



SHEDDING LIGHT on AOAC
and **STAKEHOLDER NEWS**

AOAC Spectrum

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MEETING NEWS

Highlights of the upcoming Midyear Meeting



Registration opens next week for the AOAC 2021 Virtual Midyear Meeting in March! Join us for discussions on SARS-CoV-2 testing, lab security, heat-generated compounds, FSMA requirements, and more. [Learn more >](#)

SCIENCE NEWS



Second wave of test kits certified by AOAC SARS-CoV-2 Rapid Response Validation

AOAC has issued Certificates of Validation for two more proprietary test kits that detect SARS-CoV-2, the causative agent of COVID-19 illness, on environmental surfaces. [Read the press release >](#)

COMMUNITY NEWS



Katerina Mastovska of Eurofins wins 2021 Harvey Wiley Award

An expert in the application of gas and liquid chromatography with mass spectrometry for identifying and measuring pesticide residues and other contaminants in food, Dr. Mastovska is also a longtime AOAC leader. [Learn more >](#)



AOAC and Herbalife join forces to support student researchers

The new **AOAC INTERNATIONAL/Herbalife Nutrition Scholarship** will award up to two students a year with a cash prize, an expense-paid trip to the AOAC Annual Meeting, and mentorship at Herbalife. [Learn more >](#)

INSIDE AOAC



Longtime AOACRI Consultant Nancy Thieux retires

Nancy Thieux, who has served the Association for nearly 20 years, is stepping down from her role as an AOAC Research Institute Technical Consultant. [Learn more >](#)



COVID-19: AOAC continues successfully in a primarily virtual environment

AOAC staff continues to operate remotely while the pandemic persists. Staff who need to be in the office occasionally communicate those requests to senior management and coordinate schedules, thereby limiting any exposure of each staff member to others during the time in the office.

NEW PTM CERTIFICATIONS

The following test kits have received Research Institute Performance Tested Methods certifications:

- bioMérieux VERIPRO SARS-CoV-2 Environmental Assay
- Eurofins GeneScan Technologies VIRSeek SARS-CoV-2 Solution
- PathogenDx EnviroX-Rv Assay
- Phylagen COVID-19 Indoor Test™
- ThermoFisher Scientific SARS-CoV-2 PCR Workflow
- ThermoFisher Scientific™ SureTect Campylobacter jejuni, C. coli and C. lari PCR Kit
- ThermoFisher Scientific™ SureTect™ Escherichia coli O157:H7 and STEC Screening PCR Assay
- ThermoFisher Scientific SureTect™ Escherichia coli STEC Identification PCR Assay

AOAC IN ACTION

Events:

- March 15-19 – **AOAC INTERNATIONAL Virtual Midyear Meeting**
- April 19-22, 2021 – **Southern Section of AOAC INTERNATIONAL 35th Annual Meeting**, Hilton Garden Inn Hotel – Buckhead, Atlanta, Georgia
- On-demand through September 29, 2021 – **AOAC / CST Webinar: Developing Standards and Methods for the Detection of Aspergillus in Cannabis and Hemp Materials**
- On-demand through January 14, 2022 – **CST Webinar: AOAC Emergency Response Validation for Total Yeast and Mold in Cannabis Products**

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