

CHEMICAL CONTAMINANTS AND RESIDUES IN FOOD COMMUNITY REPORT
121st ANNUAL MEETING OF THE AOAC INTERNATIONAL
Anaheim, California USA

Tuesday, September 18, 2007

I. Introductory Items

Several different strategies were used to solicit membership. Applications were sent via e-mail to the AgLabs List serve and participants in the Pesticide Data Program. Applications were distributed to attendees at the Florida Pesticide Residue Workshop and the International Association for Food Protection. The Community was highlighted in two articles in the ILM and another in the Instrument Business Outlook Magazine. A poster on the Community and specific topics of current interest was presented at the Annual Meeting. The Co-Chairs also attended the new members party and invited them to attend. Community applications were available in several locations at the meeting location. Over 300 applications were distributed.

Over sixty-five (65) applications were received via e-mail.

Fifty-one (51) applications were collected at the Annual Meeting. This is our best estimate of the number of active participants at the Community meeting.

Community membership information is kept on paper applications and also in an Access database. Copies of these applications will be shared with the AOAC Community liaison annually by October 31st.

Poster easels with information about the Community and selected topic areas (Pesticides, Veterinary Drugs, Seafood, Honey, Unknowns) were placed on tables at the back of the Royal Ballroom C for the entire day. Attendees at the Symposium: Chemical Contaminants in Food, Dietary Supplements, and Agricultural Materials, were encouraged to join the Community, sign up for any topic of interest or suggest one of their own. Jim Bell and Steve Lehotay helped to sort and summarize the main topics of interest to the Community.

An announcement was made about the publication of a new book by Dr. Guo-Fang Pang, *"Official Methods Used in the People's Republic of China for the Analysis of Over 800 Pesticide and Veterinary Drug Residues in Foods of Plant and Animal Origin"*. This book is a compilation of methods used by national laboratories for the analysis of foods for import and export. Dr. Pang was in the audience and introduced to the Community.

II. Presentations on the Mission, Responsibilities and Composition of the Community

The meeting was called to order at 3:45 pm, September 18, 2007, by chair persons, Stephen Capar and Jo Marie Cook. Copies of the agenda were distributed to attendees.

Jo Marie Cook presented a short history of the creation of the Community and a summary of the Terms of Reference. Copies of the Terms of Reference were distributed to the attendees.

Stephen Capar presented some suggestions for community governance procedures. Steven Capar and Steven Lehotay will prepare a document of proposed community operational guidelines.

III. Breakout into Subgroups

Participation in Subgroups was solicited by show of hands. Several subgroups were identified and breakout "circles" were set up in different corners of the room. The Chairs appointed a subgroup chair for each group. Each subgroup chair was given an agenda, and templates for roster, method needs and method performance criteria information.

Pesticides:	Jon Wong, FDA, CFSAN
Veterinary Drugs:	Mary Carson, FDA, CVM
Metals:	Stephen Capar, FDA
Seafood:	Jo Marie Cook, Florida Department of Agriculture
Unknowns:	Jonathan J. Litzau, FDA, Forensic Chemistry Center

Members of the Pesticides Subgroup are forming a Committee to review Pesticides in Soft Drinks collaborative study reports.

The subgroups will get together via e-mail or phone one more time in the next month. A report on subgroup activities is due to the co-Chairs by October 31, 2007. This report is to include a recommendation for two voting members to the Community from each group. A report on the Community will be delivered to the OMB quarterly for the year 2007.

There was no interest in radioactivity and only a few people were interested in honey. Dr. Pang wanted to collaboratively study a method for Pesticides in Honey, Fruit Juices and Wine. It was referred to the Pesticides subgroup.

Dr. Pang was unable to discuss his honey method with the Community because his entire time was spent discussing seafood with AOAC staff and other stakeholders of the Seafood Initiative.

During this initial year, the subgroups will be encouraged to prioritize method needs and identify any validations needed by the group.

There needs to be an attempt to appoint subgroup chairs from a more diverse group of stakeholders. The membership in each group will be studied during this first year and "voting" members of each subgroup appointed which represent the balance of stakeholders in a particular community.

IV. Future Plans

We would like to host a conference call, web cast or face-to-face meeting quarterly for all interested Community members. These quarterly meetings may be for the Community at large or

the subgroups separately. Further plans have not been made and are completely dependent on the resources available to have these quarterly meetings.

All documents including this report will be posted on the Community website and the e-Communities to the extent possible.