

Food Chemical Hazards and Food Allergy PDG

Attendees: Angela Anandappa (Chair), Sally Klinect (Vice Chair), Alexandria Lau, Bert Popping, Changqing, Chuck Czuprynski, Gerard Ruth, Isabel Walls, Jack Cooper, James Cook, Josie Greve Peterson, Lili He, Marisa Lown, Marlee Mims, Mohammad Ruzlan Habib, Rick Stokes, Rocelle Grabarek, Shruthi Shankar, Stephan Walch, T. J. Fu, Tracie Sheehan, Yuhuan Chen, Yvonne Masters, and Zhinong Yan.

Board/ Staff Present: Michelle Danyluk and Dina Siedenburg.

Number of Attendees: 28.

Meeting Called to Order: 2:01 p.m. Eastern Time, Tuesday, June 8, 2021.

Minutes Recording Secretary: Angela Anandappa.

Old Business: The IAFP Antitrust guidelines were read by Chair Angela Anandappa. Angela thanked all those who submitted proposals for this year's IAFP Annual Meeting and Paul Hanlon, the Outgoing Chair for his service and contributions as the past PDG Chair. Angela introduced and welcomed Sally Klinect as the new PDG Vice Chair and Sally spent a few minutes introducing herself. The PDG survey results were read. The floor was opened for comments regarding the meeting minutes from the 2020 PDG meeting. Sally Klinect moved to approve the minutes and Rick Stokes seconded the motion.

Symposia/Roundtables/Workshops sponsored by the PDG were discussed. Jack Cooper presented about his work with the Plastics Food Packaging Waste Group and Tracie Sheehan (Mérieux NutriSciences) discussed food safety hazard data and global limits.

New Business: Ideas for symposia and roundtables were discussed and the following potential topics to be further developed into 2022 proposals were discussed and include the following: Symposia: Technology for allergen management, validation and allergen changeover (Sally, Tracie, Angela, Rick, Marisa). Global allergen data, pesticide data and limits, academic, consulting labs, government programs could be included in such as a symposium (Tracie, James). Change management (Sally, Tracie, Angela). Potentially collaborate with HACCP and Sanitation PDGs.

Roundtable: Precautionary allergen labeling and global limits (Angela, Tracie, Bert). Infant formula and foods for children and infants (Sally). Food fraud in the time of COVID (Tracie-potentially collaborate with Food Fraud PDG).

Other topics brought up included improper disposal of plastic food packaging, free-from claims, CODEX threshold recommendations for precautionary allergen labeling and global perspectives for allergen limits, zero as a threshold vs. acceptable thresholds, pesticides, and consumer perception.

Recommendations to the Executive Board:

1. Add a virtual option for future IAFP meetings.
2. Could IAFP consider adding meeting collaboration tools like Mural, or Jamboard to help with virtual brainstorming.
3. We suggest IAFP schedule the on-site PDG meetings so they do not conflict in times as much as they have done in past years.

Announcement: The PDG Vice Chair position will be open for IAFP 2022 and nominations will be open in spring 2022.

Next PDG Meeting: July 31, 2022, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

Meeting Adjourned: 3:24 PM Eastern Time.

Chairperson: Angela Anandappa.