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## SCIENCE NEWS



### AOAC Emergency Response Validation Project for SARS-CoV-2 Virus Test Kits

AOAC Research Institute has launched a streamlined project to evaluate and certify performance of test kits that detect the SARS-CoV-2 coronavirus, the causative agent of COVID-19 illness, on environmental surfaces. [Read more >](#)



### Coming on June 2: AOAC Food Authenticity Program webinar

Join AOAC experts to learn about food authenticity analytical science in a **live webcast** on Tuesday, June 2, 2020 in collaboration with *Food Analysis and Separation Science*. [Register now >](#)



### BALLOT OPEN: AOAC Food Authenticity Program SMPRs

Working groups have finalized Standard Method Performance Requirements for targeted and non-targeted testing of three key commodities: Milk, olive oil, and honey. All interested scientists are invited to vote. [Read more >](#)

## MEETING NEWS

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

AOAC currently plans to move forward with the **Annual Meeting**



scientific program, either in-person or virtually. Final plans will be confirmed during the June 9-10, 2020 Board of Directors meeting. [See AOAC status update >](#)



## AOAC 2020 Annual Meeting Call for Posters deadline extended

The early deadline for poster abstracts has been extended to June 18, 2020, 11:59pm EDT. Abstracts submitted and confirmed by the deadline will be listed in the Preliminary Program! [Read more >](#)

## CALLS FOR EXPERTS



## CASP program examining potential role for AOAC in cannabis lab proficiency testing

In what areas of hemp and cannabis production are laboratory proficiency testing programs needed? Add your expertise to the exploratory working group now forming. [Learn more >](#)



## Work with top experts in your field and support your analytical community

AOAC is currently seeking volunteers to share their expertise as part of two groups now forming: A Working Group on Rosins and an ERP for Water Activity Methods. [Learn more >](#)

## COMMUNITY NEWS



## Nyssa Hewitt wins Harvey W. Wiley Award Student Scholarship

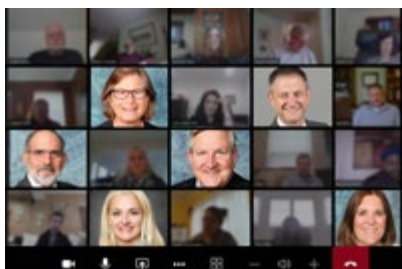
Nyssa Hewitt, an analytical chemistry student in New Zealand, has been selected as winner of the 2020 Harvey W. Wiley Award Student Scholarship. [Learn more >](#)



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## AOAC coronavirus update

All AOAC programs, including Proficiency Testing and Performance Tested Methods, are fully operational during the current coronavirus lockdown. A decision on holding the Annual Meeting virtually or in person is expected in mid-June. **Read more >**

### AOAC IN ACTION

#### Events:

- Jun 8, 2020 - Jun 10, 2020 – CANCELLED: **39th Annual Midwest Section Meeting and Exposition**, Sheraton Kansas City Hotel at Crown Center, Kansas City Missouri
- June 8-11, 2020 – CANCELLED: **APHL Annual Meeting**, Portland Oregon
- June 9-10, 2020 - AOAC INTERNATIONAL **Board of Directors** meeting (virtual)
- June 22-26, 2020 - AOAC INTERNATIONAL **Analytical Methods Week** (virtual)
- August 2-5, 2020 – **IAFP Annual Meeting**, Huntington Convention Center, Cleveland Ohio (Event announcement expected June 1)
- September 11, 2020 - Sep 17, 2020 - **AOAC INTERNATIONAL Annual Meeting**, Swan & Dolphin hotels, Orlando, Lake Buena Vista Florida
- September 20-22 - Hear Susan Audino, CASP scientific advisor at **CannMed 2020**, Pasadena Convention Center, California

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