



July 2020

MEETING NEWS



Building the Future of Analytical Science: **Join us at AOAC's Virtual Annual Meeting**

The 2020 Virtual Annual Meeting & Exposition will be held in September, with scientific and technical sessions, exhibits, and poster sessions held in a virtual format. [Learn more >](#)



Two more Analytical Methods Weeks scheduled for 2020

Analytical scientists will have two more opportunities in 2020 to advance new *Official Methods* following the AOAC Annual Meeting in September. [Learn more >](#)

SCIENCE NEWS



Deadline is July 29 for applications for coronavirus test kit validation program

The accelerated program will evaluate and certify the performance of test kits that detect SARS-CoV-2, the causative agent of COVID-19 illness, on environmental surfaces. [Learn more >](#)

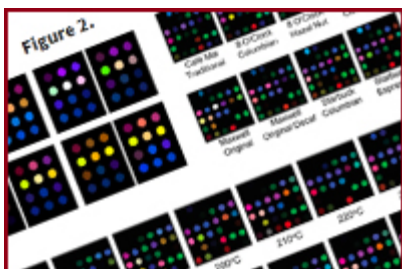


AOAC's second 2020 Analytical Methods Week advances expertise

AOAC stakeholders gathered for a week of virtual science, kicking off on June 22 with orientations and concluding on June 26 with a meeting



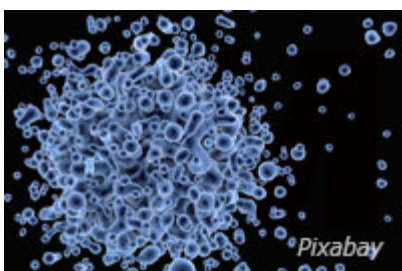
of U.S. TAG to ISO/TC-34. [Learn more >](#)



Top 10 *Journal of AOAC INTERNATIONAL* articles available for free for a limited time

Through September 30, 2020, Oxford University Press has removed the paywall for a curated collection of the most highly-cited articles from recent years. [Learn more >](#)

CALL FOR PARTICIPATION



Vote on SMPRs for quant micro methods - food and environmental surfaces

Voting on the AOAC Quantitative Microbiology Methods for Food & Environmental Surfaces Standard Method Performance Requirements (SMPR) is now open. The deadline date for voting is July 31, 2020. [Learn more >](#)



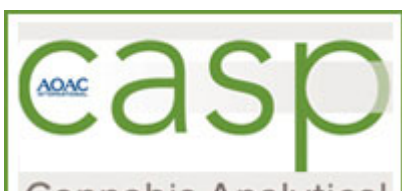
Call for volunteers: ERP for micro methods for food & environmental surfaces

AOAC is recruiting international volunteers to serve on the ERP for Microbiology Methods for Food and Environmental Surfaces that will review submitted candidate methods. [Learn more >](#)



Call for volunteers: ERP for water activity methods

AOAC is launching an ERP for Water Activity Methods to review submitted candidate methods for adoption as *Official Methods*. Deadline is Friday, August 28. [Learn more >](#)



Cannabis Analytical Science Program calls for methods and calls for experts

AOAC INTERNATIONAL is seeking experts to participate on the

Cannabis Analytical Science Program

Expert Review Panels (ERPs) and review candidate methods for Official Methods of AnalysisSM First Action Status. [Learn more >](#)



Call for comments: Two SMPRs for hemp and cannabis

The public comment period ends August 7 for two draft Standard Method Performance Requirements[®] (SMPRs), one on mycotoxin screening techniques and the other on Detection of Shiga toxin-producing *Escherichia coli*. [Learn more >](#)



Take a leading role in the analytical science community through JAOAC

The *Journal of AOAC INTERNATIONAL* is seeking a section editor for the Drug Formulations section, focusing on analytical methods used to identify and analyze pharmaceutical ingredients and products. [Learn more >](#)

COMMUNITY NEWS



AOAC Members: Your voice matters in the AOAC 2020 organizational election

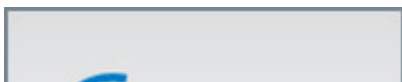
AOAC members have the opportunity to shape the future of analytical science by voting in the 2020 organizational election, being held online between July 16 and August 13, 2020. [Learn more >](#)



AOAC changing for you, with a more flexible and user-friendly Member Portal

AOAC has just completed a major upgrade of our Member Portal, the secure site where the AOAC community logs in to manage their profiles, access their subscriptions, and register for events. [Learn more >](#)

INSIDE AOAC



AOAC signs Memorandum of Understanding



with ILSI North America

AOAC and the International Life Sciences Institute (ILSI) North America will work cooperatively to advance food safety and nutrition science for the benefit of public health. [Learn more >](#)



AOAC's Chad Stephan moves to Laboratory Proficiency Testing Program

Chad will serve as the primary contact person for potential and current program customers, as well as processing and distributing laboratory performance result reports. [See staff bios >](#)

AOAC IN ACTION

Events:

- August 26–28: **AOAC China Section Meeting: Forum of Food Analytical Science and Standards 2020**
- September 8–24: **AOAC INTERNATIONAL Virtual Annual Meeting**
- October 19–23: **AOAC Analytical Methods Week**
- October 25–28: **IAFP Annual Meeting**, Cleveland Ohio
- October 26–27: **AOAC Europe Section - ASFILAB symposium: Analytical Measurements in Society**, Espace Saint Martin, Paris
- April 12–14, 2021 (*rescheduled*): Hear Susan Audino, CASP scientific advisor at **CannMed 2021**, Pasadena California

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