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Special 2020 Annual Meeting Issue

MEETING NEWS

134TH ANNUAL MEETING

AOAC
Virtual ANNUAL MEETING
and EXPOSITION

SEPTEMBER 8-24, 2020

Top takeaways from the AOAC 2020 Virtual

Annual Meeting

Spectrum talked with AOAC's science team and a leading AOAC Member about lessons learned from the organization's first Virtual Annual Meeting. [Read the Q&A >](#)



Closing Remarks from AOAC

INTERNATIONAL President Erin Crowley

New AOAC INTERNATIONAL President Erin Crowley closed out the 2020 Meeting with a look back at the challenges and successes of the meeting, and a look forward into the future of the organization. [Read her remarks >](#)



Missed a session? AOAC has you covered

Our publications and communications team had a "reporter" in virtually every session, with live updates from scientific summaries to salient quotes and takeaways from post-session Q&As. [View the blog >](#)

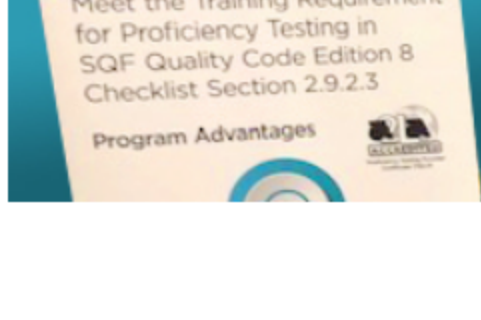
SCIENCE NEWS



AOAC new rapid response validation project

for yeast and mold in cannabis

AOAC has launched a new accelerated project to evaluate and certify the performance of test kits that enumerate total yeast and mold organisms in cannabis flower. [Learn more >](#)



New initiatives on the way in AOAC

Laboratory Proficiency Testing Program

AOAC's LPT program is developing new programs in the areas of Hemp, Listeria (Swab), and Salmonella in Liquid Egg. For more information and to indicate your interest, [click here >](#)



Webinar: Standards and Methods for

Aspergillus in Cannabis and Hemp

In this joint CST/CASP webinar featuring AOAC's Pat Bird, cannabis stakeholders like regulators and labs can gain insights into AOAC's method validation process. [Register now >](#)



2020 AOAC Poster Contest winners

announced

Isaac Rukundo, a student at the University of Nebraska, joined four scientists from Agilent Technologies, Horiba Instruments, and PerkinElmer as winners of the contest for first-time AOAC poster presenters. [Learn more >](#)

CALLS FOR PARTICIPATION



Call for Volunteers for two SPIFAN working

groups

The Stakeholder Program for Infant Formula and Adult Nutritionals (SPIFAN) is seeking volunteers to serve on two newly formed working groups: Chlorates & Perchlorates; and Collaboration on Vitamin C. [Learn more >](#)



CASP Calls for Methods: Salmonella and

Heavy Metals

The Cannabis Analytical Science Program (CASP) has two Calls for Methods open: for **Detection of Salmonella Species** and for **Determination of Heavy Metals**.

COMMUNITY NEWS



Analytical science leaders honored at 2020

AOAC INTERNATIONAL Annual Meeting

More than 100 talented and dedicated scientists were recognized for their contributions to analytical science at the AOAC 2020 Annual Meeting. [Meet the winners >](#)



AOAC INTERNATIONAL and the HEMP and

CANNABINOID SCIENCE INSTITUTE

Announce Cooperative Agreement

The partnership will advance cannabis science and promote AOAC consensus standards for analyzing hemp, cannabis, and cannabinoids. [Learn more >](#)

INSIDE AOAC



Introducing AOAC's new Board of Directors

Kicking off the second week of the AOAC Virtual Meeting, AOAC President Henry Chin announced the composition of the 2020/2021 AOAC INTERNATIONAL Board of Directors. [Meet the Board >](#)



Remembering AOAC INTERNATIONAL Past

President Russ Flowers

The analytical science community has lost a brilliant scientist and a friend with the passing of Dr. Russell D. Flowers, who contributed innumerable volunteer hours and a wealth of thoughtful guidance to AOAC INTERNATIONAL. [Read the memorium >](#)



Position Posting: Director, Information

Technology

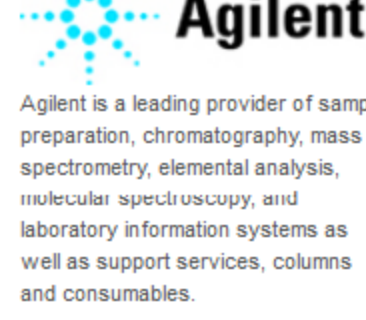
AOAC INTERNATIONAL is currently seeking an energetic, outgoing Director of Information Technology (Director, IT) to lead the technology-related operations of the headquarters of AOAC INTERNATIONAL. [Learn more >](#)

AOAC IN ACTION

Events:

- September 30 – **Webinar: Developing Standards and Methods for the Detection of Aspergillus in Cannabis and Hemp Materials**
- October 19–23 – **AOAC Analytical Methods Week**
- October 21 – **AOAC Board of Directors Meeting**
- October 26–28 – **IAFP Virtual Annual Meeting**
- October 26–27 – **AOAC Europe Section - ASFILAB symposium: Analytical Measurements in Society**, Espace Saint Martin, Paris
- October 27-28 – **AOAC China Section Meeting**, Shanghai, China

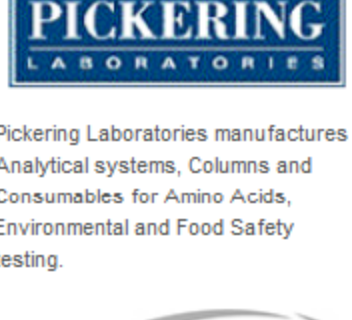
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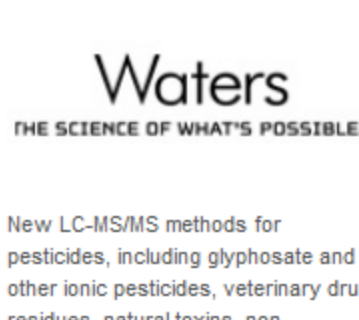
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