

2004 ISAPP Annual Meeting - Copper Mountain, CO, USA

3rd Meeting of ISAPP Held in Colorado August 28-31, 2004

The International Scientific Association for Probiotics and Prebiotics (ISAPP) met for the 3rd time to discuss the latest scientific developments in this rapidly growing field. This by-invitation meeting, surrounded by the grandeur of the Rocky Mountains in Copper Mountain Colorado August 29-31 2004, convened 84 invited scientists from 13 countries. Presentations by Joel Weinstock (University of Iowa), Thadeus Stappenbeck (Washington University School of Medicine), Connie Weaver (Purdue University), Ian Rowland (Northern Ireland Centre for Food and Health) and Peter Lee (Stanford University) covered a range of topics from use of helminthes to modulate immune dysregulation to probiotics bioengineered to improve resistance to HIV. Discussion sub-groups were convened for a full day on the topics of Engineered probiotics as therapeutics: formats and challenges; Host commensal interactions – who talks to whom and how; Omics technologies – exploration of the interaction of pro and prebiotics with the host; Hygiene and immune regulation; Biomarkers for healthy people; Prebiotic and probiotic applications to companion animals; Development of a probiotic dossier using science-based criteria and Physiological relevance of prebiotic activity. A report from the 2004 meeting has been prepared and submitted for publication (Sanders, ME, Guarner, F, Mills, D, Pot, B, Rafter, J, Rastall, R, Reid, G, Ringel, Y, Rowland, I, Saarela, M, and Tuohy, K. Selected Topics in Probiotics and Prebiotics: Meeting Report for the 2004 International Scientific Association for Probiotics and Prebiotics. Current Issues Intestinal Microbiol., Submitted)

In addition to the academic participants, about 25 industry scientists participated in the meeting. Twenty companies committed to science-driven probiotic and prebiotic product development contributed financially and scientifically to the meeting. Most companies are members of the ISAPP Industry Advisory Committee. This body interacts closely with the ISAPP Board of Directors, identifying key scientific issues important to the advancement of this field.

ISAPP is a non-profit scientific organization incorporated in 2002. Meetings of ISAPP were held in Ontario Canada in 2002 and Henley-on-Thames , UK in 2003. More information on this organization can be found at the ISAPP website.

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