



AOAC Cannabis Analytical Science Program (CASP) Newsletter: October 21, 2019

New CASP Calls for Methods

AOAC INTERNATIONAL is happy to announce new Calls for Methods in the following areas:

- [Detection of *Aspergillus* in Cannabis](#)
- [Quantitation of Cannabinoids in Hemp](#)
- [Identification and Quantitation of Residual Solvents in Cannabis](#)

Submitted methods will be reviewed by an AOAC Expert Review Panel for conformity with the recently approved Standard Method Performance Requirements® (SMPRs). Please review each Call for Methods for more information. Interested in being a reviewer for the submitted methods? If so, [complete an Expert Review Panel application](#).

CASP Working Groups

The three existing working groups (Cannabinoids in Consumables, Chemical Contaminants in Cannabis, and Microbial Contaminants in Cannabis) are ready to get back to work on CASP's latest priorities. The next meetings for each of these groups have been scheduled, starting with Chemical Contaminants (10/22) and Microbial Contaminants (10/23) followed by Cannabinoids in Consumables next week (10/31). We're also getting ready to launch the new Training & Education Working Group. If you or someone you know are interested in joining any of these working groups, including the new Training & Education Working Group, please [sign up here](#).

Call for Nominees to Chair the Training and Education Working Group

AOAC CASP has formed a working group to focus on training and education on cannabis analytical science. This group will work to identify areas where training is needed and recommend educational programs and training modules. Nominees should be able to facilitate meetings and achieve consensus among groups of scientists; as well as have a working knowledge of microbiology laboratory procedures and methods; and AOAC programs and procedures. Knowledge of AOAC standards and methods is desired. It is expected that the working group will meet by conference call an average of twice a month, and in-person at AOAC Annual and Mid-Year Meetings as needed. We are also considering co-chairs if time commitment is an issue. You may nominate yourself. If you

are interested, or know someone who should be considered, please email your CV to Scott Coates, Senior Director, AOAC Research Institute at scoates.aoac.org.

CASP Meeting

Thank you again to all who were able to attend the second meeting of the AOAC INTERNATIONAL Cannabis Analytical Science Program on Saturday, September 7, 2019! In case you missed them, the meeting minutes are [available here](#).

Other News

- Are you looking to set up a collaborative study for your cannabis method, now or in the future? If so, Therapeutic Health Choices LLC has expressed interest in being a collaborator. Please contact Ronald Miller, Lab Director, at rmiller@ncvw.com for more information. If you are interested in being a collaborating lab and would like to be featured in the newsletter, please let us know by reply email.

-Please forward this newsletter to your colleagues. Help us raise awareness of CASP –



Questions? Please feel free to reply to this email. We look forward to your participation!

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