



SHEDDING LIGHT on AOAC
and STAKEHOLDER NEWS

AOAC Spectrum

August 2020

MEETING NEWS



Analytical science pioneer Gilles Martin to keynote AOAC 2020 Annual Meeting

In 1987, Gilles Martin founded Eurofins Scientific, then a single laboratory with just four employees. Today, the Eurofins Scientific Group has over 800 labs in over 50 countries. [Learn more >](#)



Hot topics at the upcoming 2020 AOAC Virtual Annual Meeting

From vaping to artificial intelligence, Covid-19 surface testing, MALDI-TOF and more, the 2020 meeting is focused on the future of analytical science. [Learn more >](#)

SCIENCE NEWS



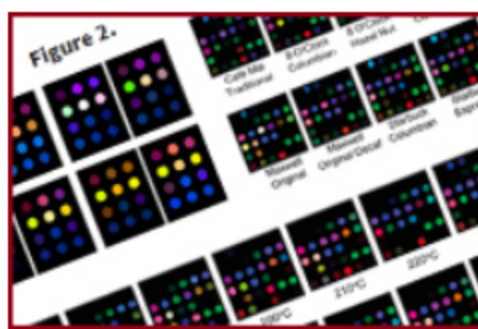
Scientists approve new test for measuring flavanols in cocoa and chocolate products

A new method for determining flavanols and proanthocyanidins in chocolate, cocoa liquors, cocoa powders, and cocoa extracts is now available through AOAC's online Official Methods of Analysis (eOMA) database. [Learn more >](#)



Webinar: AOAC accelerated program for SARS-CoV-2 detection in the food industry

AOAC's Pat Bird will join a New Food Magazine webinar summarizing the rapid-response project to validate test kits for the novel coronavirus on environmental surfaces. [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 >](#)

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 >](#)



Call for Comments: Draft SMPRs for Human Milk Oligosaccharides (HMO)

Deadline: September 5: AOAC has issued a call for comments for five Standard Method Performance Requirements (SMPRs) under development in the SPIFAN program. [Learn more >](#)



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

Deadline August 28: 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

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



Cannabis Analytical Science Program Call for Experts

DEADLINE: August 28. AOAC INTERNATIONAL is seeking experts to participate on the Expert Review Panels (ERPs) and review candidate methods for Official Methods of Analysis First Action Status. [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**.



Journal of AOAC INTERNATIONAL seeking Section Editor for Drug Formulations

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 >](#)



Method submission deadline for October Analytical Methods Week

The deadline is September 4, 2020 for **submission of sole-source methods** or methods submitted in **response to a Call for Methods**. The next Analytical Methods Week is October 19-23, 2020.

COMMUNITY NEWS



Five outstanding young researchers win AOAC Analytical Science Student Award

The winners of the AOAC INTERNATIONAL / Eurofins Foundation "Testing for Life" student award will present their work at the upcoming Annual Meeting. [Meet the winners >](#)



AOAC selected for recognition by nonprofit leadership organization

As part of their coverage of "100 associations saving the world," the ASAE Research Foundation illustrated AOAC's mission with a case study on infant formula. [Learn more >](#)

INSIDE AOAC



Position Posting: Director, Information Technology

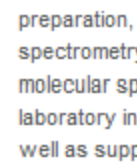
AOAC INTERNATIONAL is currently seeking an energetic, outgoing Director of Information Technology (Director, IT) to lead the technology-related operations of the headquarters of AOAC INTERNATIONAL. [Learn more >](#)

AOAC IN ACTION

Events:

- September 3 – **Webinar: AOAC and SARS-CoV-2 Detection in the Food Industry**
- September 8–24- **AOAC INTERNATIONAL Virtual Annual Meeting**
- RESCHEDULED - Hear Susan Audino, CASP scientific advisor, at **CannMed 2020**
- October 19–23 – **AOAC Analytical Methods Week**
- 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

Thank you to our Champions!

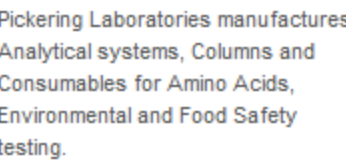


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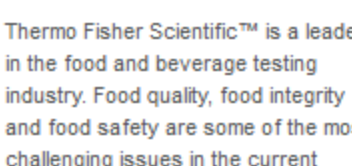
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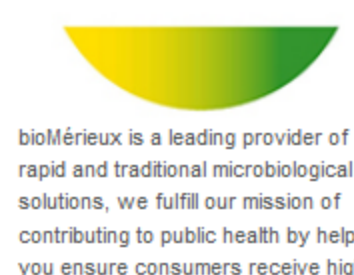
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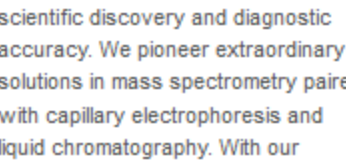
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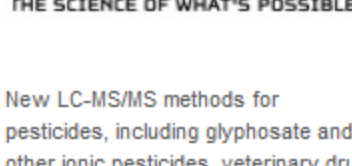
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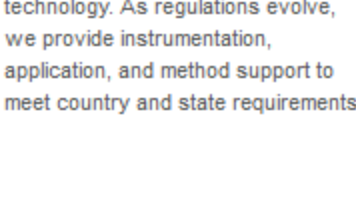
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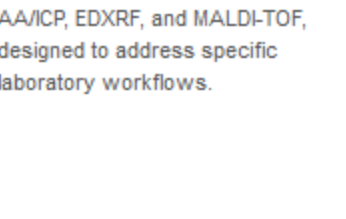
New LC-MS/MS methods for pesticides, including glyphosate and other ionic pesticides, veterinary drug residues, natural toxins, non-intentionally added substances (NIAS), and food ingredients.



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