



Tuesday, May 12, 2026

7:45 a.m. Registration/Continental breakfast
8:25 a.m. Welcome

Morning Session: Regulatory update and outbreak/epidemiology updates

Chair:

8:30 a.m. Ben Warren, FDA
9 a.m. Keith Poulsen, Wisconsin Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory, FRI Affiliated Faculty
9:30 a.m. USDA/FSIS representative TBA

10–10:30 a.m. Break

Morning Session: Spore-forming pathogens

Chair:

10:30 a.m. *Bacillus cereus* risks in foods/dairy products
Jasna Kovac, Dept. Food Science, The Pennsylvania State University
11 a.m. *Clostridium perfringens* research in FRI Applied Food Safety Lab
Melissa Bohn, FRI Applied Food Safety Lab
11:30 a.m. *Clostridium botulinum* infant formula update
Kristin Schill, FRI Applied Food Safety Lab, FRI Executive Committee

Noon – 1:00 p.m. Lunch

Afternoon Session: Fungal research

Chair:

1:00 p.m. Jae-Hyuk Yu, Dept. Bacteriology, UW–Madison, FRI Executive Committee
1:30 p.m. Nancy Keller, Dept. Medical Microbiology & Immunology/Dept. Bacteriology, UW–Madison, FRI Executive Committee
2:00 p.m. Where's Don? What we know about deoxynivalenol accumulation in corn
Damon Smith, Dept. Plant Pathology, UW–Madison

2:30-3:00 p.m. Break

3:00–3:30 p.m. William Frazier Memorial Award Lecture

Food at the World Health Organization: How to prevent diet-related diseases on a global scale
Felicia Wu, John A. Hannah Distinguished Professor, Michigan State University

3:45pm–5 p.m. Poster session (Pyle Center Alumni Lounge)

4–6 p.m. Reception (Pyle Center Alumni Lounge)



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8 a.m. Continental breakfast

Morning Session: Basic research of foodborne pathogens

Chair:

8:30 a.m. Laura Knoll, Dept. Medical Microbiology & Immunology, UW–Madison, FRI Executive Committee

9 a.m. Factors impacting *Salmonella* ecology and persistence in food animals
Steve Ricke, UW Meat Science and Animal Biologics Discovery, FRI Affiliated Faculty

9:30 a.m. Sabine Pellett, Dept. Bacteriology, UW–Madison, FRI Affiliated Faculty

10–10:20 a.m. Break

10:20 a.m. Presentation of student awards

Morning Session: Protecting human health through diet and prevention

Chair:

10:30 a.m. JP van Pijkeren, Dept. Food Science, UW–Madison, FRI Director

11:00 a.m. Tu-Anh Huynh, Dept. Food Science, UW–Madison, FRI Affiliated Faculty

11:30 a.m. PFAS research
Christy Remucal, UW College of Engineering

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