ANNUAL MEETING
Get ready for the AOAC Annual Meeting
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- Watch our Annual Meeting webpage for the latest updates, including links to the Online Program (live around August 20) and the Mobile App (live around August 29)
- Save up to $100 off on-site prices with Advanced Registration – Deadline is August 26!
- Stay tuned for your What to Know Before You Go email, coming to your inbox on September 3
- Act now to secure your exhibitor booth at the Annual Meeting!
- The AOAC room block at the Sheraton Denver Downtown Hotel is filling up fast! AOAC has negotiated a special guestroom rate. Stay close to the networking action – Reserve now >

Science leaders in the spotlight
On Tuesday in the Plaza foyer, enjoy four fast-paced "AOAC Spotlight On..." talks on trends in analytical science:

- WANTED: “Out-of-the-Box” Thinkers. Are you One? – Palmer Orlandi, Chief Scientific Officer at AOAC INTERNATIONAL
- Desperately Seeking Standards: The Role of Standard Analytics in Consumer Confidence and Global Hemp Markets – Holly Johnson, American Herbal Products Association
- 10 Things you Didn’t Know about Cannabis Science – Toby Astill, PerkinElmer
- Microbial Whole Genome Sequencing and The Promise of Genomic Sciences for Food Safety and Beyond – Eric Brown, U.S. Food and Drug Administration

Sharpen your study skills, speed your selection as Expert Reviewer or Independent Lab
Deepen your understanding of AOAC’s Performance Tested Methods™ and Official Methods of Analysis™ programs in the AOAC Method Validation Course on the final day of the Annual Meeting. With modules for Method developers, Independent laboratories, and Expert Reviewers, the course includes technical requirements and instructions for inclusivity/exclusivity (microbiology), calibration/selectivity (chemistry), matrix studies, robustness, and product consistency and stability for test kit evaluations. Get details on harmonization with AFNOR, MicroVal, NMKL, and between PTM and OMA. Learn how to improve study design, perform more concise data collection, and speed your PTM and OMA reviews. Register now >

SCIENCE NEWS
More on new Method for BPA in plastic bottles
On August 12, AOAC INTERNATIONAL announced the adoption of an Official Method of Analysis (SM) for determining the presence of free bisphenol A (BPA) in a broad range of still and carbonated bottled beverages, including soft drinks with sugar and caffeine, 100 percent orange juice with pulp, and whole milk.

The new method expands testing options by using liquid chromatography, a common analytical tool in many laboratories. The method was evaluated against Standard Method Performance Requirements (SMPR) 2017.018, which detailed analysis standards consistent with the increasingly conservative regulatory requirements for BPA such as those enacted in California. Read the press release >

Fresh perspectives: JAOAC showcases outside expertise
Analytical science leaders interested in focusing attention on new work in their fields have a unique opportunity in the Journal of AOAC. Each issue features one to two Guest Edited collections of papers solicited and curated by external experts. Guest Editors contact us to propose a topic, then recruit authors and manage the peer-review process to spotlight new science in the Journal.

In the September/October Journal, Guest Editors Bert Popping and Carmen Diatz-Amigo of FOCOS, present 11 papers on Mass Spectrometry: Status Quo in Food Allergen and Food Authenticity Applications. A second collection of papers is guest edited by Salvatore Parisi of Al Balqa’ Applied University. It includes eight papers on Analysis of Major Phenolic Compounds in Foods and Their Health Effects. These papers can be read online prior to publication on our pre-print webpage.

SECTION SPOTLIGHT
Global gathering of Sections
AOAC’s 17 Sections will be well represented at the Annual Meeting in Denver. In addition to meetings of the Europe Section Executive Committee, there will be business meetings of the China, Sub Saharan Africa, Latin America, Taiwan, Japan, and Joint Asian sections. On Tuesday morning, the presentation Sections: Best Practices and Critical Partners in Achieving the Strategy of AOAC INTERNATIONAL will focus on the achievements and lessons learned by four international sections.

RESEARCH INSTITUTE
Strong interest in Research Institute at IAFP
AOAC returned to the International Association of Food Protection (IAFP) Annual Meeting, held in late July. Nearly 100 individuals came to the AOAC booth to learn about membership and engagement opportunities or to meet with AOAC’s Research Institute representatives about potential or current method submissions. At the booth were Research Institute Senior Director Scott Coates, Manager Nora Marshall, and technical consultants Sharon Brunelle, Maria Nelson, Pat Bird, and Zerlinde Johnson. AOAC’s new Deputy Executive Director and Chief Science Officer, Dr. Palmer Orlandi, was also on hand to discuss AOAC’s current scientific and programmatic initiatives in response to inquiries from laboratories, government organizations, and students.

INSIDE AOAC
AOAC welcomes Giso Ghassemi as our new Controller
AOAC is pleased to announce that Giso Ghassemi has joined the staff in the position of Controller. Giso comes to us with a great deal of experience in non-profit as well as for-profit accounting and finance work, most recently and currently at the National Cathedral in Washington, DC. Welcome, Giso!
some of the most challenging issues in the current regulatory environment. Whether you are testing for contaminants or developing a new product, we have the solutions to meet your need.

New LC-MS/MS methods for pesticides, including glyphosate and other ionic pesticides, veterinary drug residues, natural toxins, non-intentionally added substances (NIAS), and food ingredients.

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