

# The AOAC Spectrum

SHEDDING LIGHT ON AOAC & INDUSTRY NEWS

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## AOAC appoints FDA Food Safety Scientist as New Deputy Executive Director and Chief Science Officer

AOAC INTERNATIONAL is pleased to announce the appointment of Dr. Palmer Orlandi as deputy executive director and chief science officer, effective December 17, 2018. He brings to the position a distinguished public health service career with the federal government.

As deputy executive director and CSO, Orlandi will oversee three primary areas at AOAC INTERNATIONAL: the AOAC Research Institute, Standards Development, and Proficiency Testing. In addition, he will be handling business development responsibilities, including developing strategic partnerships, with the goal of advancing voluntary consensus standards setting activities and strengthening international relations.

Orlandi holds a B.A. in Chemistry from Lafayette College and a Ph.D. in Biochemistry from the University of Kentucky. He is an ROTC Distinguished Military Graduate.

Click [here](#) to read more about Dr. Orlandi.

## AOAC Research Institute is proud to announce Patrick (Pat) Bird as a Technical Consultant

Pat has been an active member of the food safety community for the last 15 years serving in numerous roles including manufacturing and laboratory management before starting his own consulting business in 2018. He has been an active member in AOAC INTERNATIONAL for 10 years, currently serving as an at-large member to the AOAC Research Institute Board of Directors and lead for the microbiology community for AOAC's Technical Programming Council.

Through his work at Q Laboratories, he has been a part of a team that has won three awards for Multi-Laboratory Study of the Year. Pat is an active member of the US ISO/TC34/SC9 delegation and serves on two working groups: WG3 for *Method Validation* and WG19 *Guidelines for conducting challenge studies*.

Pat holds a BS in Microbiology from the Ohio State University in Columbus, Ohio and a MS in Food Safety from Michigan State University in East Lansing, MI.

Click [here](#) to read more about Mr. Bird

## SAVE THE DATE - March 11 - 15, 2019!

The AOAC INTERNATIONAL 9th Annual Midyear Meeting  
March 11 – 15, 2019  
Gaithersburg Marriott Washingtonian Center  
Gaithersburg, Maryland, USA

## AOAC SPADA launched new Working Groups

The AOAC Stakeholder Panel on Agent Detection Assays (SPADA) launched three new working groups at the October 16-17 stakeholder panel meeting. The working groups are:

- Soil Analysis Working Group, Co-Chairs Dr. Linda Beck, JRAD and Dr. Morgan Minyard, DTRA
- Bacterial strain verification working group, Co-Chairs Dr. Linda Beck and Dr. Shanmuga Sozhamannan
- In-Silico* Analysis, Co-Chairs Dr. Linda Beck and Dr. Shanmuga Sozhamannan

These groups will now meet via webinar to complete the standards and will eventually present them to SPADA for final approval.

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## PT Program for Nutrient Analysis of Infant Formula and Adult Nutritionals

AOAC has developed a laboratory proficiency testing (PT) program for nutrient analysis of infant formula and adult nutritionals. Enrollment in this program is [Now Available online](#). The next shipment is scheduled for **February 2019**. Please contact Arlene Fox ([afox@aoac.org](mailto:afox@aoac.org)) if you are interested in more information on the program.

## pH Added to C01 and C02 Food Chemistry Proficiency Testing Programs

AOAC has expanded the C01 & C02 programs' list of analytes to include **pH** due to customer feedback. The PT program continues to survey customers' needs in an effort to meet their demands.

For more information on ALL Proficiency Testing Programs (Microbiology Food Chemistry, Pesticides Residues and Nutrients) visit [AOAC Program Catalog](#). The [2019 enrollment form](#) is now available online.

## Sub-Saharan Africa Inaugural Section Meeting

The Sub-Saharan Africa Inaugural Annual Section Meeting was held on November 5 - 7, 2018 at The Farm Inn Hotel & Conference Centre, Pretoria, Gauteng, Republic of South Africa.

Past Presidents Benesh and Konings, OMB Chair Crowley, and Executive Director Schmidt joined more than 160 government, academic, and industry delegates from many African countries and elsewhere for a highly successful inaugural section meeting.

## AOAC Highlights "Thank You" "Welcome" and "Farewell!" to 2018

AOAC Acknowledges and Values the following Membership

- 413 - New Members
- 06 - Student Members
- 06 - Organizational Affiliates
- 08 - Sustaining Member Organizations

AOAC Congratulates the formation of the new Section

- Sub-Saharan Africa Section

AOAC Welcomes the following staff members

- David B. Schmidt - Executive Director
- Palmer Orlandi - Deputy Executive Director & CSO
- Michael Devlin - Controller
- Chad Stephan - Accounting/Customer Service Assistant

AOAC bid Farewell to the following staff retirees

- Joyce Schmuher - Chief Financial Officer
- Krystyna A. McIver - Executive of Business Development

## Call for Nominations - Harvey W. Wiley Award and Fellows of AOAC INTERNATIONAL

AOAC INTERNATIONAL is seeking nominations for the **Harvey W. Wiley Award** and for **Fellows of AOAC INTERNATIONAL**. The AOAC Awards Program recognizes significant contributions to the analytical science community and to AOAC itself. This is an opportunity for you to nominate outstanding scientists who deserve recognition.

All nominating materials for the 2020 Harvey W. Wiley Award must be received no later than **January 31, 2019**. To obtain a Harvey W. Wiley Nomination Form, [please click here](#).

All nominating materials for 2019 Fellows of AOAC must be received no later than **February 15, 2019**. To obtain a Fellow of AOAC INTERNATIONAL Nomination Form, [please click here](#).

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