



Dairy Quality & Safety PDG - 1st Quarter Conference call

Mission: To provide a forum to discuss items of interest for the production and processing of safe and quality dairy products and to develop program topics and symposia for presentation at the IAFP Annual Meetings

Dairy Quality and Safety PDG Conference Call Minutes

March 5, 2013

Group Name: Dairy Quality and Safety PDG

Date of Call: March 5, 2013 10 – 11:00 AM Central time

Meeting Participants: Zhinong Yan, Dennis D'Amico, Yale Lary, Jim Loseke, Beth Panko Briczinski, Erin Headley, Oscar Rodriguez Gonzalez, Amanda Matczynski, Ron Schmidt, Fritz Buss, David W. Plunkett, Matt Taylor, Jeff Bloom, Bob Hagberg, Dawn Terrell, Jim Black, Linda Leake, Don Schaffner, Dave Blomquist

An agenda had been mailed out to all members

1. **Welcome and Roll Call of Attendance:** Chair David Blomquist requested members respond via email if they were on the call. Thanks to everyone for taking time out of your busy days!
2. **PDG proposals that are in the 2013 annual meeting pending final approval:**
 - a. Better Cheese Process Control school (shortcourse – Kathy Glass & Lori Ledenbach)
 - b. Sanitary Design (symposium – Bob Hagberg, Rolando Gonzalez, Paul Dix – 3-A)
 - c. Sanitation Tales Tall but True (short symposium – Jeff Kornacki & Dave Blomquist)
3. **Symposia Suggestions for 2014** – Topics that may be of interest for discussion at Charlotte for the IAFP meeting in 2014 at Indianapolis.
 - a. Dawn Terrell- Somatic Cell Counts
 - b. Linda Leake - Secure Food Supply (milk, pork, poultry)
 - c. Jim Loeske – FSMA implementation
 - d. Dave Blomquist – Update on spores in dairy products
 - e. Linda Leake – Secure Food Supply short symposium being resubmitted
4. **Board Liaison – Don Shaffner**
 - Program Committee
 - Hotel Accommodations – Shortages in the past were due to members registering early and cancelling. IAFP has worked with hotels to allow for a certain number of cancellations based on historical data. This should increase the number of rooms available
 - Don was asked about the room set-up for the PDG's. As the size of the PDG membership at meetings has increased, the room set-up has left some people feeling slighted. After several members expressed concerns, the chair said he would review it with the vice-chair and co-vice chair to try to address it for the next meeting.

5. **Suggestions for speakers at Charlotte Meeting**

The last meeting in Providence had two speakers. Feedback from the survey of the last meeting had speakers portion of the meeting as perhaps being too long. Based on the feedback, we will only have one speaker in Charlotte. Several suggestions were made including:

- New Trends in Dairy – Donna Berry – Dairy and Food Communications, Inc.

- Local dairies similar to the presentation from AB Munroe
- A speaker from NC State University Food, Bioprocessing & Nutrition Sciences
- Outbreaks on raw milk or raw milk cheeses

The chair, vice chair and co-vice chair will review the options and make contacts to obtain a speaker.

6. Raw Milk Subcommittee

A conference call was held on February 27th. Jeff Bloom reported that his co-chair Michelle Jay-Russell will have minutes sent out to the subcommittee members.

7. Regulatory Issues

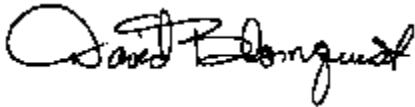
- David Plunkett noted the report on antibiotics in tissue samples is coming out. Are there any implications for dairy on this? (Possible symposium in 2014?)
- There will be a NCIMS meeting in April and after that Bob Hagberg has suggested a webinar on the Secure Milk Supply by Danielle Bickett-Weddle from Iowa State
- A question was raised about meeting the European standards for chemicals. Currently the EU is evaluating safe levels for quaternary ammonia compounds due to some illegal applications of quat directly onto food. The report is due out this spring.

8. Webinar Proposals

Webinar proposals were solicited from the group. Don Schaffner said that webinars for PDG members only were available free while a webinar for all IAFP members would be for a \$25.00 fee. All webinars are posted on the IAFP website and can be viewed later at no charge to all, IAFP members or non-members.

Dennis D'Amico was going to talk to Allen Saylor about topics for webinars with the American Cheese Institute if there is interest

With no further comments or business, the call was adjourned.



Chairperson Signature

Print Chairperson Name: David Blomquist