

Applied Laboratory Methods PDG

Attendees: Joseph Meyer (Chair), Daniel DeMarco (Vice Chair), Abigail Snyder, Alex Tudor, Bassam Annous, Cari Lingle, David Legan, Doug Marshall, Gabriel Sanglay, Gregory Danzeisen, Hany Anany, Hongsheng Huang, Isabel Walls, Jianghong Meng, Kristin Schill, Laurie Post, LeAnne Hahn, Lei Zhang, Megan Brown, Michael Brodsky, Minji Kim, Narjol Gonzalez Calona, Nisha Corrigan, Patrick Bird, Purnendu Vasavada, Pushpinder Gill, Rocelle Grabarek, Ryan Maus, Sarita Raengpradub, Sharon L. Brunelle, Taurai Tasara, Wendy McMahan, Yinghua Xiao and Kristen Houck.

Board/Staff Present: Michelle Danyluk, Emilio Esteban, Dina Siedenburg, and David Tharp.

Number of Attendees: 38.

Meeting Called to Order: 9:34 a.m. Eastern Time, Tuesday, June 8, 2021.

Minutes Recording Secretary: Doug Marshall.

Old Business: All members were reminded that IAFP Connect is the primary communication tool for IAFP PDGs. The Antitrust Guidelines for PDGs were reviewed on two slides.

The minutes of the 2020 meeting were reviewed. Rochelle Clavero made a motion to accept the minutes and Bassam Annous seconded the motion. The minutes were approved with no further discussion.

The PDG had made a recommendation to the Board to allow more than one secondary PDG be allowed for symposia and roundtable proposals. The Board responded that the Program Committee set the limit of two PDGs to narrow the focus for attendees who review this information in selecting sessions to attend.

New Business: An email message from Keith Lampel, outgoing Chair, was shared. He expressed his thanks to all PDG members for their contributions to the group and for submitting a significant number of Annual Meeting proposals.

A brief review of each PDG leadership position was provided as well as some background on the group. Incoming Vice Chair Dan DeMarco offered remarks on his role going forward, including sending out a member poll to solicit opinions on future direction for the PDG. Student Liaison Minji Kim was welcomed to the PDG and she provided comments on her role. Announcements from the IAFP Executive Board to the PDGs were shared with members.

Joe Meyer reviewed Annual Meeting sessions sponsored by the PDG and encouraged attendance. Proposals that were not selected for program inclusion were also briefly reviewed. He encouraged resubmission for next year and/or development as webinar sessions. David Legan noted that program rejection was often due to too many submissions or overlap with other proposals, not because the proposal was low quality. Members were reminded that the Webinar Committee encourages presentation of sessions as webinars. PC Vasavada recommended webinars in the fall to get greater attendance.

Call for 2022 Program Submissions—deadline October 5, 2021. Joe Meyer reviewed session types (symposia vs. roundtables) and encouraged submissions. Members were asked for feedback on how the PDG should participate in proposal submissions. David Legan recommended a face-to-face meeting at the Annual Meeting on July 18 and a virtual meeting sometime in early August. Dan DeMarco asked whether the face-to-face meeting can be done virtually also for those not in attendance. Emilio Esteban recommended two symposia topics: quantification of *Salmonella* and genetic serotype differentiation; and standardization of genetic-based methods strain nomenclature.

The new Mentor Match Program was discussed and PDG members were encouraged to participate as a mentor or mentee. Dina Siedenburg is the program manager at IAFP and will accept direct conversations about the program. David Legan mentioned he's been volunteering with the Student PDG's mentoring program and said it has a valuable experience and doesn't take that much time. The Student PDG program is being absorbed into this new program.

Dan DeMarco recommended sending out a survey to PDG members to better understand needs. A Survey Monkey poll will be sent out to members through IAFP Connect in the coming weeks.

Recommendations to the Executive Board:

1. Recommend the Board approve Dan DeMarco as incoming Vice Chair for the Applied Laboratory Methods PDG.

Next Meeting Date: July 31–August 3, 2022, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

Meeting Adjourned: 10:22 a.m. Eastern Time.

Chairperson: Joe Meyer.