



IAFP

Applied Laboratory Methods PDG

Teleconference Minutes – March 1, 2012 3:30-4:30pm (Eastern Time)

Mission: To provide a forum for the exchange and sharing of information related to the development and use of Laboratory methods for the analysis of food and related commodities.

“Don’t Be a Benefiter. Be a Contributor!” Pat Rule

MEETING ATTENDEES:

Present: Leslie Thompson, Phil Coombs, Andy Benson, Nate Bauer, Ted Gatesy, Mark Kreul (?) Alvin Lee, Raquel Lenati, Joe Meyer, Nandini Natrajan, Brooke Schwarz, Amy Smith, Erdal Tuncan, P C Vasavada, George Wilson, Erdal Tuncan, Jim Black, Sally Foong-Cunningham, Kathleen Rajkowski.

MINUTES Leslie Thompson, Phil Coombs

STARTED: 3:35 pm EST

The main purpose of the meeting was to review programs that had been accepted for the 2012 Annual Meeting. Symposium convenors / organizers provided updates.

1. SYMPOSIA / ROUND TABLES ACCEPTED FOR 2012.

- a) **Harmonization of Methods to Evaluate and Validate Preventative Controls -Alvin Lee, P C Vasavada, Zhinong Yan**

SCHEDULED FOR: WED JULY 25, 8:30 – 10:00 AM

Speakers: Larry Keener, John Larkin, Russ Flowers

The original proposal of six speakers was reduced to three and all have accepted, but John may have to await final approval because of the limitation of the number of FDA personnel allowed to attend the meeting. Jenny Scott (FDA-CFSAN) has been enlisted as the stand-by speaker, and if she is called upon, this will hopefully not clash with her other commitments.

- b) **Drivers for Global Food Safety: Aligning Public, Private, and Government Resources - Keith Lampel, Pam Wilger, Andy Benson**

SCHEDULED FOR: WED JULY 25, 8:30 – 12:00 PM

Speakers: Patrick Wall, Angelika Tritscher, Jean Kamanzi, Mary Schmidl, Kathy Gombas, Mike Robach

Andy was pleased to report that the symposium had been accepted in full and that the element of *aligning* partnerships was a key component of the program. The speakers offered a wealth of international experience, including a US government perspective and that of a major multi-national corporation.

All have confirmed availability but it was noted that several of the speakers may require travel support. P C Vasavada reminded the group that typically, only one speaker in a program received support, so Andy will find out who particularly needs travel funds.

P C also made the suggestion that Carlos Alvarez Antolinez (a presenter at another symposium) might be able to substitute for one of the speakers.

c) **FSMA: From Legislation to Implementation - George Wilson, Keith Lampel, Michael Brodsky & P C Vasavada**

SCHEDULED FOR: MON JULY 23, 8:30 – 10:00 AM

Speakers: Jenny Scott, Pam Wilger, P C Vasavada, Carlos Alvarez Antolinez

George reported that the time for the program had been cut in half but they were still planning to accommodate four speakers, each being given 15 mins + 5 mins for Q&A / discussion.

The plan was to provide a broad overview of FSMA with more detailed analyses being provided at other symposia.

It was unlikely that any of the speakers would require travel assistance.

d) **STEC in Food: It's Time for Action – Patrice Arbault, Guy Loneragan**

SCHEDULED FOR: WED JULY 25, 8:30 – 12:00 PM

Speakers: Mick Bosilevac, Ian Jenson, John Ruby, Kerri Harris, Guy Loneragan

Leslie reported that this was originally submitted as a workshop agenda, but the Program Committee felt that this would be better as a symposium.

All speakers have confirmed and travel funds request has been submitted by Mick Bosilevac and Patrice is checking with the other speakers. Patrice is also trying to obtain a sponsor for the session.

e) **Toxoplasma: Detection and Risks Associated with other Diseases and Latent Infection - Prevalence, Methods, Detection in Meat and Poultry, and Burden of Food Borne Illness - Kalmia Kniel.**

SCHEDULED FOR: MON JULY 23, 3:30 – 5:00 PM

Speakers: Dolores Hill, Marie Opsteegh, Robert Yolken

Nate reported that time for the symposium had been cut in half and the program had been reduced to three speakers, who had all confirmed. One may require assistance with travel and a request has been submitted.

- f) **China: Food Safety in an Emerging Market Economy (Symposium) - Vanessa Cranford, Ramkishan Rao, Zhinong Yan**

SCHEDULED FOR: TUES JULY 24, 8:30 – 10:00 AM Part I

Speakers – Xia Zhaogang, Leon Gorris, Leslie Bourquin, Pam Wilger

- g) **China-Food Safety for an Integrated World (Roundtable)-Vanessa Cranford, Zhinong Yan**

SCHEDULED FOR: TUES JULY 24, 10:30 – 12:00 PM

Speakers – Part II: Peter ben Embarek, Xiumei Liu, Leon Gorris

Leslie will follow up with Vanessa to determine the status of the program, but it was understood that most speakers had confirmed and there was an issue of providing travel assistance to one speaker.

It was anticipated that the panel discussion would be moderated by Zhinong Yan.

2. WEBINARS.

Experiences with non-O157 STEC methods.

This was being planned for late March / early April. Presenters will be: Mick Bosilevac (USDA-ARS) and Carol Iverson (Nestlé).

3. ADDITIONAL BUSINESS

- a) Phil Coombs raised the issue of feedback from the Program Committee when a proposal had been turned down. While he understood that they had the unenviable task of accepting a finite number of proposals, Phil said it would be helpful if feedback could be provided to offer guidance for future submissions.

As a member of the Program Committee, P C Vasavada said he thought feedback was being provided but apparently not. He suggested following up with the committee Chair and with IAFP liaison.

George Wilson suggested that a webinar on the topic of software / data management might be an appropriate way to broaden awareness of the topic among the membership.

- b) George raised the issue of frequency of ALM-PDG teleconference calls. There was a brief discussion as to whether there should be one or two before the annual meeting, but the consensus was that there should be at least one call to deal with any last minute issues relating to the program; and to establish agenda items for the committee meeting in July.

END: 4:20 pm EST