



February 2021

MEETING NEWS



Midyear Meeting 2021: A 360-degree look at the “Global One Health” Approach

Featuring Dr. David Goodman, Chief Medical Officer of the FDA Office of Food Policy and Response, the Midyear Meeting’s kickoff event will examine this emerging concept in food safety and human health. [Learn more >](#)



AOAC Communities front and center at the Midyear Meeting

AOAC’s Sections and Communities are powerhouses of analytical science collaboration. That’s why AOAC is featuring them at the 2021 Midyear Meeting. [Learn more >](#)

SCIENCE NEWS



Cannabis Analytical Science Program update on working groups

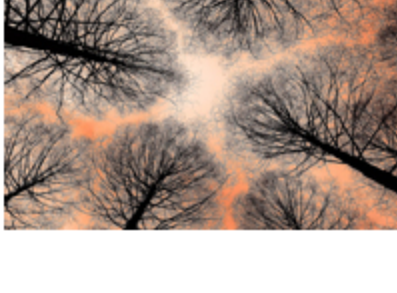
From cannabinoids in consumables to microbial/chemical contaminants, lab proficiency testing and training & education, CASP working groups are moving forward. [Learn more >](#)

CALLS FOR PARTICIPATION



Call for Methods: Glycerol Esters of Wood Rosins

AOAC invites method authors and developers to submit methods that meet four SMPRs for characterization and quantitation of monoesters from glycerol esters of wood rosin. [Learn more >](#)



Call for Volunteers & Experts: ERP for Glycerol Esters of Wood Rosins

AOAC is actively recruiting international volunteers to serve on a new ERP for Glycerol Esters of Wood Rosins Methods to review submitted candidate methods for adoption as Official Methods of Analysis. [Learn more >](#)



Call for Method Validation Protocols and Plans: Food Authenticity – Honey, Olive Oil, & Milk

AOAC invites method authors and developers to submit relevant methods and potential plans for validation of candidate methods that may meet requirements for six food authenticity and fraud SMPRs. [Learn more >](#)



Call for ERP for Food Authenticity Methods – Honey, Olive Oil, & Milk

AOAC is seeking international volunteers to serve on a new ERP for Food Authenticity Methods for Honey, Olive Oil, and Milk to review validation plans and candidate methods for adoption as *Official Methods of Analysis*. [Learn more >](#)



Call for Volunteers and Experts: Ad Hoc Expert Panel for AOAC Methods in CSX234 for Fats and Oils

AOAC is recruiting subject matter experts for a new ERP for AOAC Methods in CXS234 for Fats and Oils. [Learn more >](#)



Call for Volunteers and Experts: Ad Hoc Expert Panel for AOAC Methods in CSX234 for Cereals

AOAC is recruiting subject matter experts for a new ERP for AOAC Methods in CXS234 for Cereals. [Learn more >](#)



Call for Comments: Draft SMPR for Chlorates and Perchlorates in Baby Foods, Infant/Adult Formulas

AOAC is seeking comments on a draft SMPR for Chlorates/Perchlorates. [Learn more >](#)



Call for Comments: Proposed Modification to AOAC 995.03 – Capsaicinoids in Capsicums and their Extractives

AOAC has received a proposal to modify AOAC 995.03, Capsaicinoids in Capsicums and Their Extractives, and has opened a 30 to 60 day Public Comment Period. [Learn more >](#)

TRAINING & EDUCATION



Free webinar: Establishing Standards for Color Additives from Natural Sources

Coming March 2: Rising consumer demand for “natural” colors from plant extracts or other sources raises potential sourcing safety concerns and analytical challenges. Hear from FDA and industry experts. [Learn more >](#)

COMMUNITY NEWS



Call for Applications: AOAC INTERNATIONAL / Eurofins Foundation “Testing for Life” Student Award

Deadline: May 3. Students in basic or applied science in analytical or molecular testing for food safety, health or environmental protection, may apply. [Learn more >](#)



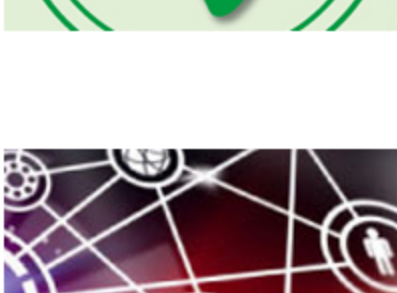
Call for Applications: AOAC INTERNATIONAL / Herbalife Nutrition Scholarship

Deadline: May 3. Student researchers in analytical or molecular testing, especially botanicals, macro or micro-nutrients, or contaminants are encouraged to apply. [Learn more >](#)



AOAC joins forces with the African Organisation for Standardisation

AOAC INTERNATIONAL and ARSO have signed a Memorandum of Understanding establishing a strategic partnership to advance food safety and security in Africa.. [Learn more >](#)



Share ideas and insights 365 days a year in an AOAC online community

AOAC’s Midyear and Annual Meetings are great places to network in your professional area of interest. Now you can continue year-round in one or more of AOAC’s 14 LinkedIn Groups. [Learn more >](#)

AOAC IN ACTION

New Certifications

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

- **EnviroLogix QuickTox for QuickScan Aflatoxin Flex**
- **Zeulabs Eclipse Farm 4G & Comet**
- **Invisible Sentinel GENE-UP Aspergillus PRO**
- **R-Biopharm SureFast® SARS-CoV-2 PLUS Test**

Events:

- February 25 - **AOAC Training & Education Webinar: Microbial Contaminants in Cannabis**
- February 26 - **AOAC Training & Education Webinar: Chemical Contaminants in Cannabis**
- March 2 - **AOAC Training & Education Webinar: Establishing Standards for Color Additives from Natural Sources**
- March 15-19 – **AOAC INTERNATIONAL Virtual Midyear Meeting**
- April 19-22, 2021 - **Southern Section of AOAC INTERNATIONAL 35th Annual Meeting - Virtual**
- 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**

Thank you to our Champions!

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At SCIEX, we want to empower and inspire you to break new ground in scientific discovery and diagnostic accuracy. We pioneer extraordinary solutions in mass spectrometry paired with capillary electrophoresis and liquid chromatography. With our customers and partners, we bring the power of life-changing answers to the questions you have today.

Thermo Fisher Scientific™ is a leader in the food and beverage testing industry. Food quality, food integrity and food safety are some of the most challenging issues in the current regulatory environment. Whether you are testing for contaminants or developing a new product, we have the solutions to meet your need.

Eurofins is committed to outstanding client service and high-quality scientific services. As the leader in food safety, we provide a unique range of testing services, food safety training, consulting, auditing, and certification services. With locations in 44 countries, Eurofins is prepared to provide local expertise wherever your business is located.

PerkinElmer works with cannabis and hemp laboratories to develop industry-leading methods and technology. As regulations evolve, we provide instrumentation, application, and method support to meet country and state requirements.

Shimadzu supports the food industry with an extensive portfolio of instrumentation, including UHPLC, LC-MS/MS, GC-MS/MS, FTIR, UV-Vis, AA/ICP, EDXRF, and MALDI-TOF, designed to address specific laboratory workflows.

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.

Pickering Laboratories manufactures Analytical systems, Columns and Consumables for Amino Acids, Environmental and Food Safety testing.

Celebrating 30 years of innovation in 2018, Megazyme develops and supplies assay kits, enzymes and analytical reagents for a diverse range of industries and applications.

