



June 13th 2022

Technical Committee Representatives Quarterly Meeting Minutes

Location: Remote, participation via zoom **Time:** 9AM - 11PM

Meeting Chair: Sofia Santillana Farakos

- **Attendance**

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

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

- **Meeting items**

1. Welcome and Roll Call

All meeting participants were asked to introduce themselves; new members were asked to include their role at the agency and what they hoped to get out of the meeting.

Kimberly Nesci is a new member of IRAC from the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Office of Pest Management Policy (USDA/OPMP)

2. Presentation by Conrad Choiniere on Closer To Zero: “FDA’s Closer to Zero Initiative”

Conrad Choiniere is the Director of the Office of Analytics and Outreach at the Food and Drug Administration’s (FDA) Center for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition. Dr. Choiniere provides executive leadership for a broad portfolio of scientific and regulatory functions including risk and decision analysis, social and behavioral sciences, epidemiology, biostatistics and informatics, education and outreach, and food defense. Dr. Choiniere chairs FDA’s Toxic Elements Working Group which prioritizes the agency’s efforts to reduce exposures to lead, arsenic and other heavy metals from foods to the greatest extent feasible.

3. Updates

IRAC member Agency representatives provided Agency/Codex/IFSAC/WHO updates on activities related to food safety risk assessment and research.

4. Discussion

a. Review of FY22 Accomplishments

We discussed the status of the activities under the objectives: Enhanced Governance and Operation of the IRAC, Strengthen Outreach and Engagement, Facilitate Information Exchange and Sharing Tools, Data, and Models.

Meetings have been held for the committee and the council, we have the FY22 plan, we have conducted a survey and we have gathered new members. Overall we are on track with the objectives.

b. 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

- Risk Benefit Assessment
- Risk Communication-
- New FAO report- <https://www.fao.org/3/cb8667en/online/src/html/introduction.html>
- Cumulative RA (aggregative)

- **Meeting Adjourned at 11PM**