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Highlights of the 2018 Annual Meeting, Toronto, Ontario, Canada.

On August 26–29, 2018, during the AOAC Annual Meeting and Exposition in in Toronto, Canada, more than 800 key experts, international authorities, and other appropriate stakeholders from industry, government, and academia had a voice in setting standards and finding the best, fit-for-purpose methods that are globally recognized and accepted. Major outcomes included new methods and standards for infant formula, food safety, dietary supplements, and alternative methods.

To view a list of highlights of the meeting, click here.

► Congratulations to AOAC Awards Recipients Member Service Award

• 5, 10, 25-Year Awardees. Click here.

Harvey W. Wiley Award

Ikhlas Khan

Harvey W. Wiley Scholarship Award

Mohamed Albadry

Fellow Of AOAC INTERNATIONAL

 Amit Chandra, Steven J. Dentali, Esther Campos-Giménez, George Joseph, Bradley A. Stawick, Eric Verdon, Jian Wang

Technical Service Of The Year Award

Anthony D. Hitchins

Award In Recognition Of Technical And Scientific Excellence

 Greg Jaudzems, Lei Bao, Wu Bolong, Wan Xin, Tian Yan, Fengxia Zhang, Jing Xiao,

Expert Review Panel of The Year

 Melissa Phillips, Luke K. Ackerman, Xu-Liang Cao, Mehmet Gumustas, Siheng Li, Katerina Mastovska, Tom Seipelt, Kasi V. Somayajula, Darryl M. Sullivan, Jing Tan, Tomasz Tuzimski, Sudhakar Yadlapalli

Method of The Year

 Daniele Sohier, Markus Timke, Gongyi Shi, Markus Kostrzewa, Marian Awad, Benjamin Bastin, Patrick Bird, Erin Crowley, M. Joseph Benzinger Jr, James Agin, David Goins

The William Horwitz Award

Albert E. Pohland

TDRM Student Award

• Grace Hahm

First-Time Poster Contest

 Christopher Brodie, Tina Caskey, Stephanie Kobany, Chaitanya Gupta Christopher Lenderink

►Outcomes and Future Work of the AOAC ISPAM Harmonization Project - an IAFP Webinar

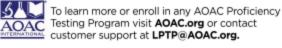
AOAC INTERNATIONAL and Microbiologics are supporting a webinar organized by the Methods Validation & Verification Interest Group within the IAFP Applied Laboratory Methods PDG on October 26, 2018 (9:00 am. - 10:00 am CST) https://www.foodprotection.org/events-meetings/webinars/outcomes-and-future-work-of-the-aoac-ispam-harmonization-project/

This session will present the evolution of harmonized validation guidelines through the ISPAM initiatives, where we are currently aligned and where we need to go from here. Perspectives on what potential activities can be achieved through ISPAM collaborations through global interlaboratory studies and verifications for a more globally representative set of food commodities will also be discussed.

- Erin Crowley, Presenter, Chief Scientific Officer, Q Laboratories
 DeAnn L. Benesh, Presenter, Global Regulatory Affairs Manager, 3M Food Safety
- Stephanie Pollard, Moderator, Clear Labs

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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. A pilot study was successfully completed and enrollment in this program is Now Available online. The First shipment began March 2018. Please contact Arlene Fox

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(afox@aoac.org) if you are interested in more information on the program.

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- C01 Meat Chemistry
- C02 Cheese Chemistry
- P01 Pesticide Residues in Fruits and Vegetables

For additional information on organisms, analytes, matrices, and enrollment, visit the AOAC website at www.aoac.org.

Sub-Saharan Africa Section

Congratulations to the formation of the new Sub-Saharan Africa Section and their newly appointed Executive Committee Members.

- President, Owen Paul Fraser
- President-Elect, Ephraim J. Moruke
 Constant Michael Adolina
- Secretary, Victoria Morin-Adeline
- Treasurer, Jayne De Vos

The Sub-Saharan Africa Inaugural Annual Section Meeting will be held on November 5 - 7, 2018 at The Farm Inn Hotel & Conference Centre, Pretoria, Gauteng, Republic of South Africa. For more information, please click here.

AOAC Membership Survey

AOAC is seeking your assistance in providing input on your membership experience. Please look for information coming to you soon.

▶ 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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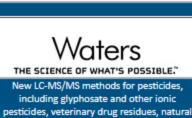
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