



2025 Spring Meeting

Location: Eurofins Food Chemistry Testing Madison, 6304 Ronald Reagan Avenue, Madison, WI 53704

Tuesday,
4/22/25

Working Group Meetings

Times (Central)	Group
1:00 – 5:00 pm, Central Time	<p>Composition – 1:00 – 1:15 pm Group lead Brandon Fast</p> <p>Nucleic Acid – 1:15 – 2:25 pm Group co-leads James Haudenshield & Shofi Islam</p> <p>BREAK and Eurofins lab tour – 2:25 – 3:10 pm</p> <p>Protein - 3:10 – 4:40 pm Group co-leads Chris Ament and Mark Bednarcik</p> <p>Website and Google Shared Drive – 4:40 – 5:00 pm Group lead Donna Houchins</p> <p>(Lunch will not be provided)</p>

Location: Best Western Premier Park Hotel, 22 S Carroll Street,
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Day 1 Presentations, Business and Industry Updates Wednesday, 4/23/2025		
Times (Central)		Speaker
8:00 – 8:15	Registration	All
8:15 – 8:30	Opening Welcome & Participant introduction	John Zheng, ICIA
8:30 – 8:45	Eurofins Food Chemistry welcome and introduction	Darryl Sullivan, CSO, Eurofins
8:45 – 9:30	Speaker 1. Wheat: Past Lessons, Present Realities, and Future Horizons	Chandler Goule, CEO, National Association of Wheat Growers
9:30 – 10:15	Speaker 2. Can GMO wheat save the American wheat industry?	Peter Laudeman, Director of Trade Policy, U.S. Wheat Associates
10:15 – 10:45	Break	All
10:45 – 11:30	Speaker 3 (Virtual). Commercializing the Bioengineered Purple Tomato	Dr. Nathan Pumplin, CEO & Founder, Norfolk Healthy Produce
11:30 – 12:15	Speaker 4. Maximizing the value of genome editing in product development	Dr. Christine Chyu, Bayer
12:15 – 1:15	Lunch	All
1:15 – 2:30	Business Meeting Secretary Report Treasurer Report Membership Update Fall 2025 Meeting Location / Suggested Topics/Planning Updates from Working Groups and Task Teams: Composition Working Group Updates Nucleic Acid Working Group Updates Protein Working Group Updates Website, Training Slide and Google Shared Drive Update	Tao Geng, Corteva
		Penny Hunst, Ag Consultant
		Luke Muschinske, Eurofins
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		All
		Brandon Fast, Corteva James Haudenshield (Individual) & Shofi Islam (ICIA) Chris Ament & Mark Bednarcik Donna Houchins, Romer
2:30 – 3:00	Break	All
3:00 – 4:00	Updates from Related Industry Associations and Relevant topics ISO groups – TC34/SC16, SC4 and TC34 (Mike Sussman, USDA); OECD Protein Workshop (Anilkumar Gowda, Corteva); AOAC (Donna Houchins, Romer); HESI protein safety workshop (Rong Wang, Bayer); Identity Preserved International Summit (John Zheng, ICIA)	Tao Geng, Corteva
4:00 – 4:45	Speaker 5. CRISPR and Cisgenic Strategies for Soybean Improvement Using Efficient WCIC Meristem-Based Transformation	Dr. Andrew Bent, UW Madison
4:45 – 5:00	Day 1 Wrap Up	All
6:00 – 9:00	Group Dinner (The Old Fashioned, 23 North Pinckney Street, Madison, Wisconsin 5370, 6 min walk from Hotel)	All



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Day 2

**Presentations and Tour
Thursday, 4/24/2025**

Times (Central)	Presentation	Speaker
8:15 – 8:30	Networking; Introduction of Day 2	John Zheng, ICIA
8:30 – 9:15	Speaker 6. Bioconversion of whey permeate to value-added chemicals	Dr. Victor Ujor, UW Madison
9:15 – 10:00	Speaker 7. Exploring Collaborative Opportunities: Promega's Technologies to Advance Agriculture Innovation	Dr. Michael Rosenblatt, Promega
10:00 – 10:15	Break	All
10:15 – 11:00	Speaker 8. Vitamin Analysis: Past, Present and Future	Daniel Hengst, Principal Scientist , Eurofins
11:00 – 11:30	Group Discussion and Adjourn Meeting (USDA FGIS discontinuing the Biotechnology Proficiency Test Program)	All
11:30 – 12:30	Lunch (on your own)	All
12:30 – 1:00	Travel to tour	All
1:00 – 2:30	Tour: Wisconsin Crop Innovation Center (WCIC), 8520 University Green, Middleton, WI 53562	All, with Dr. Shawn Kaeppler (Director), Dr. Alvar Carlson (Associate Director) and Sally Muller (Administrative Manager)