

AFFILIATE VIEW

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

VIEW FROM THE CHAIR:

Strengthening Global Ties and Looking Ahead!



As we approach **IAFP 2025** in Cleveland, Ohio, July 27–30, I'd like to take a moment to reflect on the exciting developments from our recent Affiliate Council activities

and share a few important updates and invitations with our Members.

Our May Affiliate Council Virtual Meeting was a vibrant exchange of ideas and collaboration. One of the highlights was a discussion around the growing partnership between the Brazilian Association for Food Protection (BRAFP) and the African Continental Association for Food Protection (ACAFP). This collaboration is already bearing fruit, with plans underway for joint webinars that will bring together diverse perspectives and expertise from across continents. These initiatives not

only enrich our collective knowledge, but also exemplify the spirit of global cooperation that defines IAFP.

We also reviewed proposals for new and reactivated affiliates. It's exciting to see interest from Qatar and Germany in join-

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ing our network, and we're equally enthusiastic about the interest in reactivating the Carolinas Affiliate. These additions will further diversify our community and strengthen our global footprint.

Looking ahead, I want to remind everyone that the Affiliate Council Secretary election will take place during the Affiliate Council Meeting on Sunday, July 27, in Cleveland. This is a fantastic opportunity for a Delegate to step into a leadership

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59 AFFILIATES ACROSS THE GLOBE

African Continental	Southeast Asia
Argentina	Spain
Australia	Taiwan
Brazil	Turkey
Canada	United Arab Emirates
Alberta British Columbia	United Kingdom
Ontario Quebec	United States
Bangladesh in	Alabama Arizona
North America	Arkansas California
Chile	Capital Area Carolinas
China	Colorado Connecticut
Chinese in North America	Florida Georgia
Colombia	Idaho Illinois Indiana
Hong Kong	Iowa Kansas Kentucky
Hungary	Michigan Minnesota
Indian in North America	Upper Midwest
Japan	Missouri Nebraska
Korea	New Jersey New York
Lebanon	Ohio Oklahoma
Mexico	Pennsylvania
Nepal	South Dakota
New Zealand	Washington Wisconsin
Portugal	

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role and contribute to the future of our organization. Serving in this capacity has been one of the most rewarding experiences of my professional journey, and I strongly encourage those who may be interested to consider standing for election.

Speaking of rewarding experiences, I want to extend a warm invitation to attend this year's Annual Meeting. It's always a highlight of the year, offering unparalleled opportunities for networking, learning, and celebrating our shared commitment to food safety. Whether you're a long-time IAFP Member or new to the community, the Annual Meeting provides unlimited possibilities to connect, collaborate, and be inspired.

Each year, the Annual Meeting features the popular Silent Auction to support the IAFP Foundation and its initiatives. We're seeking donations, especially those items that reflect the rich cultural diversity of our Affiliates. Whether it's a handcrafted item, a regional delicacy, or a unique souvenir, your contributions will help raise funds while showcasing the global nature of our organization.

As I reflect on my year as Affiliate Council Chair, I feel immense gratitude for the opportunity to serve. This role has allowed me to contribute meaningfully to IAFP's mission while growing both personally and professionally. I've had the honor of witnessing new Affiliates join our ranks and of helping initiate the BRAFP-ACAFB collaboration, which I hope will inspire similar partnerships among other Affiliates. Participating on the Executive Board Speaker Program provided the chance to speak at various conferences, further broadening my perspective and deepening my commitment to food safety.

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AFFILIATES IN THE SPOTLIGHT

FEATURING YOUR COMMUNICATIONS WITH IAFP

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Pennsylvania Association for Food Protection: Two-Day Meeting Features Many Speakers

Reported by Greyson Smith, President-Elect



The 2025 Annual Meeting of the **Pennsylvania Association for Food Protection (PAFP)** was held May 7–8 in State College.

Approximately 100 attendees, including sponsors, took part. Graduate students from nearby universities were invited to present during a lightning talk program that was well received.

The meeting opened with the Business Meeting, with the Secretary's and Treasurer's reports given, followed by an update by a Penn State Food Science Department representative.

Other speakers included Lisa Graybeal, Deputy Secretary for Animal Health and Food Safety; and Keynote Speaker Tim Jackson, Acting Director, Office of Produce Safety, FDA, and IAFP Past President, who presented virtually.

After a networking break and exhibitor visit, graduate students from Penn State University took part in "Lightning Talks." Students and topics included: Anna Acosta, "Genetic Diversity and Antimicrobial Resistance in Mastitis-Associated *Escherichia coli* Isolates"; Ashley Ohstrom, "Understanding the Sourdough Microbiome: Impacts on Bread Safety, Nutrition, and Quality"; Sam Watson, "Evaluating *Pseudomonas*, a Common Meat and Milk Spoiler through a *Listeria* Lens"; and Songyi Yoo, "Prevalence and Diversity of *Leuconostoc* spp. in Raw Milk."

Presentation of PAFP Awards followed lunch. Awards were presented to: Brian Riley – Distinguished Sanitarian John Pcsolar – Distinguished Lab Nick Heindl – Distinguished Service

Training Session Breakouts took place during the afternoon, featuring a Food Safety Lab from Phillip Harchack, PA Department of Agriculture. Troy Ott, Dean of PSU's College of Agricultural Sciences, also presented.



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A reception and dinner were held that evening for participants.

The following officers were elected on Day 2:

President: Greyson Smith
President-Elect: Bobbi Jo Shoop
Past President: Sonya Radel
Vice President: Open
Treasurer: Becca Fultz
Secretary: Jess Enck

Amy Yeiser Leslie, American Dairy Association North East, provided an update. Justin Holder and Dave Pearce followed with a presentation from the National Conference on Interstate Milk Shipments (NCIMS) and the FDA.



Brian Riley (left) and John Pcsolar received awards during the Pennsylvania Association for Food Protection's 2025 Annual Meeting held May 7–8 in State College.



Next, a roundtable was held, moderated by Alyssa Snyder, Land O'Lakes, and featuring Dr. Ernest Hovingh, Director, Penn State Animal Diagnostics Lab; Dr. Mathias Martins, Virology Diagnostics Section Head, Penn State Department of Vet and Biomedical Sciences; and Travis Edwards, PSU Dairy Unit Co-Manager.

The day's final presenter was Miquela Hanselman, Director of Regulatory Affairs, National Milk Producers Federation (NMPF), who spoke on "The State of Biosecurity in the Dairy Industry." Greyson Smith, newly-elected President, closed the meeting prior to the afternoon's golf outing.

Florida Association for Food Protection: Celebrating 80 Years

Reported by Taylor O'Bannon, President



The Florida Association for Food Protection (FAFP) proudly celebrated its 80th year at its Annual Educational Conference (AEC) May 20–22, 2025, at the Embassy Suites by Hilton Tampa USF Near Busch Gardens. This milestone event brought together food safety professionals, students, regulators, and industry leaders from across Florida for three days of education, networking, and collaboration.



The conference kicked off with a volunteer activity at Feeding Tampa Bay, where FAFP members helped sort fresh produce for community food boxes — setting the tone for a week focused on service, impact, and public health.

FAFP was honored to welcome Mark Carter, IAFP President, as our Executive Board Speaker. Mark shared insights on IAFP's membership and global engagement opportunities and delivered a featured presentation on "Statistical Sampling Plans and Developments." He also helped close the event by drawing the winning name for our Scavenger Hunt, a fun and interactive activity that encouraged attendees to engage with exhibitors at their booths and at the student poster presentations. Congratulations to Kelly Smekens, from PepsiCo Foods, who took

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home a HyGo Mobile Cleaning Station, generously donated by Vikan. Kenneth Jones, representing AFC Advanced Fresh Concepts Franchise Corporation, received the runner-up prize of air pods.

The conference agenda featured a wide range of presentations from experts covering emerging and practical topics such as foreign material detection; public health jurisdiction over highly susceptible populations; the public health implications of avian influenza (H5N1); food safety and reputation management; pest control



innovations; food safety culture, sanitation verification; *Listeria* ecology; cleaning methods for low-moisture environments; and updates on the upcoming SQF10 program.

As part of its commitment to fostering the next generation of food safety leaders, FAFP awarded travel scholarships to 12 students representing the University of Florida, Florida State University, and Florida A&M University. These students presented a rapid talk introducing their research projects, followed by the

presentation of their academic posters, contributing valuable insights and fresh perspectives to the conference.

Additional highlights included an awards session recognizing excellence in food protection and an 80th birthday evening celebration for the Affiliate, featuring networking bingo and food safety trivia, bringing members together for fun, fellowship, and a look back at FAFP's legacy.



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As my term comes to an end, I'm delighted to welcome Helen Taylor, our current Affiliate Council Secretary, who will be stepping into the role of Affiliate Council Chairperson after completion of **IAFP 2025**. Helen brings a wealth of experience and a deep dedication to our mission. I am confident she will continue the important work of strengthening our Affiliate network and supporting our shared goals.

Thank you to all of our Affiliates for your continued engagement and support. I look forward to seeing many of you in Cleveland and to the exciting developments the future holds for our community.

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Are You an IAFP Member?

If not, what are you waiting for? IAFP's more than 4,000 Members represent a diverse array of food safety professionals in the industry. Members enjoy access to a number of exclusive benefits and opportunities.

With an increased worldwide interest in food safety, IAFP allows more accessibility to all potential Members, offering tiered-membership rates at various levels based on the World Bank's classification by gross national income (GNI) per capita.

\$80 High Income

\$40 Upper-Middle Income

\$20 Lower-Middle Income

\$10 Low Income

Students are half of the above rates.

Visit the Membership tab on the IAFP website to learn more about IAFP Member benefits and how to join. Or call the IAFP office at +1 515.276.3344 to visit with an IAFP staff member.

CONSIDER SERVING ON THE 2025–2026 AFFILIATE COUNCIL

Are you interested in helping represent the interests and goals of your organization's affiliation with IAFP and learning more about the Association itself? Nominations are now being accepted for Affiliate Council Secretary for the 2025–2026 term, which begins at the close of **IAFP 2025** in Cleveland, Ohio.

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 2026–2027 Executive Board.

Duties include:

- Keeping an accurate record of the proceedings and activities of the Council;
- Assuming the duties of the Affiliate Council Chair in the absence of the Chair;
- Keeping an updated record of authorized representatives to the Council; and
- 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 vital role, contact
Caio Carvalho, Affiliate Council Chair,
or Susan Smith, Affiliate Liaison.

AFFILIATE NEWS

PLAN TO ATTEND THE 2025 AFFILIATE COUNCIL MEETING ON SUNDAY, JULY 27

If attending **IAFP 2025**, July 27–30, in Cleveland, Ohio, plan to take part in this year's Affiliate Council Meeting on Sunday, July 27, starting at 7:30 a.m. The Affiliate Council Meeting provides valuable information about IAFP's current status and gives attendees opportunities to discuss issues and provide advice to fellow Affiliate members. Delegates will also vote to elect the 2025–2026 Affiliate Council Secretary.



INDIVIDUAL AFFILIATE MEETINGS WILL TAKE PLACE ON JULY 28 AND JULY 29 DURING IAFP 2025

Seven individual IAFP Affiliate Meetings and one Group Meeting will be held during **IAFP 2025** in the Huntington Convention Center on Monday, July 28, and Tuesday, July 29. All start at 5:30 p.m. They include:

MONDAY, JULY 28

Indian Association for Food Protection in North America
Room 4

Nepalese Association for Food Protection
Room 6

Southeast Asia Association for Food Protection
Room 5

TUESDAY, JULY 29

African Continental Association for Food Protection
Room 1

Bangladesh Association for Food Protection in
North America
Room 6

China Association for Food Protection/Chinese Association
for Food Protection in North America
Room 3

Korea Association for Food Protection
Atrium CF

Latin America Group Meeting
Room 5

IAFP HEADLINES

YOU CAN STILL REGISTER FOR PRE-MEETING WORKSHOPS IN CLEVELAND



Consider getting a food safety head start by registering for one of the five Pre-Meeting Workshops taking place Friday, July 25, and Saturday, July 26, in Cleveland. Visit the Annual Meeting page on the IAFP website to review topics and dates for each workshop. Don't wait – seating is limited in each.



IAFP 2025 T-SHIRTS AVAILABLE

Help support the IAFP Student Professional Development Group by ordering your **IAFP 2025** T-shirt. These crewneck

T-shirts are white with the winning student-designed logo for **IAFP 2025** on the front (back is plain). Cost is \$25; T-shirts are available in a variety of sizes and make a great souvenir. Add this to your IAFP registration. (Pre-ordering by July 11 is strongly recommended as sizes and availability will be limited onsite.)

AFFILIATE CALENDAR

PROMOTE YOUR MEETINGS THROUGH IAFP

Affiliates in Action Second Quarter 2025

April

- ♦ Missouri Environmental Health Association
- ♦ Indiana Environmental Health Association
- ♦ Upper Midwest Dairy Industry Association

May

- ♦ Minnesota Food Protection Association
- ♦ Pennsylvania Association for Food Protection
- ♦ Florida Association for Food Protection

June

- ♦ New Zealand Association for Food Protection

To be featured in the next issue of *Affiliate View*, send your news and photos by September 5, 2025 to Susan Smith at ssmith@foodprotection.org.

September 2025

9–11: Arkansas Association for Food Protection, 17th Annual Meeting, Fayetteville, Arkansas. Visit www.arkafp.org/.

9–11: Associated Illinois Milk, Food and Environmental Sanitarians, 2025 Fall Educational Conference, Bloomington, Illinois. Visit aimfes.org/.

9–11: New York Association for Food Protection, 102nd Annual Meeting, Syracuse, New York. Contact Amy Rhodes at amy.rhodes3232@gmail.com.

11–12: Washington Association for Food Protection, 74th Annual Meeting, Chelan, Washington. Visit waffp.com/wp1/.

16–18: Upper Midwest Dairy Industry Association, 2025 Fall Conference, St. Cloud, Minnesota. Visit umdia.org/.

18–19: Quebec Food Protection Association, 2025 Annual Meeting, St-Hyacinthe, Quebec. Visit aqia-qc.org/.

25–26: Mexico Association for Food Protection, 2025 Annual Meeting, San Luis Potosi, Mexico. Visit amepal.com/.

29–October 1: Indiana Environmental Health Association, 2025 Fall Conference/Semi-Annual Business Meeting, Lawrenceburg, Indiana. Visit iehaind.org/.

30–October 1: Ontario Food Protection Association, Fall Food Safety Symposium & 68th Annual General Meeting, Concord, Ontario. Visit ofpa.on.ca/.

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.

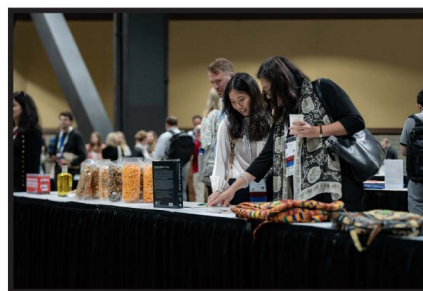
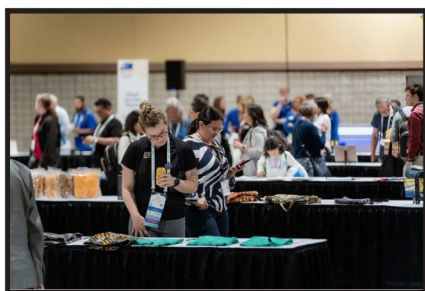


DONATE TO THE SILENT AUCTION

*Proceeds from the Silent Auction
Benefit the IAFP Foundation*

Support the Foundation by donating an item today.
A few examples of items donated in 2024 include:

- * Apple Air Pods
- * Chick-fil-A Bundle
- * Copy of "The Jungle" by Upton Sinclair
- * Cheese of the Month Gift Certificate
- * Handmade Quilt
- * Icewine
- * Pearl Necklace
- * Stained Glass



(Photos from IAFP 2024)

To donate an item, complete the Silent Auction
Donation Form found on our website:

[Donation Form](#)

For questions email info@foodprotection.org
or call +1 515.276.3344





SILENT AUCTION DONATION FORM

Complete a form for each item.

Auction Item _____
Short description

Estimated Value _____

Donor Name for Program Materials _____

Contact Person _____

Mailing Address _____

City _____ State or Province _____

Postal Code/Zip + 4 _____ Country _____

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Return to: info@foodprotection.org

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As you consider your donation, please keep in mind that most attendees travel by air.

Items under \$10.00 in value may be grouped with other items by the IAFP Staff.

IAFP EXECUTIVE BOARD SPEAKER PROGRAM

FOR AFFILIATES



Mark Carter, MC Squared
President

- 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
- Thermal Process and Aseptic Validations



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

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.
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
- Foodborne Parasites
- 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



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
- Handwashing, Hand Sanitizers, and Cross-Contamination



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

- Environmental Pathogen Monitoring
- FSMA Implementation – Foreign Supplier Verification and Preventive Controls
- Controlling *Listeria* and *Salmonella*



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IAFP 2025 Annual Meeting.
July 27–30, 2025
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Future Annual Meetings | Save the Dates!

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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