



**AOAC INTERNATIONAL**  
**Food Authenticity Methods (FAM) Program**

**AOAC Midyear Meeting**  
**Gaithersburg, MD**

**Friday, March 18, 2022**  
**8:30am – 12:00 noon EDT**  
**Salon C/D/E**

**Draft Agenda**

**Science Advisor: Dr. Bert Pöpping**

*(Managing Director, FOCOS - Food Consulting... Strategically)*

**Moderator: Dr. Steven Gendel**

*(Principal, Gendel Food Safety LLC)*

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**I. WELCOME & INTRODUCTION (8:30am-8:40am)**

Dr. Palmer Orlandi (*Deputy Executive Director and Chief Science Officer, AOAC INTERNATIONAL*) will open the meeting, welcome attendees, and outline the purpose and goals of the meeting.

**II. UPDATES ON THE BOTANICALS & SPICES WORKING GROUP (8:40am-10:30am – Working Group Chairs)**

The working group chairs will provide an update on the status of the working group including the accomplishments to date for the *Standard Method Performance Requirements (SMPRs®)* in development of botanicals & spices.

- a. Non-Targeted Testing (NTT) Analysis (*Dr. John Szpylka, Chemistry R&D Manager, Food Safety Net Services – 8:40am – 9:10am*)
- b. Targeted Testing (TT) including Gap Analysis Update for Honey/Milk/Olive Oil (*Dr. Joe Boison, Director, EJ Consultancy – 9:10am – 10:00am*)
- c. Molecular Applications (*Dr. Daniele Sohier, Global Business Development Manager – Industrial Microbiology, ThermoFisher Scientific – 10:00am – 10:30am*)

**BREAK (10:30am - 10:45am)**

**III. A 2-YEAR RETROSPECTIVE ON THE FAM PROGRAM & DISCUSSION ON FUTURE GOALS WITH FOUNDATION NOW ESTABLISHED (10:45am-11:00am)**

Dr. Bert Pöpping will provide stakeholders with an overview of AOAC's Food Authenticity Methods (FAM) Program including future topics.

\*Requires a vote

\*\*Draft meeting agenda is subject to change w/out notice

**IV. GUEST PRESENTATIONS ON FUTURE FAM ENGAGEMENT (11:00am-11:55am)**

- a. Dr. Demian Willette, Assistant Professor, Loyola Marymount University
- b. Dr. Nicola Colombo, Chief Executive Officer at C-LABS SA (an SGS SA Company) - SGS DIGICOMPLY

**V. SUMMARY, NEXT STEPS, & LOOK AHEAD (11:55am-12:00pm)**

Palmer Orlandi will provide stakeholders with the next steps in the program.