



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

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