

AAPCO Workgroup or Liaison Report to Annual Meeting

Date of Report: 2/22/2018

Issues to be raised for discussion by AAPCO Board or General Session:

These are the issues the working group or liaison wishes to raise for specific deliberation by the AAPCO Board of Directors and/or the AAPCO General Session at the annual meeting. *(Note: This section can also include a self-assessment as to the effectiveness and continued need for this workgroup/liaison function.)*

None

General summary of work group/liaison activities for the year:

This summary will be included in the General Session meeting folder

(Note: Reports that contain specific recommendations will be acted upon individually.)

The 2018 AAPCO Check Sample Program was successfully conducted by the Pesticide Laboratories, Office of Indiana State Chemist. Annual subscription fees are kept unchanged at \$200 per year for U.S. labs and \$250 per year for international labs. This has been the fee structure set by the AAPCO board since 2008. The AAPCO treasurer Mr. Dave Fredrickson collects payments from the program participants and the entire proceeds of around \$20,000 is donated to the AAPCO general fund.

This year we have a total of 91 laboratories subscribed to the program from the U.S. and all over the world. A record high for the program! Interests in the program remain strong from both U.S. domestic labs and labs oversea. The 50 international labs come from 26 countries across four continents.

Four commercial pesticide products containing four pesticide active ingredients were offered in the 2018 program. We continue to offer a variety of analytes, matrices and fortification levels each year to help labs gain experience testing many different types of formulation samples on the market. Homogeneity tests were performed by the hosting lab to guarantee the high quality of the test samples offered.

Future activities:

- 1. An evaluation report to detail participants' performance will be published in March 2018.**
- 2. Analytes of interest to be offered for the 2019 program will be selected in May 2018.**
- 3. Samples for the 2019 program will be shipped to participants during October 2018.**

Respectively submitted,

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Chair, AAPCO Check Sample Program