Food Chemical Hazard and Food Allergy PDG

Members Present: Ravi Ramadhar (Chair), Richelle Beverly, Ken Davenport Anthony Flood, Steven Gendel, Craig Henry, Allison Kretser, Linda Leake, Jim Loseke, Mark Moorman, Gary Pruitt, Dojin Ryu, Marianne Solomotis and Isabel Walls.

Board/Staff Members Present: Linda Harris.

New Members: Tanya D'Souza, Shaun Kennedy, Mary Krogull, Ji-Eun Lee, Paul Monroy, Weilin Shelver, Lance Taylor, Neda Vaseghi, Daniel Wing and Michelle You.

Visitors/Guests: Deann Akins-Lewenthal, Lora Benoit, Blair Berselli, Lisa Blandford, Stephanie Buchanan, Elizabeth Cohen, Gary Cohen, Larry Cohen, Hirotoshi Doi, Luke Emerson-Mason, Lorna Graham, Andrew Hendrickson, Leslie Lowry, Regis Pouillot, Michael Schoenherr, Yan Song, Steve Taylor, Erica Welker, Janet Zhang and Jianmei Zhu.

Meeting Called to Order: 1:00 p.m., Sunday, August 3, 2014 by outgoing Chair Ken Davenport.

Recording Secretary of Minutes: Ji-Eun Lee and Ravi Ramadhar.

- Outgoing Chair Ken Davenport reviewed and first action was a review of the IAFP Anti-trust policy.
- Meeting then proceeded with an introduction of all attendees.
- Ken introduced Ravi Ramadhar as the new Chair of PDG.
- Ravi Ramadhar, as chair moved the 1st action was to open for nominations for vice-chair.
- Nomination of Ji-Eun Lee by Mark Moorman.
- Call for other nominations by Ravi Ramadhar did not yield any other candidates.
- Nomination of Ji-Eun Lee was seconded by Anthony Flood.
- Unanimous vote elected Ji Eun Lee as vicé chair.

Old Business:

- Review and approval of PDG minutes from the 2013 Annual Meeting. Begins on page 445 in Nov/Dec 2013 FPT.
- Review and update of symposia and workshop proposals related to this PDG for this annual meeting.
- Summary and overview to be presented by organizers.
- Call for Additional Old Business yielded no items.

New Business:

Guest Speakers: Alison Kretser, MS RD, Director, Science Programs ILSI North America and Ji-Eun Lee, Principal Food Technologist, Kellogg's. Presented on the ILSI North America Technical Committee on Food & Chemical Safety.

Chair Ravi Ramadhar presented to PDG recommendation to change the process of electing a vice chair to an online process preceding the meeting for 2017-2018 cycle.

 Chair proposed a two year planning and execution cycle and recursive process for the PDG to consider as a strategic approach to building a consistent growth in programs for IAFP from the PDG. This two year process would require the vice chair to choose a focus area in year two for the PDG. This focus area would then be developed and executed in year one as the vice chair assumes the chair role. The chair would work with vice chair in year two to present the focus area for the PDG to be voted and considered by PDG. This recursive process would occur every two year term of the chair. Ideally, it would provide a consistent plan for the PDG to build relevance to the IAFP program.

- Open discussion on the proposal lead to some qualifying questions and processes.
- Ravi Ramadhar presented his two year plan which was to build the toxicology part of chemical safety at IAFP Annual Meetings.
- Proposed Two Year from Chair Plan included:
- Chemical Hazards and Food Safety and Toxicology (Ravi Ramadhar)
 - Initial discussion with Suzy Fitzpatrick (FDA) recommended IAFP enter into an MOU with FDA similar to one executed with FDA and Society of Toxicology to enable participation
 - Alison Krester ILSI North America: Ravi to work with Alison to help define the ILSI role and contributions to the programs
- Year 2: Work with Vice Chair to select next focus area for PDG.

Mark Moorman raised the point that we need to include and bring the IAFP members alongthese are microbiologists and toxicology is a new space. Suggestion for some focus on education – like 101 sessions would be important.

- Discussion on the framework of the monthly PDG calls for PDG consideration presented by Chair; two seasons of calls:
 - When: Once a month invites forth coming
 - Season 1: Serve IAFP

September thru January: Focus on planning and program submissions:

- Season 2: Serve the PDG Topics of interest by PDG members February, March, April, May, June:
- First call proposed to be an introduction to group "Toxicology without Borders" (Linda Leake serves as Secretary)

Review of dates and deadlines for proposal discussions followed a brainstorming session on ideas for program suggestion:

Summary of Proposed Symposia/Webinars/Topics

- 1. Symposia on Alternative Methods on Food Safety Assessment
 - a. Role of RA Tox in Food Safety Assessment
 - b. In-silico methods
- Role and Implications of Climate Change in Food Safety; The Future of Food Safety (Isabel Walls & Steve Gendel)
 - a. Flooding—chemicals and toxins
 - b. Heating
 - c. Drought—new pests = new chemicals
 - d. Chemical safety and climate change
- 3. Emerging Chemicals and Regulatory Frameworks
 - a. State/Local regulations and international impacts
 - b. Measures like Prop 65
- 4. New Approaches to Food Authenticity and Food Safety Impacts
 - a. Traceability
- 5. Economic and Financial Impact of Labeling Like GMO, Gluten Free, Organic, Allergies
 - a. Cost of compliance and labeling

- 6. Webinar/Symposia: Known Chemical Hazards and Mitigation Strategies in the Food Supply Chain
- 7. Challenges to Allergen Detection and Selection

Recommendations to the Executive Board:

- 1. PDG request the approval of Ji-Eun Lee as vice chair.
- 2. Approve online election of Vice Chair for 2017 term.
- 3. Explore entering MOU with FDA to engage with Society of Toxicologists (SOT).
- 4. Recommend to the Program Committee to schedule the toxicology programs early in the IAFP 2015 Program (Sunday and Monday for 2015) to permit attendance by the SOT attendees.
- 5. IAFP consider a Society for Risk Analysis (SRA) Pre-presentation followed up with a poster session type format to enable more sessions in same allotted time.

Next Meeting Date: Saturday, July 25, 2015.

Meeting Adjourned: 3:00 p.m.

Chairperson: Ravi Ramadhar.