



**March 16<sup>th</sup> 2022**

**Technical Committee Representatives Quarterly Meeting Minutes**

**Location:** Remote, participation via zoom **Time:** 10AM - 12PM

**Meeting Chair:** Sofia Santillana Farakos

- Attendance**

<b>Agency</b>	<b>Meeting Participant</b>
<b>Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, National Center for Emerging and Zoonotic Infectious Diseases (CDC/NCEZID)</b>	Arthur Liang
<b>Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (CDC/NIOSH)</b>	Frank Hearl
<b>Environmental Protection Agency, Office of Pesticide Programs (EPA/OPP)</b>	Aaron Niman
<b>Environmental Protection Agency, Office of Water (EPA/OW)</b>	Shamima Akhter
<b>Food and Drug Administration, Center for Biologics Evaluation and Research (FDA/CBER)</b>	Artur Belov
<b>Food and Drug Administration, Center for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition (FDA/CFSAN)</b>	Jacqueline Heilman, Sofia Santillana-Farakos, Sherri Dennis
<b>Food and Drug Administration, Center for Veterinary Medicine (FDA/CVM)</b>	Mary Bartholomew, Barry Hooberman
<b>Food and Drug Administration, National Center for Toxicological Research (FDA/NCTR)</b>	Steven Foley
<b>National Institutes of Health, National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases (NIH/NIAID)</b>	
<b>National Oceanic &amp; Atmospheric Administration, National Marine Fisheries Service (NOAA/NMFS)</b>	
<b>U.S. Department of Agriculture, Agricultural Marketing Service (USDA/AMS)</b>	Shanker Reddy, Paul Lewis
<b>U.S. Department of Agriculture, Animal &amp; Plant Health Inspection Service (USDA/APHIS)</b>	
<b>U.S. Department of Agriculture, Agricultural Research Service (USDA/ARS)</b>	Andy Hwang, Vijay Juneja, Thomas Oscar NA
<b>U.S. Department of Agriculture, Economic Research Service (USDA/ERS)</b>	
<b>U.S. Department of Agriculture, Food and Nutrition Service (USDA/FNS)</b>	

<b>U.S. Department of Agriculture, Food Safety and Inspection Service (USDA/FSIS)</b>	Berhanu Tameru, Joanna Zablotzky-Kufel, Janell Kause
<b>U.S. Department of Agriculture, National Agricultural Statistics Service (USDA/NASS)</b>	Theresa Varner
<b>U.S. Department of Agriculture, National Institute of Food and Agriculture (USDA/NIFA)</b>	
<b>U.S. Department of Agriculture, Office of the Chief Scientist (USDA/OCS)</b>	Melanie Abley
<b>U.S. Department of Agriculture, Office of Pest Management Policy (USDA/OPMP)</b>	Kimberly Nesci
<b>U.S. Department of Agriculture, Office of Risk Assessment and Cost Benefit Analysis (USDA/OCE/ORACBA)</b>	Mark Powell, Linda Abbott
<b>U.S. Department of Defense, Defense Health Agency, Veterinary Service Branch</b>	Oscar Carrion
<b>U.S. Department of Energy, Los Alamos National Laboratory, Biosecurity and Public Health (LANL/B-10)</b>	
<b>U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID)</b>	Ahmed Kablan

- **Meeting items**

1. Welcome and Roll Call

All meeting participants were asked to introduce themselves, including their role at the agency and what they hoped to get out of the meeting.

Themes identified were information exchange, networking, coordination and building partnerships across agencies.

Lisa Read was identified as a new representative for the Policy Council for the U.S. Department of Defense (Veterinary Service Branch)-.

2. Presentation

- a. Hao Pang: "Leveraging risk assessment for foodborne outbreak investigations: The Quantitative Risk Assessment-Epidemic Curve Prediction Model"

Dr. Hao Pang is a visiting scientist in the Risk Analysis Branch of the Division of Risk and Decision Analysis at the U.S. Food and Drug Administration's Center for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition. His expertise includes food safety risk modeling, microbial risk assessment, and multi-criteria decision analysis. Prior to working at FDA, Dr. Pang received his Ph.D. and M.S. degree in Food Science from University of Maryland. The meeting slides will be posted on the IRAC website. Link to the paper published that is directly related to the presentation: <https://doi.org/10.1111/risa.13896>. Open access manuscript.

3. Updates

IRAC member Agency representatives provided Agency/Codex/IFSAC updates on activities related to food safety risk assessment and research. In addition, Sofia provided an update on a Colloquium held February 15-17, 2022. EFSA's hosted the 26<sup>th</sup> Scientific Colloquium entitled "Risk Benefit Assessment of Combined Exposure to Nutrients and Contaminants Through Food". Link to website with slides and information: <https://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/events/efsa-scientific-colloquium-26-risk-benefit-assessment-combined-exposure-nutrients-and>

#### 4. Discussion

##### a. Survey Results

The IRAC survey was sent out early March. Respondents included a mix of Technical Committee and Policy Council members. Next steps include reviewing responses by the work group and sharing the results with IRAC members as well as recommendations in response to comments.

##### b. Call for new presentations/workgroups

For presentations in future meetings, topics of interest identified included:

- Risk Benefit Assessment
- Risk Communication
- Cumulative and aggregative risk assessment

Additionally, discussed other ways to bring increased visibility to the field of food safety risk assessment, including discussion of a session at scientific or technical conferences, such as the Society for Risk Analysis.

##### c. Other

- **Meeting Adjourned at 12PM**