



# Hygiene and Sanitation PDG - Conference Call 12-13-13

*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*

## Hygiene and Sanitation PDG Conference Call Minutes

Date: December 13, 2013

**Group Name:** Hygiene and Sanitation PDG

**Date of Call:** December 13, 2013 1:00 PM Central time

**Meeting Participants:** Dave Blomquist, Yale Lary, Zhinong Yan, Phil Coombs, Bob Hagberg, Ruth Petran; Margret Hardin, Larry Cohen, Donald Barrett, Patrick Embagwa, Randy Nidey, Susan Gregro, Jim Black, Don Zink, Allen Saylor

An agenda had been mailed out to all members

- 1. Welcome and Roll Call of Attendance:** Chair Dave Blomquist requested members respond via email if they were on the call. Thanks to everyone for taking time out of your busy days!
- 2. Update from the Board – Dr. Don Zink**
  - A record number of submissions were received for the 2014 meeting in Indianapolis. Next year there will be 14 more sessions on the program and 10 rooms (up from 9 in previous years).
  - Four international conferences were held in different venues (Santiago, Chile; Tapei, Taiwan; Beijing, China; Dubai, UAE) all with large numbers of attendees.
  - The IAFP is financially sound after the most recent audits allowing us to continue to grow and prosper.

### 3. Symposia approvals

There were several symposia approved that had been sponsored by Hygiene and Sanitation and several more that were not approved. The following were approved:

Title	Contact	Submission Type	Primary Sponsor	Collaborating Session Sponsors	Accept As:/Not Accepted
Cleaning and Sanitation of Low Water Activity Processing Environments	Elizabeth Grasso	Symposia- 2.0 hours	Low Water Activity Foods PDG	Food Hygiene and Sanitation PDG, Sanitary Equipment and Facility Design PDG	Symposium Short (1.5 hours)
Less Known or Under - Utilized Approaches to Dry Cleaning and Sanitation	Jeffrey Kornacki	Symposia - Full (3.0 hours)	Food Hygiene and Sanitation PDG	Food Chemical Hazards and Food Allergy PDG, Low Water Activity Foods PDG	Symposium Short (1.5 hours)
Collaboration on Solutions for Food Safety Advancement in China	Zhinong Yan	Symposia - Full (3.0 hours)		Food Hygiene and Sanitation PDG, Chinese Association for Food Protection in North America	Symposium Short (1.5 hours)
Managing Norovirus at Retail: What's the Food Safety Manager to Do?	Lee-Ann Jaykus	Roundtables	Retail and Foodservice PDG	Food Hygiene and Sanitation PDG	Roundtable

Equipment and Facility Contributions in Cases of Foodborne Illness Outbreaks and Recalls	Paul Dix	Symposia- 2.0 hours	Sanitary Equipment and Facility Design PDG	Food Hygiene and Sanitation PDG, Dairy Quality and Safety PDG	Symposia - Short (2.0 hours)
Pathogenic Lethality Characteristics of Cheese Made from Unpasteurized Milk	Allen Saylor	Symposia- 2.0 hours	Dairy Quality and Safety PDG	Committee on Control of Foodborne Illness, Food Hygiene and Sanitation PDG, HACCP Utilization and Food Safety Systems PDG	Symposia - Short (2.0 hours)

The following proposals were not approved:

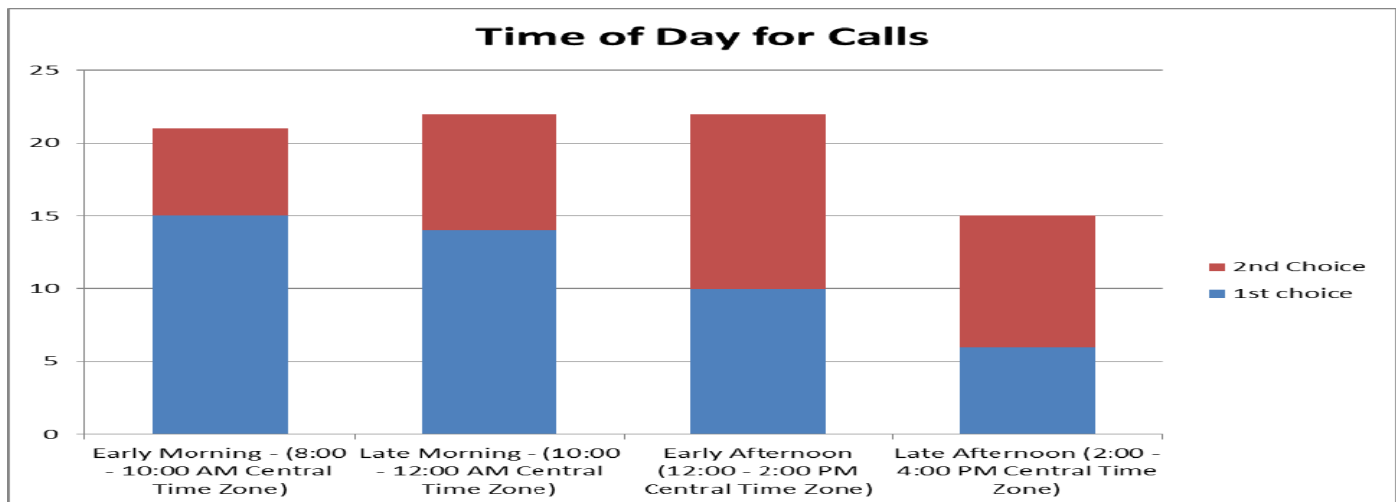
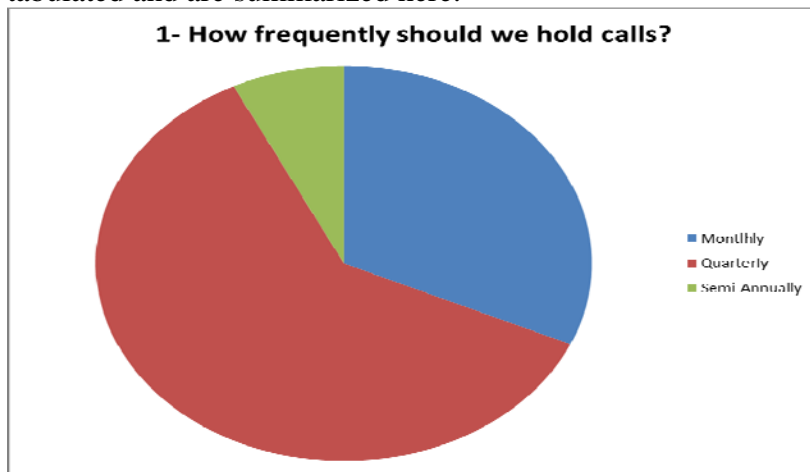
1713	On-Farm Ecological Dynamics and Ways of Cross-Contamination of Foodborne Bacterial Pathogens from Livestock to Crops	Debabrata Biswas	Symposia - short(1.5 hours)	Committee on Control of Foodborne Illness	Committee on Control of Foodborne Illness, Developing Food Safety Professionals PDG, Food Hygiene and Sanitation PDG, Food Safety Education PDG, Fruit and Vegetable Safety and Quality PDG, Meat and Poultry Safety and Quality PDG, Microbial Modelling and Risk Analysis PDG	Not Accepted
1906	My product has been recalled due to contamination – Now What? Remediation and Restoration of Food Processing Facilities after a Contamination Event	Wm. Mark Cosby	Symposia- 2.0 hours	Applied Laboratory Methods PDG	Food Hygiene and Sanitation PDG	Not Accepted
1987	Effective Validation of Food Processing Systems	Allen Saylor	Symposia - Full (3.0 hours)	Dairy Quality and Safety PDG	HACCP Utilization and Food Safety Systems PDG, Food Hygiene and Sanitation PDG, 3-A Committee on Sanitary Procedure	Not Accepted
1992	Enhanced Traceability – Using Electronic Traceability To Proactively Prevent Food Safety Problems	Andrew Furner	Symposia - short(1.5 hours)	Retail and Foodservice PDG	Food Defense PDG, Food Hygiene and Sanitation PDG, Food Law PDG, Food Safety Education PDG, Fruit and Vegetable Safety and Quality PDG, HACCP Utilization and Food Safety Systems PDG, International Food Protection Issues PDG, Meat and Poultry Safety and Quality PDG, Seafood Safety and Quality PDG	Not Accepted

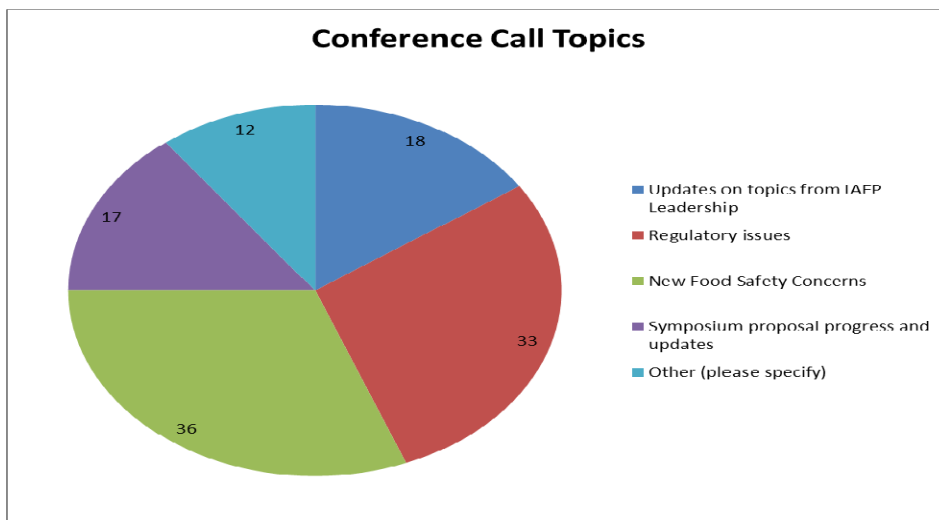
2012	Spore Wars - Marshalling Dairy Forces in a Galactic Battle	Robert Hagberg	Symposia - Full (3.0 hours)	Dairy Quality and Safety PDG	Food Hygiene and Sanitation PDG	Not Accepted
2025	The Evils of False Positives and False Negatives and the Role of Quality Systems in the Food Microbiology Laboratory	Douglas Marshall	Symposia- 2.0 hours	Applied Laboratory Methods PDG	Food Hygiene and Sanitation PDG	Not Accepted
2031	Development of Sanitation Programs for Preventive Control per FSMA	Zhinong Yan	Symposia - short(1.5 hours)	Food Hygiene and Sanitation PDG		Not Accepted

This year the IAFP Program Committee solicited feedback from the PDG leadership about our preferences. If the Program Committee continues with this procedure of soliciting PDG Leadership feedback, we will survey our PDG members prior to responding.

#### 4. Survey results

A survey was performed asking our PDG members their preferences on different subjects. The results were tabulated and are summarized here.





- The latest trends in hygienic design for food processing equipment.
- New developments in sanitation and hygiene
- Really anything else that is relevant or of interest to the PDG
- Rapid microbiological test methods
- Good hygiene and sanitation practice; New technologies for cleaning and sanitation
- Breakthroughs in Sanitation for example dry cleaning, more effective validation of clean.
- Allergen clean, especially in light of the Gluten ruling, what is industry doing in terms of Sanitation to support Gluten free claims (Globally as well)
- Emerging technologies and best practices for sanitation and hygiene
- Innovative means of decontaminating in-factory microbiological niches.
- Training and development opportunities
- Best practices in industry

**What other comments or suggestions do you have to make our PDG more valuable to you?**

- Sanitation is a huge focus for many companies right now. However, sanitation deep technical knowledge resides in silos. How do we provide insight and technical knowledge accelerators in a way that will advance the entire industry? The webinars are a good start but there are many topics that need to be addressed. (White papers?)
- To try web access to the webinar, for me it is not possible to use the dial system that is currently in use.
- Generate a group forum on LinkedIn which is more easily accessed than Google group. So, we can share and provide support to others.
- This lies with me right now in terms of value. I have not been an active participant the last year due to medical issues. Now that I am back to work full time I need to reengage before I can comment as I am not fully aware of what is currently going on with the PDG.
- Keep up the good work. We need to continue to get the word out.
- The first and last time I attended this PDG I found the members to be very "clickish" and non-inclusive of new members, in fact downright hostile. I really have NO desire to put myself in the middle of such hostility again.
- I was at the meeting in Charlotte and it was good to see many members- old and new.
- Great work by the planning team to load webinars to YouTube channel
- I believe benchmarking and best practice sharing would make the PDG more valuable to me.

**5. Regulatory issues and changes**

No issues were brought up

**6. Other outlets for proposals that were not accepted**

Phil Coombs suggested that we look at other options for the proposals that were not accepted. They could become white papers, publications, teleconferences or webinars. Several participants will discuss these possibilities further and report at the next PDG conference call.

## 7. PDG Meeting Time at IAFP Annual Meeting

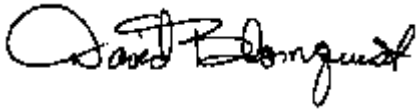
IAFP continues to grow rapidly and there have been more new PDG's added every year. This leads to overlap of the meetings. Last year at the Committee Chair meeting the Board asked if any PDG's would be interested in moving their meeting to Saturday. The conflicting time will need a lot of discussion by the PDG members and several options were brought up by members to try to address the growing problem:

- Earlier meeting time – start at 7:00 AM? Not a problem as long as an IAFP Board member can be scheduled for the meeting.
- Meet during the meeting – Wednesday afternoon prior to the banquet? Currently PDG meeting minutes have to be submitted to IAFP by noon on Tuesday so this would need to be adjusted if a change were to be made.
- A Saturday meeting would require an extra night's stay and currently the IAFP rate does not include Saturday night.

A survey will be conducted to determine the preferences for our PDG meeting time and length for next year's annual meeting.

In addition, a survey will be sent out to gain opinions from PDG members with regard to the agenda for next year.

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



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Chairperson Signature

**Print Chairperson Name:** David Blomquist