



Join us “at” AOAC’s 2020 Annual Meeting!

AOAC currently plans to move forward with the September 2020 [Annual Meeting](#) scientific program, either in-person or virtually. Final plans will be confirmed during the June 9-10, 2020 Board of Directors meeting. The next CASP Meeting will be held in conjunction with the Annual Meeting, stay tuned for details!

Working Group News and Updates

Cannabinoids in Consumables Working Group

Based on feedback obtained at the CASP meeting, this working group has determined that an SMPR is not the most fit for purpose way to address the standardization of drying cannabis, so a standard operating procedure-type of document will be developed instead. Currently, Chair Dr. Holly Johnson is working with AOAC staff to compile various procedures from around the world to gain insight into what may be the best approach. For more information please contact Christopher Dent, Manager for Standards and Official Methods, at cdent@aoac.org.

Chemical Contaminants Working Group

Chair Dr. Julie Kowalski continues to drive this working group forward with the difficult task of developing SMPRs for Mycotoxins in Cannabis. The group is currently developing a screening SMPR for the detection of listed mycotoxins. Performance requirements for Ochratoxin A and Aflatoxins B1, B2, G1 and G2 were discussed at their last meeting, which was on Thursday, May 21. These discussions will continue at their next meeting (date to be determined). Once complete the group will move on to development of a confirmation SMPR. For more information please contact Christopher Dent, Manager for Standards and Official Methods, at cdent@aoac.org.

Microbial Contaminants Working Group

On Friday, May 22, the Microbial Contaminants Working Group completed another SMPR, this one for detection of shiga toxin-producing *E. coli* (STEC) in cannabis. Chair Dr. Julia Bramante is now putting the final touches on the SMPR document ahead of its distribution to the wider community for a 30-day public comment period. Details on the public comment period will be included in a future newsletter. The group is far ahead of schedule and will be taking a well-deserved break until mid-summer, when they will pick up on a new microbial topic (to be determined). For more information please contact Christopher Dent, Manager for Standards and Official Methods, at cdent@aoac.org.

NEW Proficiency Testing Working Group

This new working group will focus on identifying areas in cannabis where proficiency testing (PT) programs are needed. The group is slated to hold their first teleconference on Friday, May 29. For more information please contact Shane Flynn, Director, Laboratory Proficiency Testing at sflynn@aoac.org.

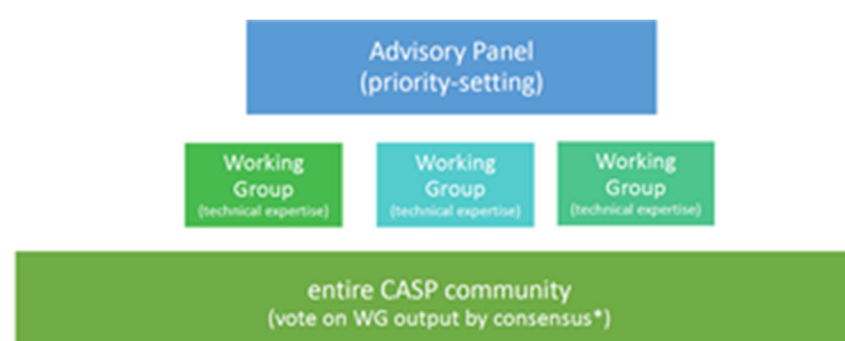
NEW Training and Education Working Group

The CASP Training & Education Working Group launched earlier this month on May 14. Using input gathered from the rest of the CASP community, this group will work to develop suitable training programs in various areas of the analytical cannabis industry, including microbiological methods, metals, pesticides, and laboratory setup. Sub-groups for each of these topics are in the process of being formed. For more information please contact Christopher Dent, Manager for Standards and Official Methods, at cdent@aoac.org.

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Advisory Panel Updates

The CASP Advisory Panel met on May 8, 2020, where members reviewed the overall progress of the program and participated in priority-ranking for future working group tasks.



*solicitation & adoption of *Official Methods of Analysis*SM follow additional AOAC processes, including Expert Review Panel evaluation (http://www.eoma.aoac.org/app_g.pdf)

Would you like to determine 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.

Upcoming Speaking Engagements

- Association of Public Health Laboratories (APHL) on May 28
- Food Safety Tech Food Labs/Cannabis Labs Conference, June 2 – 5, 2020
- Cannabis 101 on June 22 (Virtual) featuring CASP Science Advisor Dr. Susan Audino
- IFT on July 12 – 15 featuring Working Group Chair Dr. Toby Astill and AOAC Executive Director David Schmidt.
- IAFP2020 on August 2-5 in Cleveland, Ohio

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