



SHEDDING LIGHT *on* AOAC
and STAKEHOLDER NEWS

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MEETING NEWS



Midyear Meeting 2020 highlights

- 3 ERPs, 3 working groups, 2 stakeholder panels, 2 training courses, and 3 receptions! See the [Schedule at a Glance](#) >
- Emerging global issues in the [Analytical Science Forum](#) >
- Three days of crosscutting [cannabis science](#) >
- AOAC hotel discount ends tonight! [Book now](#) >



AOAC Annual Meeting: Ready, set go on March 16

We're letting the Midyear Meeting have its day in the sun before launching the Annual Meeting! But get ready: Annual Meeting registration, poster submission, and hotel reservations all open March 16. In the meantime, check out the [scientific sessions](#) >

SCIENCE NEWS



AOAC Laboratory Proficiency Testing accreditation expands

AOAC Laboratory Proficiency Testing Program is now an accredited PT provider for vitamins and nutrients in infant formula and adult nutritionals. [Learn more](#) >

Cannabis front and center at the Midyear Meeting

AOAC is taking a comprehensive look at cannabis analytical science challenges at the Midyear Meeting with programs on new methods,



future challenges, method validation, and botanicals. [Learn more >](#)



Call for comments: Draft SMPRs for Hemp and Cannabis

The CASP program has opened a Call for Comments for three draft Standard Method Performance Requirements for moisture content, *Salmonella*, and heavy metals. DEADLINE: March 4, 2020. [Learn more >](#)



New low lactose method approved for First Action status

A few years ago, dairy producers in Europe asked a team of young researchers to develop a faster, easier low-lactose method. Their method was just approved for *Official Method* First Action status. [Learn more >](#)



New section editor joins Journal of AOAC

Meet Xu-Liang Cao of Health Canada, the newest section editor of the Journal of AOAC INTERNATIONAL. He'll be co-editing the "Human Nutrient Methods" and "Environmental Chemical Contaminants" sections. [Learn more >](#)

COMMUNITY NEWS



AOAC and Eurofins Foundation launch "Testing For Life" Student Award

A new competition from AOAC and the Eurofins Foundation aims to open doors for young innovators by giving them valuable professional opportunities at the AOAC Annual Meeting and beyond. [Learn more and apply >](#)



AOAC accepting nominations for Official Methods Board Award

Do you know an individual who has contributed significantly to the AOAC analytical scientific community? Nominate them for the Technical Service Award. DEADLINE: February 28. [Learn more >](#)



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Now published by Oxford University Press, the *Journal of AOAC INTERNATIONAL* online is complimentary as part of your AOAC membership. Get details on the [AOAC Journal landing page >](#)



Why AOAC is this researcher's “home for analytical science”

After his first AOAC Annual Meeting in 2015, Salvator Parisi of Al-Balqa Applied University in Jordan realized he had found his analytical science “home.” [Read his story >](#)

INSIDE AOAC



AOAC Board approves update to organizational name and tag line

What does AOAC stand for? When newcomers first encounter AOAC, that’s one of their first questions, so the Board of Directors decided it was time to clarify. [Discover our new description and tagline >](#)



Position Posting: Coordinator for Standards and Official Methods

AOAC is currently seeking an energetic, outgoing individual for the position of Coordinator for Standards and Official Methods. [Learn more >](#)



AOAC founder Dr. Harvey Wiley featured in new PBS documentary

PBS is currently airing a dramatic story from the life and work of AOAC founding member and former president Harvey. W. Wiley. “The Poison Squad” documents how live testing on human volunteers led to passage of the U.S. Pure Food and Drug Act of 1906 [Learn more >](#)

AOAC IN ACTION

Deadlines:

- Feb 19 AOAC Midyear Meeting **hotel discount rate deadline**
- Feb 28 **Deadline for nominations** for AOAC Official Methods Board Individual Achievement Award for Technical Service
- Mar 31 **Deadline for application to AOAC/Eurofins Foundation Testing for Life Student Award.**

Events:

- Feb 27 – 28 **7th Annual Conference of the India Section: “Building Capacity & Collaborative Leadership to Ensure Safe and Nutritious Food”**
- Mar 9 - 13 **AOAC INTERNATIONAL Midyear Meeting**
- Mar 16-17 **AOAC Europe Section ASFILAB symposium “Analytical Measurements in the Society”**
- Mar 24 - Mar 25 **AOAC Pacific Southwest Section Annual Meeting “Emerging Technologies in Analytical Chemistry and Microbiology”** Contact President Josh Wurzer at josh@sclabs.com.
- Apr 13 - 16 **34th Annual Meeting of the Southern Section of AOAC INTERNATIONAL** Call for presentations and posters - Contact Sookwang Lee for the Chemistry session at Sookwang.Lee@fda.hhs.gov and Ynes Ortega for the Microbiology session at ortega@uga.edu.
- April 29 **AOAC’s CASP program presenting at the A2LA Technical Forum**

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