

HACCP Utilization and Food Safety Systems PDG

Members Present: Bala Kottapalli (Chair), Lone Jespersen (Vice-Chair), Jorge Acosta, Rodger Anthonijsz, Amira Ayad, Mark Beaumont, Neil Bogart, Collins Buggingo, Hema Sai Samhitha Chalamalsetti, Jeff Chilton, Catherine Chubb, Andrew Clarke, Paola Corea, Polly Courtney, Tracey David, Katheryn Parraga-Estrada, Daniel Fajardo, Makenzie Flach, Mark Flanagan, Elise Forward, Amelia Forward, Laura Garner, Kerri Gehring, Ellen Gravi, Luis Guzman, Sam Hadden, Matthew Hahs, Gordon Hayburn, Connor Horn, Brian Izdepski, Nicole Keresztes James, Lone Jespersen, Rohail Khan, Kathy Knutson, Bala Kottapalli, Kajam Kunarajasingam, William Lachowsky, Sam Lacoche, Jason Lafontaine, Cornelia Aalders- Lankhorst, Loralyn Ledenbach, Lauren Lee, Yue-Jia Lee, Vickie Lewandowski, Tatiana Lorca, Yuqian Lou, Mallika Mahida, Yvonne Masters, Lisa Moody, Ashley Nelson, Himadri Pal, Cat Quick, Sarah Sanderson, Donna Schaffner, Nic Sharman, Kris De Smet, Dara Smith, Rico Suhaim, Mark Susanek, Geraldine Tembo, Angela Valadez, Carol Wallace, Benjamin Warren, Sarah Kozak-Weaver, Sophie Tongyu Wu, Chee Zheng.

Board/Staff Present: Tim Jackson.

Number of Attendees: 64.

Meeting Called to Order: Sunday, 3:15 p.m. Eastern Time, July 16, 2023.

Minutes Recording Secretary: Hema Sai Samhitha Chalamalsetti.

Introductions and Welcome by Bala Kottapalli: Participants introduced themselves. Dr. Lone Jespersen was introduced as the new Vice-Chair. Student Liaison, Hema Chalamalsetti provided an update on the Student PDG 2023 updates.

Guest Speaker: Sara Mortimore (Topic: A “One Team” approach to Food Safety) Presented an introduction to Walmart and its HACCP framework. Bala Kottapalli discussed three case studies related to Rotisserie Cooking temperature checks, Deli Food Hot Holding evaluation, and the efficacy of the cooling process of Chilled Chicken. Audience questions were addressed.

New Chair Speaker: Lone Jespersen.

Focused on Enabling Food Safety Culture through Risk and HACCP. Discussed the impact of culture on food safety and other operational risks, and the significance of building communities. Question and answer session followed.

New Proposal: Introducing HACCP PDG Student Award. The audience recommended connecting students with industry professionals for mentorship.

Meeting Announcements:

Participants were reminded to download and re-sync the meeting app for the latest agenda and to connect with fellow attendees. A video from the Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Council, developed by Lester Schonberger, was shared via the meeting app.

The success of offering free webinars in June for Food Safety Month was highlighted, with over 9,000 views. Plans were made to make this an annual event in the future. Participants were encouraged to sign up for committees through the website and update their profiles.

Journal alerts for notifications of publications from *JFP* can be set up via the IAFP website. Participants were encouraged to sign up as mentors or mentees via *IAFP Connect*. It was advised to check with an IAFP staff member if important information from IAFP was not being received.

Roundtable and Workshop Proposals:

Group 1: Proposed a workshop focusing on food safety culture and education PDG, HACCP (specifically highlighting hazard analysis in the absence of control) training. Suggested partnering with education PDG, retail, and other sectors for short symposiums on inheriting HACCP. Proposed conducting hygienic zoning or mapping, and environmental review of facilities for extraneous risks.

Group 2: Discussed risks associated with ingredients and suggested reducing financial and consumer risks by sourcing from a singular supplier.

Group 3: Proposed incorporating HACCP concepts in industry training programs. Group 4: Proposed developing HACCP training for product developers.

Group 5: Raised concerns about the competency and validity of auditing systems. Discussed the development of AI-based HACCP plans and associated accuracy and risks.

Recommendations to the Board:

1. Appoint Dr. Lone Jespersen as the new Vice-Chair of the PDG.
2. Introduce HACCP Utilization and Food Safety Systems PDG Student Award for IAFP 2024.

Next Meeting Date: July 14, 2024, Long Beach, California.

Meeting Adjourned: 5:17 p.m.

Chairperson: Bala Kottapalli.