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MEETING NEWS



Highlights of the 2020 AOAC Midyear Meeting

The 2020 Midyear Meeting overcame unexpected challenges to successfully advance the dialogue and science around emerging issues, food authenticity, cannabis testing, vaping, and more. [Read more >](#)



AOAC 2020 Annual Meeting Call for Posters Open

With an audience of the world's leaders in agriculture and food analytical science, the AOAC INTERNATIONAL Annual Meeting is a rare opportunity for young scientists to get noticed. [Read more >](#)

SCIENCE NEWS



AOAC & Analytical Cannabis Webinar – The Latest on Cannabis and Hemp

AOAC joins forces with *Analytical Cannabis* on April 21 in a webinar featuring cannabis experts discussing a method for moisture in hemp in support of USDA's requirement to measure THC in hemp by dry weight. [Read more >](#)

Town Hall on Vaping: A Compelling Case for Analytical Science

At the 2020 Midyear Meeting, four experts shared their experience with the issues around testing vape products and vapor and made a



compelling case that analytical science is essential to ensure these devices are safe. [Listen to the recording >](#)



Cannabis at MYM: Farm Bill, New SMPRs, and New Training Working Group

Cannabis programming at the Midyear Meeting covered a lot of ground, including the USDA Domestic Hemp Program, votes on SMPRs and a new Education & Training Working Group. [Read more >](#)



SPIFAN Scientists Advance 3 SMPRs and Review OMA Methods for 6 Key Nutrients

In a full day of activities from global engagement to revamping old methods and approving two new standards, the Stakeholder Program on Infant Formula and Adult Nutritionals (SPIFAN) session at the Midyear Meeting was highly productive. [Read more >](#)



A Year of Analytical Thinking: Six Food Authenticity & Fraud Program SMPRs

Working group chairs delved into the complexities they encountered during a full year of work on SMPRs for three commodities that top the list in food fraud: honey, milk, and olive oil. [Read more >](#)



Five Key Takeaways from Analytical Solutions Forum 2020

In a full-day program at the 2020 Midyear Meeting, the Forum included horizon-scanning, global perspectives, emerging issues, and next steps for potential new initiatives. [Read more >](#)



AOAC Launches Analytical International Methods and Standards (AIMS) Program

The 2020 Midyear Meeting saw the launch of a new scientific program, the Analytical International Methods and Standards (AIMS) Program, addressing emerging issues and opportunities in food microbiology among the international stakeholder community. [Read more >](#)



Microbiology: New SMPR and Two New Methods Approved at Midyear Meeting

A new SMPR and two new methods for detecting Salmonella were approved in separate sessions at the AOAC Midyear Meeting. [Read more >](#)

COMMUNITY NEWS



AOAC Global Council Kicks Off at Midyear Meeting

AOAC Global Council leaders addressed international engagement and strategies in the light of the Covid-19 uncertainties. [Read more >](#)



Where Analytical Science and Thought Leaders Meet: Organizational Members

AOAC Ambassadors and Executive Members operate at the intersection of regulatory, scientific, and market decisions that impact the food industry globally. **These major firms and 91 others** are leading and benefiting at the same time. [Learn more >](#)



Deadline Extended for “Testing for Life” Student Award

Applications for the 2020 AOAC/Eurofins Foundation “Testing for Life” Student Award must be received by May 1, 2020. Details and a submission form are available on the Awards guidance web page. [Read more >](#)



AOAC India: Challenges, Opportunities, and a “Roadmap to the Future”

More than 300 leading specialists from across India and around the world gathered in February in a technically sophisticated meeting that built on the India Section’s successes in collaborative analytical science. [Read more >](#)



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INSIDE AOAC



In Memorium: Patrice Arbault, AOAC INTERNATIONAL Member of the Board

AOAC INTERNATIONAL is remembering the life of Dr. Patrice Arbault, a Board Member who contributed invaluable time and expertise to the organization for more than a decade. He passed away in mid-March. [Read more >](#)



Call for Nominations for AOAC Board of Directors

AOAC is seeking potential nominees to serve on the AOAC INTERNATIONAL Board of Directors for two Director positions and three Officer positions. [Read more >](#)



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 IN ACTION

Deadlines:

- March 31 – **Call for Nominations for AOAC Board of Directors**
- April 1, 2020 – Food Authenticity & Fraud Program **Call for Comments on Draft SMPR for Targeted Testing of Adulterants for Milk, Honey, and Olive Oil**
- April 1, 2020 – Food Authenticity & Fraud Program **Call for Comments on Draft SMPR for Non-Targeted Testing of Adulterants for Milk, Honey, and Olive Oil**
- May 1, 2020 - **Deadline for application to AOAC/Eurofins Foundation Testing for Life Student Award**

Events:

- April 21, 2020, noon EDT - **AOAC and Analytical Cannabis Webinar: Update on Standards and Methods for Cannabis & Hemp Analysis**
- Jun 8, 2020 - Jun 10, 2020 (Tentative) - **39th Annual Midwest Section Meeting and Exposition**, Sheraton Kansas City Hotel at Crown Center, Kansas City Missouri
- Jul 21 – July 23, 2020 - AOAC China Section Meeting: Forum of Food Analytical Science and Standards 2020. Contact: Dr. Ping Jing, jingp@aoacchina.org, or telephone at 86-532-8088-5779 and 86-178-5327-8002.
- Sep 11, 2020 - Sep 17, 2020 - **AOAC INTERNATIONAL 2020 Annual Meeting, Swan & Dolphin hotels, Orlando, Lake Buena Vista Florida**

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