



**Technical Representatives and Policy Council Quarterly Meeting**  
March 31, 2016; *Meeting Minutes*

**Welcome and Introductions**

The Interagency Risk Assessment Consortium (IRAC) held its March 2016 quarterly meeting of the Technical Committee and Policy Council on March 31, 2016. The meeting was hosted by USDA/OPMP via webinar. Technical and policy representatives and guests from various agencies (Tables 1 and 2) participated by phone.

**New Signatory Presentations**

New IRAC signatories presented overviews of their organizations' risk assessment activities.

- Ruffo Perez presented for the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID).
- Regina Tan presented for the USDA Food and Nutrition Service (FNS).
- Scott Shimmin presented for the USDA National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS).

**Main Presentation**

Randy Duverna, USDA FSIS, presented on "Modernizing the Mechanism for Chemical Identification and Prioritization in Animal Products Monitored by the U.S. National Residue Program." In addition, he will be soliciting feedback from IRAC participants on FSIS's proposed approach for prioritizing chemical hazards for inclusion in the FSIS sampling program.

**"5 minute" Agency Updates**

Representatives in attendance gave a brief overview of food safety risk analysis projects and issues in their agencies that may be of interest to other agencies.

**Work Group Updates**

Judi Spungen, FDA CFSAN, provided an update on the IRAC Dietary Exposure Assessment Working Group.

- Participation:  
CFSAN Office of Analytics and Outreach  
CFSAN Office of Food Additive Safety  
CVM Office of New Animal Drug Evaluation  
EPA Office of Pesticide Programs  
FSIS Office of Public Health Science
- Existing outline has been expanded, and a timeline has been developed.
- We've assigned sections of the outline to different people and hopefully each agency will have a first draft by the end of April and a more polished draft by the end of May.
- Two meetings have been held so far:  
February: Judi Spungen talked about exposure assessment OAO

March: Jorge Muniz Ortiz, Lindsay Ward, and Wayne Schlosser presented about exposure assessment at FSIS

Abe Tobia is tentatively presenting talk on exposure assessment at CVM at our April meeting.

Janell Kause, USDA FSIS, provided an update on the IRAC Workgroup on “Food Access, Nutrition, and Risk of Foodborne Illness.” The workgroup is hosting a one-day, invitation-only workshop on the interrelationship between food access, nutrition and food safety on May 20<sup>th</sup> at USDA (South Cafeteria) from 9:30 am-3:30 pm. Purpose: The workshop will provide an opportunity for Interagency Risk Assessment Consortium (IRAC) member agencies to explore the broad interrelationships between food access, nutrition, and the risk of foodborne illness and identify opportunities for further interagency collaboration and coordination among food nutrition and food safety professionals within the federal government. This workshop serves as foundation for further interagency discussions among federal agencies on the science and interrelationships between food nutrition and food safety.

Subject areas to be addressed:

- Relationship Between Socioeconomic Status, Nutrition and Susceptibility to Foodborne Illness: This includes national and international studies on lower socioeconomic status and the link to nutrition and corresponding risk of infection from foodborne pathogens.
- Emerging Science: Microbiome – a Link Between Nutrition and Food Safety: This includes the emerging science of the microbiomes and the role of nutrition in susceptibility to foodborne illness.
- Use of Food Nutrition and Food Safety Information – Opportunities in Community Outreach: Current work of USDA and DHHS program to better characterize and address complex challenges of underserved community health through improved nutrition and food safety. This covers some of the current data and information needs to better target federal public health resources to improve community health.

Format: Presentations and roundtable discussion

Presenters: Dr. Catherine Woteki (Under Secretary USDA), Dr. Susan Mayne (Director CFSAN), John Bowman (USAID), Chris Waldrop (FDA), Deirdre Chester/ Jodi Williams (NIFA), Jan Singleton (NIFA), Cindy David (NIH), Helen Chipman (NIFA)

### **Discussion of 2016 Activities**

Sandy Hoffman, USDA-ERS, is now the new Technical Committee Chair. Alex Domesle, USDA-OPMP, is the new Executive Secretary.

IRAC is planning to return to a more formal structure, regarding the separation between Technical Committee and Policy Council meetings. June IRAC Quarterly Meeting will have a Policy Council meeting.

Upcoming presentations:

Mary Bartholomew, FDA-CVM, will be presenting at the June 2016 IRAC Quarterly Meeting.

There is a new template for proposing presentations. This will be sent out to the group as a follow-up. Please fill out the form and submit to Alexander Domesle and Sandy Hoffmann.

Welcoming new IRAC signatories:

EPA Office of Pesticide Programs (renewal)

USAID

June 23, 2016 will be the next IRAC Quarterly Meeting. Alex will send out a reminder.

Ideas for organizing presentations or panels at upcoming scientific conferences. Sandy Hoffmann, USDA-ERS, suggested a panel on HACCP at the upcoming Society for Risk Analysis meeting.

**Table 1. Attendance in the morning (participated by phone).**

<b>Last Name</b>	<b>First Name</b>	<b>Agency</b>
Bartholomew	Mary	HHS FDA CVM
Bayha	Keith	DHS S&T
Claycamp	Gregg	HHS FDA CVM
Dary	Omar	USAID
Dennis	Sherri	HHS FDA CFSAN
Domesle	Alexander	USDA OPMP
Duverna	Randy	USDA FSIS
Hanfelt	Margery	DOD DHA AVS
Hearl	Frank	HHS CDC NIOSH
Hoffmann	Sandy	USDA ERS
Hwang	Andy	USDA ARS
Kablan	Ahmed	USAID
Kause	Janell	USDA FSIS
Kishore	Rita	USDA FSIS
Miller	David	EPA OPP
Muñiz Ortiz	Jorge	USDA FSIS
Perez	Ruffo	USAID
Powell	Mark	USDA ORACBA
Reddy	Shanker	USDA AMS
Rogers	Jim	USDA OCS
Shimmin	Scott	USDA NASS
Spungen	Judi	HHS FDA CFSAN
Tan	Regina	USDA FNS
Walls	Isabel	USDA NIFA
Ward	Lindsay	USDA FSIS
Weil	Roxana	HHS FDA CTP
White	Scott	DHS S&T
Yeager	Phil	HHS FDA CTP
Zou	Wen	HHS FDA NCTR

**Table 2. Attendance in the afternoon (participated by phone).**

<b>Last Name</b>	<b>First Name</b>	<b>Agency</b>
Bayha	Keith	DHS S&T
Cahill	Fan-Wang	USDA APHIS
Dennis	Sherri	HHS FDA CFSAN
Domesle	Alexander	USDA OPMP
Hoffmann	Sandy	USDA ERS
Hwang	Andy	USDA ARS
Kause	Janell	USDA FSIS
Liang	Arthur	HHS CDC
Miller	David	EPA OPP
Powell	Mark	USDA ORACBA
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