



AOAC SEA President-Elect

Term: 2024 - 2026

Lionel Tay

Vice President of Quality and Regulatory for APAC
McCormick & Company Inc.

Professional Background

Lionel Tay currently serves as the Vice President of Quality and Regulatory for the Asia-Pacific Zone at McCormick & Company Inc. In this role, he oversees all quality and regulatory aspects across various sectors, including Consumer Packaged Goods (CPG), QSRs, Food Services, Flavors, and food ingredients.

Prior to McCormick, Lionel was the Head of Quality for Syngenta Asia Pacific Pte Ltd. He has also undertaken management responsibilities as Site Head for Covance Asia Pacific Pte Ltd overseeing the Central Laboratory Services business for APAC. In addition, Lionel was a registered Principal Auditor with International Register of Certificated Auditors (IRCA).

Throughout his career, Lionel has gained extensive experience in laboratory management and science, spanning diverse industries such as clinical research, food sciences, agro-chemicals, and food manufacturing. His expertise extends to consulting for various organizations in the region, including public hospitals in Shanghai and Beijing. Notably, he co-authored Good Clinical Practice (GCP) guidelines and technical manuals for the China State Food and Drug Administration (SFDA) from 2008 to 2010.

Lionel holds a Diploma in Mechanical Engineering and an Advanced Diploma in Quality Management. He furthered his education by pursuing an MBA with the University of Liverpool and recently completed the Strategic Thinking for CXOs program with the University of Cambridge.



AOAC SEA Treasurer

Term: 2024 - 2026

Jing Tan, Ph.D.

Capacity Building Working Group Chair, AOAC SEA (Volunteer)
Analytical Team Lead, FMC (Full-time)

Professional Background

Jing holds a Ph.D. degree in Analytical Chemistry from the National University of Singapore and is currently working as the Analytical Team Lead at FMC, an agrichemical company, where she has been leading a group of scientists providing technical solutions and developing analytical strategies to support IP, brand protection, registration, process innovation and improvements. Prior to FMC, Jing has over 10 years of working experience in Food and Pharmaceutical analysis in both the private and public sectors.

Jing and AOAC International (AOACI) and AOAC Southeast Asia Section (AOAC SEA):

- AOACI member (2016- now)
- AOAC SEA founding member
- AOAC SEA Capacity Building Working Group (CBWG) Chair (2023- now)
- Steering committee member of Analytical Solution Forum AOACI (2019-2021)
- Member of ERP for bisphenol A (2017). Best ERP of 2017-2018
- Working group participant of human milk oligosaccharides (HMO) (2019) and lactoferrin (2020)



AOAC SEA Secretary

Term: 2024 - 2026

Hong Hanh Nguyen, Ph.D.

Strategic Engagement Manager, AOAC SEA (Volunteer)

Researcher, IDQC-HCM (Full-time)

Previous Experience

As the Strategic Engagement Manager of AOAC SEA Section, Hong loves the opportunities to work with brilliant individuals who have big hearts, ambitious dreams, and depths of expertise in one or more fields.

Being with the team since the beginning, Hong has helped the association grow from less than 50 members in June 2021 to over 700 ones in June 2023, with stronger footprints in Southeast Asian countries. The success of this lies in her ability to observe the best of everyone and work closely with the team to form a strong brand identity for AOAC SEA.

Hong obtained her B.Sc. in Biochemistry at the University of Texas at Austin on a full-ride scholarship, with Dr. Andrew Ellington as her undergraduate research supervisor. Her Master's/Ph.D. mentors are the top mass spectrometrists, Drs. Joseph Loo and Rachel Ogorzalek Loo, at University of California, Los Angeles. Hong did her second Master's degree in Public Policy Analysis at Fulbright University Vietnam, which aspires to be the Harvard of Vietnam, on a full-tuition scholarship. Hong joined different scientific associations in the U.S., got industry experience in the analytical testing field from working for Transmed Co. Ltd. in Vietnam, and has a full-time job at the Institute of Drug Quality Control Ho Chi Minh City, a government institution.

Growing through different positions, from Capacity Building Working Group Chair to AOAC SEA 1st Annual Conference Publicity Chair to Strategic Engagement Manager and AOAC SEA 2nd Annual Conference Publicity Chair, Hong appreciates the diversity and growth-enabling environment at AOAC SEA. She would love to keep contributing to the Section and its mission via the secretary role.