

Dear Protein Division members,

Greetings to you all as we enter 2020. I am pleased to be serving as the Protein Division Chair this year, and I would like to thank everyone who was able to attend the Cereals & Grains 19 meeting in Denver, CO. As we begin the near year as the Cereals and Grains Association, we are hopeful that this year will be a fruitful one for our association with new beginnings and exciting events.

This year, we put together an update on several key issues that were discussed at the Protein Division business meeting that took place at the last annual meeting. Please take the time to scroll through this update and please reach out to us if you have any feedback or new ideas. Your thoughts and feedback will be very helpful to us and will help advance the mission of the Protein Division as well as the Cereals and Grains Association.

Protein Division Membership

Our membership shrank slightly last year. We currently have **74 members**. You can find an updated member list attached to facilitate networking. Students are always welcome to join the Division, and we welcome you to invite your peers and colleagues as well!

The Annual Meeting marked the rotation of Protein Division Officers into new positions. The current officers are:

- Chair: Alecia Kiszonas (USDA-ARS) – alecia.kiszonas@ars.usda.gov
- Vice Chair: Maneka Malalgoda (University of Minnesota) – maneka.malalgoda@ndsu.edu
- Secretary-Treasurer: Lomme Deleu (KU Leuven) - lomme.deleu@kuleuven.be
- Student Representative: Ana Magallanes Lopez (North Dakota State University) - ana.magallaneslopez@ndsu.edu
- Past Chair: Alessandra Marti (University of Milan) – alessandra.marti@unimi.it

We would especially like to give a warm welcome to Lomme Deleu, our new Secretary-Treasurer, and Ana Magallanes Lopez, our new Student Representative.



Lomme Deleu



Ana Magallanes Lopez

Protein Division Student Representative

We would like to welcome **student applications for the 2020-21 Student Representative** on the Protein Division Officer Team. Student Protein Division Members can apply by sending an email to the current Protein Division Officers including a short bio and motivation letter by **August 1, 2020**. Voting will be held before the 2020 Annual Meeting.

AACCI Annual Meeting 2020 Program Proposals



The development of the 2020 Annual Meeting content is underway, and we are seeking symposia topics related to all things protein! If you have an idea for a symposium, contact one of the Division Officers to assist in developing and submitting it to the Program Planning Team!

Expert speaker database

On that note, AACCI has been working on an expert database for occasions where an expert is needed as a speaker or author on specific topics. We are asking all Protein Division members to contact us with their areas of expertise. It is an opportunity to share your knowledge with others and draw attention to your program or company!

Protein Division Awards

We would like to congratulate all of our finalists on an outstanding job with poster and oral presentations. Finalists for the best paper award were Jose Bonilla (Purdue University), Leigh Schmidt (Purdue University) and Sophie Held (University of Minnesota).

Our 2019 AACCI Protein Division **Best Student Paper** awardee was Jose Bonilla, who received a \$250 award. Congratulations Jose!

The **AACCI Walter Bushuk Graduate Research Award in Protein Chemistry** was awarded to Sabrina Geisslitz (Leibniz-Institute for Food Systems Biology at the TUM) for her work on ancient and modern wheat. She gave a lecture at the 2019 Annual Meeting and received an award of \$1,000. Congratulations, Sabrina!

Protein Division newsletter

We kindly ask your help for this to send us your ideas on **what we should include in the newsletter** and send us new papers and manuscripts (title & link to a database) so that we can bring (your) new research into the spotlight!

Your input is needed for AACCI Awards

AACCI asks for every member to be aware of the importance to **submit candidates for AACCI and Division-sponsored Awards**. Awards accepting nominations for the coming year are: **Young Scientist, Excellence in Teaching, AACCI Fellows, Edith A. Christensen, Alsberg French Schoch Memorial**

Lectureship, and the **Thomas Burr Osborne Medal**. If you have any candidates in mind for specific awards, and you want to nominate him/her, please complete the online submission form found on the AACCI website. The **deadline** for submission is **February 18, 2020**.

Professors can submit their student as a candidate for the 2019 AACCI Walter Bushuk Graduate Research Award in Protein Chemistry. Information about the application process can be directed to Perry Ng (ngp@msu.edu). The **deadline** for submission is **February 18, 2020**.