

The Then, Now, and Future of the “Biotics” Family

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Abstract

Resurrect your memory and your imagination for this interactive session. Twenty years ago, there was no Nutrition and Health Claims legislation in the EU, the term microbiome had only just begun to be applied to our field, and ISAPP’s first meeting was being convened in London, Ontario. Today, microbial biotherapeutics are in development and use across the globe, companies want you to believe that they can pair gut microbiome tests with tailored probiotic recommendations, and the industry has grown into the billions of dollars. Postbiotics have entered our lexicon, the number of pro/prebiotic papers is now over 40,000. What will tomorrow bring?

2022 marks ISAPP’s 20th anniversary, prompting the opportunity for us to take a look back and forward for the ‘Biotics’ field. This session will feature three short talks from accomplished experts in the field, providing provocative insights into where we’ve been, where we are now, and what may be to come. After these talks, all meeting participants will be distributed among ~10 tables to discuss aspects of these topics and then will report back 1 or 2 highlights from the discussion to the full group. So, think laterally and try to predict the future of the Biotics family 20 years from now.