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Calling for Analytical / Regulatory Experts in Pesticide Residues in Culinary Herbs and Spices

The AOAC Southeast Asia Section, in collaboration with AOAC INTERNATIONAL, started a new project on Pesticide Multiresidue Analysis in Herbs and Spices in 2023. **YiFan Jiang** from olam food ingredients (ofi) and **Tran Phuong Huy** from Eurofins Sac Ky Hai Dang have kindly agreed to lead the newly formed *Working Group on Pesticide Multiresidue Analysis in Culinary Herbs and Spices*.

A **Kick-off Meeting (virtual)** of the Working Group will be held on **18 April, 8:00-9:30 pm (GMT+8)**. To receive the meeting link and to be included in future communications and meetings, please fill out the form to register your interest.

(If you have filled out this form before, you'll continue to receive information and updates. To opt out, please kindly email method.harmonization@aoac-sea.org and CC strategic.engagement@aoac-sea.org.)

Receive meeting link
& register your
interest



CALL FOR LABORATORIES to test Cyanide in a cassava product

The Method Harmonization Working Group of the AOAC Southeast Asia section has recently identified potential discrepancies in test results originating from the use of different analytical test methodologies for total cyanide in cassava products. (To review highlights of the meeting, please [click here](#).)

To confirm potential differences, interested laboratories are invited to participate in a round robin to determine hydrocyanic acid, including hydrocyanic acid

bound in cyanogenic glycosides, in a sample processed ready-to-eat cassava chips using the lab's own testing methodology.

The sample is currently available upon request at:

method.harmonization@aoac-sea.org.

Reporting of results by participating laboratories are expected by mid-July 2024. Participants will receive a report of the study in due time.

Email to receive the
sample



2024 AOAC SEA 3rd Annual Conference Updates

AOAC SEA's 3rd Annual Conference will take place over 2 days in Manila, Philippines on Oct 16-17 or 22-23, 2024. Together with our co-organizer, the Industrial Technology Development Institute, one of the Research and Development institutes of the Department of Science and Technology (DOST-ITDI), we aim this year's conference theme on Food Safety again, in response to the members' feedback.

Sharing the missions in establishing harmonized standard methods of analysis that ensure the safety and integrity of foods and other products to support growth and development of countries in the region, AOAC SEA and DOST-ITDI are honored to partner up to deliver a successful conference.

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Other AOAC SEA Updates

1. The Emerging Issue Working Group led by **Dr. Jie Zhang**, Manager - Analytical Governance & Toxicology, Global Food Safety, reckitt, and **Dr. Huei Hong Lee**, Principle Scientist, Waters Corporation, is preparing for the **Mineral Oil Workshop**, in collaboration with the Malaysian Palm Oil Board. Further details will be posted soon.
2. The Training of Young Scientists Working Group led by **Dr. Qi Lin**, Senior Lead, Analytical Research, Abbott Nutrition R&D, **Amelia Cheng**, retired Group QC & QA Manager, GC Holdings, and **Dr. Jianhong Ching**, Assistant Professor; Lab and Core Facility Director, Duke-NUS, is organizing the **2024 AOAC SEA Student Lab Tour** in collaboration with the NUS-ACS Student Chapter. The students will visit Abbott, CTC Analytics Asia, and Eurofins Food Testing Singapore.

3. The Microbiology Working Group led by **Kumud Ashish Singh**, Senior Regulatory Expert - Food (South Asia), Merck, and **Dr. Lay Ching Chai**, Professor; Pro Vice-Chancellor (Education), Sunway University, held their online meeting in collaboration with **Dr. Kate Mastovska**, Deputy Executive Director; Chief Science Officer, AOAC INTERNATIONAL. The meeting updated **training calendar progress** and **proposed topics** for the AOAC SEA 3rd Annual Conference.
 4. AOAC SEA Executive Committee Members for the term 2024-2026: *President-Elect*: **Lionel Tay**, Vice President of Quality and Regulatory for APAC, McCormick & Company; *Treasurer*: **Dr. Jing Tan**, Analytical Team Lead, FMC; and *Secretary*: **Dr. Hong Hanh Nguyen**, Researcher, IDQC-HCM. More information can be found [here](#).
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