



# Annual Report

## International Scientific Association for Probiotics and Prebiotics

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### Introduction

ISAPP is an international non-profit collaboration of scientists dedicated to advancing the science of probiotics and prebiotics. The mission statement of ISAPP is: To engender and disseminate information on high quality, multidisciplinary, scientific investigation in the fields of probiotics and prebiotics, and to advance the development of scientifically substantiated, health-promoting probiotic and prebiotic products worldwide. ISAPP is the only scientific organization dedicated specifically to probiotics and prebiotics, bringing together scientists from all pertinent disciplines, including food science, microbiology, immunology, biochemistry, nutrition, molecular biology and medicine. As a scientific society, ISAPP strives to have all activities focused on science, not the promotion of any specific commercial products.

For additional details, see website [www.isapp.net](http://www.isapp.net)

### Highlights of 2012 ISAPP Activities

- Continue to respond in a considered and science-based manner to the challenges of different regulatory frameworks involving health benefit claim substantiation.
- ISAPP filed comments with the FDA on “Draft Guidance for Industry: Dietary Supplements: New Dietary Ingredient Notifications and Related Issues.” (Docket No. FDA-2011-D-0376) [Comments](#).
- ISAPP worked with Food Chemical Codex and other organizations and company scientists to finalize a monograph for live microbial cultures and probiotics. This monograph was published in 2012, as “**APPENDIX XV: MICROBIAL FOOD CULTURES INCLUDING PROBIOTICS**”



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## 2012 Industry Advisory Committee Member Companies

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Bio-K+ International	Merck
California Dairy Research Foundation	Nestle
Cargill	NIZO
Chr. Hansen	Nutricia Research
Clasado	Pfizer
The Coca-Cola Company	Probi
Dairy Research Institute	Probiotics International Ltd. (Protexin)
Danisco	Procter & Gamble
Danone Research	Valio
Dow Chemical	Winclove
Fonterra	Yakult

## 2012 ISAPP publications

This list includes summaries of some group discussions at annual meetings as well as other ISAPP-related activities. (For full list of publications see <http://isapp.net/activities.asp#publications>)

Degnan, F. 2012. Clinical studies involving probiotics. When FDA's investigational new drug rubric applies—and when it may not. *Gut Microbes* 3:485-489. [Open access](#). And [related letter to the editor](#).

Hill, C. Virulence or niche factors; what's in a name? 2012. *J Bacteriol.* 194(21):5725-7.

## Appendix A. 10th Annual Meeting of ISAPP

The 10<sup>th</sup> annual meeting of ISAPP was held October 3-5, 2012 in Cork, Ireland. The meeting is summarized at:

[Meeting Report](#)