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MEETING NEWS

**Register for the Midyear Meeting**

We've opened registration for the 2020 AOAC Midyear Meeting a full three weeks early! Why? Because this meeting will determine the course of food safety analytical science in the coming year, and we want you there! [Learn more & register >](#)

**New training courses for MYM 2020**

The AOAC Method Validation Training Course now includes new modules for validation of cannabis methods, and we are partnering with A2LA for another course on process risk management. [Learn more >](#)

**Annual Meeting Call for Proposals deadline: December 12**

The deadline for submitting a proposal for a scientific session at the 2020 AOAC INTERNATIONAL Annual Meeting in Orlando is coming up fast! Do you want to be part of the most engaging and innovative meeting program in analytical science? Submit your proposal now. [Learn more >](#)

SCIENCE NEWS

**AOAC cannabinoid standard in new USDA Hemp Program guidelines**

An SMPR for measuring THC in cannabis, approved at the AOAC Annual Meeting in September, has been referenced in the just-announced USDA Domestic Hemp Program testing guidelines as the standard to meet. [Learn more >](#)

**Cannabis Analytical Science Program (CASP) Live Webcast**

Are you a lab manager or stakeholder involved in cannabis testing? Join Cannabis Science and Technology magazine on December 5 for the live webcast on AOAC's Cannabis Analytical Science Program. [Learn more](#) or [Register >](#)

**Second Analytical Methods Week**

Coming December 2-5: a week of virtual orientations, expert review panels, working group meetings, and AOAC public comment sessions. This year's meetings will cover methods for microbiology for food and environmental surfaces, kombucha, furans, and lactose. [Learn more >](#)

CALLS FOR EXPERTS

**Call for experts: Cannabis & hemp**

AOAC is recruiting volunteers with expertise in cannabis and hemp analysis to serve on expert review panels for the review of analytical methodology for the detection of aspergillus in cannabis and hemp; residual solvents in cannabis and hemp. [Learn more >](#)

**Call for experts: Milk oligosaccharides**

AOAC is recruiting volunteers with expertise to participate in a working group to develop an analytical consensus standard for the quantitative analysis of human milk oligosaccharides in infant formula or lactoferrin in infant formula. Please contact Delia Boyd at dboyd@aoac.org for more information.

CALLS FOR METHODS

**Call for methods: Infant formula**

The Stakeholder Panel on Infant Formula and Adult Nutritionals (SPIFAN) is inviting submission of candidate methods for Fluoride, Alpha-carotene, Lutein, and GOS in infant formula and adult nutritionals. Contact Delia Boyd at dboyd@aoac.org.

**Call for Methods: Cannabis**

The Cannabis Analytical Science Program has issued Calls for Methods for new standards for **cannabinoid quantitation, residual solvents, and Aspergillus detection**. [Read more >](#)

COMMUNITY NEWS



Sub-Saharan Africa Section meeting advanced free trade and food safety

Sub-Saharan Africa Section President Owen Fraser, Ph.D. talked with AOAC about how the section is advancing food safety testing in the rapidly-expanding pan-African trading bloc. [Learn more >](#)



Q&A with Owen Fraser, AOAC Sub-Saharan Africa Section president

AOAC talked with Owen Fraser, Ph.D. about how his AOAC Section is advancing food safety testing in the expanding pan-African trading bloc. [Read the Q&A >](#)



Call for nominations: Harvey Wiley Award, Fellows of AOAC

Do you know an outstanding scientist who deserves recognition? The AOAC Awards Program recognizes significant contributions to the analytical science community and to AOAC itself. [Learn more >](#)



AOAC reports on CASP accomplishments to AFDO Board

AOAC Executive Director Dave Schmidt and Cannabis Analytical Science Program Program Lead Scott Coates briefed the Board of Directors of the Association of Food and Drug Officials (AFDO) on the program's accomplishments and next steps. [Learn more >](#)



AOAC talks olive oil at EFFoST international conference in Rotterdam

Chief Science Officer Dr. Palmer Orlandi shared insights from the AOAC Food Authenticity and Fraud program at a special session on olive oil highlighting the work of the OLEUM Project to prevent olive oil fraud. [Read more >](#)



Why AOAC? Membership story from Daniele Sohier

An AOAC member, volunteer, and Journal of AOAC editor and author discusses how AOAC has been a big part of her career trajectory in molecular microbiology. [Learn more >](#)

AOAC IN THE NEWS

Setting Standards for Cannabis Edibles *IFT Food Technology*, November 2019

USDA Announces Domestic Hemp Production Program *Cannabis science and technology*, October 29, 2019

Information for Hemp Testing Laboratories *USDA Domestic Hemp Production Program*

Changes on the Horizon for Nutrition Facts Labels *Lab Manager INSIGHTS*, November 6, 2019

AOAC approves methods to ID, quantify cranberry constituents *Nutra ingredients-usa*, October 14 2019

ME grad honored for contributions *Piqua Daily Call*, September 22, 2019

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