



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

AOAC currently plans to move forward with the September **2020 Annual Meeting** scientific program virtually. The CASP meeting will feature special speaking engagements, a review of the CASP program, updates from each of the working group chairs, and some great discussion on cannabis analytical science. To learn more about AOAC’s Virtual Annual Meeting, including how to register, visit our [website](#).

Calls for Methods

In March, CASP approved the following *Standard Method Performance Requirements (SMPRs)* ®

- [Determination of Heavy Metals in a Variety of Cannabis and Cannabis-Derived Products](#)
- [Detection of *Salmonella* species in Cannabis and Cannabis Products](#)

We’re pleased to announce that these SMPRs are now published and that **we are now accepting method submissions for both!** Details for each and instructions for submitting your method(s) can be found in the above links.

Working Group News and Updates

Cannabinoids in Consumables Working Group

This group has continued efforts to develop guidance on drying cannabis samples. A template for this guidance has been developed and the working group move to populate the template with the appropriate parameters in the coming months. For more information please contact Christopher Dent, Manager for Standards and Official Methods, at cdent@aoac.org.

Chemical Contaminants Working Group – **SMPR READY FOR COMMENTS!**

Working Group Chair Julie Kowalski continues to drive this working group forward with the difficult task of developing SMPRs for Mycotoxins in Cannabis. One SMPR, titled *Mycotoxin Screening Technique in Cannabis plant material and cannabis derivatives*, has been drafted **and is now available for public comment**. After working hard on this SMPR for several months, this group is taking a short break and will reconvene late summer / early fall. For more information please contact Christopher Dent, Manager for Standards and Official Methods, at cdent@aoac.org.

[Click here to provide comments on the Mycotoxins SMPR!](#)

Microbial Contaminants Working Group– **SMPR READY FOR COMMENTS!**

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. **This SMPR is now available for public comment**. As with the chemical contaminants group, this group is taking a temporary break before tackling its next project and will reconvene late summer / early fall. For more information please contact Christopher Dent, Manager for Standards and Official Methods, at cdent@aoac.org.

[Click here to provide comments on the STEC SMPR!](#)

Proficiency Testing Working Group

This new working group will focus on identifying areas in cannabis where proficiency testing (PT) programs are needed. The group held their first teleconference on Friday, May 29. The group has sought input from its members via a poll which has recently closed. They are currently organizing the responses and populating subgroups. Other subgroups including microbial contamination and residual solvents, may be added later based on working group feedback.

For more information please contact Shane Flynn, Director, Laboratory Proficiency Testing at sflynn@aoac.org.

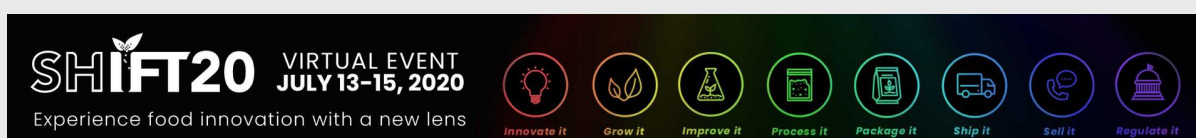
Training and Education Working Group

The CASP Training & Education Working Group was launched 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 have been formed and the group is well underway in coming up with recommendations for CASP training. For more information please contact Christopher Dent, Manager for Standards and Official Methods, at cdent@aoac.org.

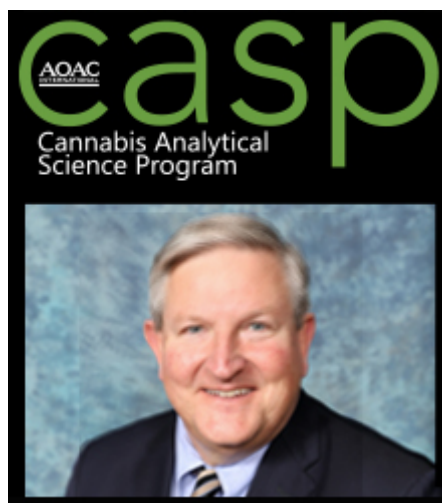
Advisory Panel

Working Group priorities are established by the AOAC CASP Advisory Panel (AP). The AP meets several times per year to monitor progress and determine new directions for analytes, matrices, and more. Contact Alicia Meiklejohn (ameiklejohn@aoac.org) to learn how to become a member and help guide the working groups!

Upcoming Speaking Engagements



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David Schmidt of AOAC INTERNATIONAL, with PerkinElmer's Toby Astill and Pat Bird of PMB Biotek
Cannabis & CBD Testing Science Primer 2020: Understanding Methodology and Resources Available to Test Cannabis & CBD Food Sample Types

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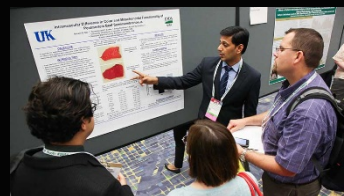
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