



“ I am honoured to be selected as the Co-chair of the AOAC SEA Capacity Building Working Group!

I have worked on a number of successful capacity building projects in the South East Asian region for the last thirty years, managing several international projects and consultancies for the Australian Government and the World Health Organization. I am currently the Coordinator of the Asia Pacific Food Analysis Network (APFAN), which has been undertaking a multi-phase project since 2017 that is producing and distributing low-cost Proficiency Testing (PT) materials to food analysis laboratories in the Asia Pacific region.

I believe through my experience and knowledge as well as my association with APFAN, that I offer a unique opportunity for the Capacity Building Working Group to drive the development of analytical competence and advancement of the standards and performance of analytical science in the region.



Stewart Jones (left; receiving the 'Baton' at the APFAN PT1 Workshop in Indonesia in 2018)
APFAN Coordinator

Announcement: Co-chair of Capacity Building Working Group

After widely searching for candidates for the Capacity Building Working Group Co-chair position, we are happy to announce that Mr. Stewart Jones, APFAN Coordinator, will join the team.

Welcome on board Stewart!

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2023 AOAC SEA Annual Conference is on the way!

With the theme of *Facilitating Compliance for Food Safety and Quality in International Trade*, we strive to **bring together** the government, academia and industries, **discuss the food quality and safety testing challenges** the industries are facing and **how we can work together** to improve the quality and safety of food and health products, ultimately reduce the technical barriers of trade.

We have a **team of volunteers** who are very capable, creative and persistent that I am very honoured to work with. They are full of energy and passion, driven by the objective of having the conference registration fee heavily subsidized while offering the most learning and networking benefits so that the community can jointly achieve greater goals.

Xinping Hou, President of AOAC SEA Section



Xinping Hou, Ph.D. (second from the right)
President of AOAC SEA Section
Analytical Services Manager SEA at BV-AQ
(Singapore)

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After the sequential steps of:

- polling for country location of the 2023 AOAC SEA Annual Conference
- calling for volunteers to serve on the conference organizing committee
- calling for topic and talk proposals that align with the conference theme of ***Facilitating Compliance for Food Safety and Quality in International Trade***

we are now ready to accept conference registration, with early bird discount support ends on **18 Jun 2023**.

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Conference topics and speakers

Topics of the conference were selected to stay relevant to Vietnam and participants in the Southeast Asia region, with alignment to AOAC's vision, mission, and programs. [The list of confirmed speakers is updated regularly here.](#)

- Keynote speeches:
 - AOAC New Initiatives
 - Trend and Status of Harmonizing National Standards of Vietnam (TCVN) According to AOAC Methods in the Food Sector
- Global and local emerging issues:
 - FPAS Development in Regulation and Analytical Challenges
 - Heavy Metals Trend towards Zero
 - Harmonization in Sugar Content Definitions and Analysis
 - Banned Substances in Dietary Supplements
 - Ethylene Oxide, Pesticides, Nitrosamine, and many more
- Standard development and method harmonization to facilitate compliance:
 - AOAC SMPRs and Multi-lab Testing (MLT)
 - AOAC & ISO Harmonization in Microbiological Test Methods Validation
 - APEC's Progress on Standard Protocol for NGS-based Probiotics Testing
 - Status of Adoption of AOAC Methods in ISO 17025 Accredited Laboratories in Vietnam

Two complimentary technical workshops will be provided in response to the need of the community:

- Part I: AOAC Official Methods and Method Validation
 - AOAC Standard Method Development Process and SMPR®
 - Measurement Uncertainty
 - Test Method Validation
- Part II: Assuring Microbiological Quality of Food
 - AOAC Microbiology Method Validation
 - Environmental Monitoring of Pathogens
 - Proficiency Testing

Early Bird
Registration

Bringing together stakeholders to discuss challenges in food testing supporting Food Safety and Quality in trade

The 2023 AOAC SEA 2nd Annual Conference will bring together regional and global experts and stakeholders to share the latest trends and challenges in science and technology, regulations, standards and compliance related to food

safety issues across South-East Asia, and how they impact international food trade.

We expect to have 200-300 delegates at the event, with a good mix of public and private sector groups and academia. Plentiful learning and networking opportunities will be arranged to facilitate collaborations and exchanges among different sectors and across countries.

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We appreciate the generous support of the 2023 AOAC SEA Conference Sponsors who help bring the conference themed *Facilitating Compliance for Food Safety and Quality in International Trade* to the needed community in the region, and thus serve AOAC SEA's mission in convening 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.

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