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SIG Laboratory as AOAC SEA's 4th Organizational Member

"It is such an honor for us to become part of AOAC Southeast Asia Section, which is in line with SIG's commitment to support the creation of a safer world #towardsasaferworld."

SIG takes a role in regional and global efforts to improve the quality of food analysis. We continuously strengthen our contributions to maintaining the quality of the food industry by supporting the development of a sustainable and safe industry in the Southeast Asia region and beyond."

Thank you SIG and other Organizational Members! We are honored to have you with us!

AOAC SEA's
Organizational
Membership

A promotional banner for an AOAC virtual work session. The banner features a blue and white color scheme with geometric shapes. On the left, there is a video camera icon above the text "AOAC VIRTUAL WORK SESSION" in large, bold, blue letters. Below this, it says "PESTICIDE RESIDUE ANALYSIS IN HERBS AND SPICES" and "NOV 2, 2023 FROM 6-8 PM SGT". In the center, a hexagonal frame contains an image of several vials with colored residues (yellow, brown, orange, red, grey). On the right, there is a QR code with the AOAC logo and the text "AOAC VIRTUAL WORK SESSION" below it.

**AOAC VIRTUAL
WORK SESSION**

PESTICIDE RESIDUE ANALYSIS
IN HERBS AND SPICES

NOV 2, 2023 FROM 6-8 PM SGT

Nov 2: AOAC Virtual Work Session on Pesticide Residue Analysis

The Harmonization of Methods Working Group of AOAC SEA has prioritized to address challenges identified for analysis of pesticide residues in herbs and spices. We have received much support and interest in this project, even from outside the Southeast Asia region.

In collaboration with AOAC INTERNATIONAL, AOAC SEA is organizing a meeting to scope this project and engage interested participants from other regions in the world.

The virtual work session will take place on **November 2, 2023 from 6-8 pm SGT** and include the following draft agenda:

1. Introductions
2. Feedback survey on needs/challenges
3. Recent work on pesticide residues at AOAC INTERNATIONAL
4. Standard development on Ethylene Oxide, new working group at AOAC INTERNATIONAL
5. Scoping project pesticide residues in herbs and spices, call for volunteers Working Group
6. Next steps

Speakers will include *Dr. Xiping Hou* from BV-AQ, *Dr. Erik Konings* from Nestlé Institute of Food Safety & Analytical Sciences, *Dr. Annabelle Briones* from Department of Science and Technology - Industrial Technology Development Institute (DOST-ITDI), *Dr. Kate Mastovska* from AOAC INTERNATIONAL, *Ms. Edna Callejas-Mijares* from Jefcor Laboratories, and *Dr. Kaushik Banerjee* from Indian Council of Agricultural Research - National Research Centre for Grapes (ICAR NRC Grapes).

Register for the
Session

NOV 30, 2023 FROM 6-8 PM SGT

AOAC VIRTUAL WORK SESSION

NEEDS FOR STANDARD DEVELOPMENT
TO MEASURE CYANIDE IN CASSAVA,
CASSAVA PRODUCTS AND OTHER FOOD
MATERIALS



Nov 30: AOAC Virtual Work Session on Cyanide Measurement

The Harmonization of Methods Working Group of AOAC SEA has identified challenges with the analysis of cyanide in cassava and cassava products. Interest in this topic has been confirmed to extend beyond the Southeast Asia region.

In collaboration with AOAC INTERNATIONAL, AOAC SEA calls for a virtual session to connect stakeholders from multiple regions in the world to share the identified challenges and gauge interests in standard development to measure cyanide in cassava, cassava products and other food materials.

The virtual work session will take place on **November 30, 2023 from 6-8 pm (SGT)** and include the following draft agenda:

1. Challenges with the analysis of cyanide in cassava and cassava products
2. Feedback survey on needs/challenges
3. Standard Development process @ AOAC INTERNATIONAL
4. Next steps

Speakers will include **Dr. Deni Taleski** from National Measurement Institute Australia and **Dr. Erik Konings** from Nestlé Institute of Food Safety & Analytical Sciences.

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CALL FOR NOMINATIONS FOR AOAC SEA OFFICE POSITIONS

AOAC SEA's Mission

is to convene government, industry and academia to develop and validate standards, methods and technologies, and ensure the safety and integrity of foods and other products that impact public health.

Please nominate themselves or other capable members for the positions of President-Elect, Treasurer, and Secretary



Call for Nominations for AOAC SEA Office Positions

AOAC SEA Section was approved to form by AOAC International in 2021 and since then we have continuously worked to engage SEA stakeholders from government, academia, and industries. AOAC SEA aims to serve as an effective vehicle to:

- drive the development of analytical competence and capabilities through mutual recognition;
- improve the standards and performance of analytical science;
- involve governments, industry, technology service-providers, and academia across the region; and
- foster more public-private engagements, which will bring tremendous benefits for the
- consumers and economies in this region

AOAC SEA has four office-bearer positions that form the Executive Committee (ExCom). President-Elect, Treasurer, and Secretary positions were elected and formed in 2021, and have completed a tenure of two years. As per the Bylaws, we seek this opportunity to invite nominations of AOAC SEA members who would like to nominate themselves or other capable members for the positions of President-Elect, Treasurer, and Secretary. The roles and responsibilities of these positions can be accessed at <https://aoac-sea.org/aoac-sea->

[bylaws/](#).For members nominating other members, please gain consensus for nomination before nominating.

Nominations can be sent via email to AOAC SEA President (Dr. Xinping Hou) and Section Mentor (Dr. Erik Konings) at info@aoac-sea.org.

A brief profile of the nominated individual along with a statement of interest in the aforementioned position is required.

For further information, please email us at info@aoac-sea.org.

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