

Statistics Working Group Initiatives for ISPAM
Teleconference 5th floor
April 29, 2011
9:30 am – 10:30 am

Telephone Attendees:

Russell Flowers – AOAC President & ISPAM Chair	Harry Marks – FSIS
Qian Graves – FDA	Paul Wehling – General Mills
Max Feinberg – INRA	Dan Tholen – Statistical Consultant
Paul In't Veld – VWA	Julie Moulin – Nestle

AOAC Staff:

Scott Coates – CSO	Krystyna McIver
Deborah McKenzie	Arlene Fox
Nora Marshall	

Regrets:

Bert Pöpping – Eurofins

1. Introduction:

President Flowers recited an overview and purpose for ISPAM, He offered suggestions for how the Statistical Working Group could conduct themselves with or within the Chemistry and Microbiology Working Groups.

2. Statistical Working Group Structure:

After deliberation it was agreed by the group that there will be a separate Working Group for Statistics with liaisons within the Chemistry and Microbiological Working Groups. These liaisons will report back to each Working Group.

3. Call for additional volunteers:

Tomomishi Suzuki from Japan and Peter Wirrich from Germany both have extensive background with the ISO 16140 revisions and were selected as recruits.

4. Working Group Volunteers:

Volunteer participation in one or all working groups was requested. Paul Wehling, Qian Graves volunteered themselves for all three working groups. Paul Wehling tentatively volunteered as Chair. Qian Graves volunteered as back-up Chair. Participants will email their involvement to President Flowers and Krystyna McIver.

5. Topics for future discussions:

There are several key discussions that will need to be reviewed by the Working Group prior to association with the 2 Working Group bodies.

- a) First answer what type of method(s) are being considered for harmonization
- b) Establish qualifying terms differentiating what is considered a “Microbiology” and/or “Chemistry” method.
- c) Best approach for statistical model
 - i) Basic/general statistical model to apply to both Chemistry and Microbiological methods
 - ii) Flexibility for applications to fit-for-purpose methods and technologies not yet available.
 - iii) Inclusion of multi-detection responses or maintain basic binary response detection.
 - iv) PCR debate, Chemistry and/or Microbiology method.
- d) Discuss the agreed upon and common requirements for harmonization, then review the diversities.

6. Adjournment 10:35 am

ACTION ITEMS:

1. Request for Working Group volunteers
2. Tentative dates and times for next SWG call will be proposed by email
3. Call for recruits from South Pacific, Asian Rim and other global regions