



Thanks for a Successful CASP Meeting! Minutes now available.

Thank you all for your contributions to yet another successful meeting of the AOAC Cannabis Analytical Science Program. The meeting resulted in the recommendation of *Standard Method Performance Requirements (SMPRs for Detection of Salmonella in Cannabis and Cannabis Products and Determination of Heavy Metals in a Variety of Cannabis and Cannabis Derived Products* for approval. An electronic ballot was issued thereafter and as of Tuesday, April 7, we are happy to announce that both SMPRs have been approved and are being moved to the publication stage. Once published, AOAC will issue a call for methods for these standards. Meeting minutes from the CASP Meeting are available [here](#).

Working Group News and Updates:

Training & Education Working Group

The CASP Training & Education Working Group is nearly ready for launch. Dr. Toby Astill of Perkin Elmer will serve as Chair. **AOAC requests all stakeholders to complete [this survey](#) to help us set initial priorities for this working group.** Survey responses should be completed no later than COB Monday, April 20.

Moisture Content Working Group

Based on feedback obtained at the CASP meeting, this working group will be revisiting the concept of a moisture content SMPR. They are scheduled to meet on Tuesday, April 14.

Heavy Metals Working Group

With the SMPR for Heavy Metals approved, the group has commenced work on SMPRs for Mycotoxins in Cannabis. The group has agreed on which mycotoxins should be included (aflatoxins B1, B2, G1, G1 and ochratoxin A). The group met on Thursday, April 2 and will meet again on April 16 to continue a discussion about required matrices. It is expected that this effort will result in two SMPRs, one for screening and another for confirmation.

Salmonella Working Group

With the SMPR for *Salmonella* approved, the group has commenced work on an SMPR for detection of Shiga toxin-producing *E. coli* (STEC). The group is currently working on a screening SMPR. On April 1 the group agreed to making this SMPR applicable to “big-7” STEC serotypes. They will meet again on April 15 to continue this discussion.

All working groups are open and may be joined by completing [this application form](#).

Advisory Panel

Do you want to participate in determining the strategic direction of the CASP program? Contact Alicia Meiklejohn, Director, Business Development & Governance at ameiklejohn@aoac.org to discuss becoming a CASP member and participating on the advisory panel.

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