



2026 Fall Meeting

Location: Holiday Inn, 101 Trade Center Drive, Champaign, IL 61820

Tuesday, 10/13/26 Working Group Meetings	
Times (Central)	Group
1:00 – 5:00 pm, Central Time	Composition – 1:00 – 1:30 pm Group lead Brandon Fast
	Nucleic Acid – 1:30 – 2:30 pm Group co-leads James Haudenshield & Shofi Islam
	BREAK – 2:30 – 2:45 pm
	Protein - 2:45 – 4:15 pm Group co-leads Mark Bednarcik and Norma Houston
	Website content update – 4:15 – 5:00 pm Group lead Donna Houchins
	Times are tentative and dependent on the in-person meetings. (Lunch will not be provided)



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Day 1		
Presentations, Business and Industry Updates Wednesday, 10/14/2026		
Times (Central)	Presentation	Speaker
8:00 – 8:15	Registration	All
8:15 – 8:30	Opening Welcome & Participant introduction	Chris Ament, Vice President, Eurofins
8:30 – 8:45	EPL BAS welcome and introduction	Dustin Edmison, EPL BAS
8:45 – 9:30	Speaker 1. Evaluation of ingredients used in monogastric nutrition research	Hans H Stein, PhD, University of Illinois
9:30 – 10:15	Speaker 2. Omega-3 Canola & Nufarm Company Overview	June Yao, PhD, Nufarm
10:15 – 10:45	Break	All
10:45 – 12:00	Speaker 3. Hot Topic Sessions: - EFSA Explanatory note on protein expression – update - EFSA Statement on Stacked Traits	Yongcheng Wang, Bayer & Hector Serrano, BASF Bin Cong, Corteva
12:00 – 1:15	Lunch (Provided)	All
1:15 – 2:45	Business Meeting Secretary Report Treasurer Report Membership Update / By-Laws vote Spring 2027 Meeting Location / Suggested Topics/Planning AEIC Election: 2027 VP Nominations Updates from Working Groups and Task Teams: Composition Working Group Updates Nucleic Acid Working Group Updates Protein Working Group Updates Website, Training Slide Update	Rong Wang, President, Bayer
		Penny Hunst, Secretary, Ag Consultant
		Matt Cheever, Treasurer, BASF
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		Rong Wang, President, Bayer
		Tao Geng, Past President, Corteva
		Brandon Fast James Haudenshield & Shofi Islam Mark Bednarcik & Norma Houston Donna Houchins
2:45 – 3:00	Break	All
3:00 – 3:45	Updates from Related Industry Associations and Relevant topics FARRP Allergen Risk Assessment Workshop (Phil Lange, Syngenta) AOAC (Donna Houchins, Romer) ISO groups (Mike Sussman, USDA)	Chris Ament, Vice President, Eurofins
3:45 – 4:30	Speaker 4. Integrates molecular dynamics simulations and machine learning to investigate protein functions	Diwakar Shukla, PhD, University of Illinois
4:30 – 5:00	Day 1 Wrap Up and AEIC Group Photo (Optional)	All
6:00 – 9:00	Group Dinner at Biaggi's Italian restaurant, 2235 S. Neil St., Champaign, IL 61820	All



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Day 2

Presentations and Tour
Thursday, 10/15/2026

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8:15 – 8:30	Networking; Introduction of Day 2	Chris Ament, Vice President, Eurofins
8:30 – 9:15	Speaker 5. Plant Pathology	Owen Hudson, PhD, EPL BAS
9:15 – 10:00	Speaker 6. Analyzing D-amino acids in food, the gut and in tissues: how to make the measurements and why D-amino acids impact health	Jonathan Sweedler, PhD, University of Illinois
10:00 – 10:15	Break	All
10:15 – 11:00	Speaker 7. The Future of Agricultural Biotechnology: Economics, Adoption, and Policy Challenges	Gahl Hochman, PhD, University of Illinois
11:00 – 11:45	Speaker 8. Using metabolomics and computational biology to decipher plant chemistry	Amit Rai, PhD, University of Illinois
11:45 – 12:45	Lunch (on your own)	All
12:45 – 1:00	Travel to tour	All
1:00 – 2:30	Tour: University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign: Feed Technology Center; 4495 S. Race St., Urbana, IL 61802	All