

Dear Protein Division members

Greetings to you all as we enter the end of 2018 and prepare for 2019. 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 '18 meeting in London. There are many changes in the air as AACC International rebrands to the Cereals & Grains Association, and we're excited to share our plans to contribute to that effort as a Division.

We've taken the time to put together an update on several items discussed on the Protein Division business meeting conference call prior to the annual meeting. Please take the time to scroll through what we have compiled below. You will see that we have a lot of information to share, but also that we rely on your input for different aspects related directly to the Protein Division, so please take the chance to give us your opinion. We appreciate your feedback!

Protein Division Membership

Our membership shrank slightly last year. We currently have **64 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: Alessandra Marti (University of Milan) – alessandra.marti@unimi.it
- Vice Chair: Alecia Kiszonas (USDA-ARS) – alecia.kiszonas@ars.usda.gov
- Secretary-Treasurer: **Maneka Malalgoda** (North Dakota State University) – maneka.malalgoda@ndsu.edu
- Student Representative: **Sabrina Geisslitz** (Technical University of Munich) – s.geisslitz@tum.de
- Past Chair: Jayne Bock (Wheat Marketing Center) – jbock@wmcinc.org

We would especially like to give a warm welcome to Sabrina Geisslitz, our new Student Representative, and a warm welcome back to Maneka Malalgoda. Maneka was our first Student Representative, and she has rejoined us as our new Secretary-Treasurer.



Sabrina Geisslitz



Maneka Malalgoda

Protein Division Student Representative

We would like to welcome **student applications for the 2019-20 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, 2018**. Voting will be held before the 2019 Annual Meeting.

AACCI Annual Meeting 2019 Program Proposals



The development of 2018 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

First, I would like to extend a big thank you to **Craig Morris** for helping the Division officers judge our 2018 AACCI Protein Division Best Student Poster and Oral Presentation candidates. We would not have been able to grant awards without his assistance!

Second, we would like to congratulate all of our finalists on an outstanding job. Finalists in the poster category were Rachel Wood (ARC ITTC for Functional Grains), Olivia Ogilvie (University of Auckland), and Milicent Yeboah-Awudzi (Louisiana State University). Finalists in the oral presentation category were Sabrina Geisslitz (Technical University of Munich), Elisa Arte (University of Helsinki), and Annelien Verbauwheide (KU-Leuven).

Our 2018 AACCI Protein Division **Best Student Poster winner** was **Olivia Ogilvie**, and our 2018 AACCI Protein Division **Best Student Oral Presentation winner** was **Annelien Verbauwheide**. Both winners received a \$250 award. Congratulations to our winners!

The **AACCI Walter Bushuk Graduate Research Award in Protein Chemistry** was awarded to **Jose Bonilla** (Purdue University) for his work tracking gluten proteins during dough development. He gave a lecture entitled "Simultaneous fluorescent detection of gliadins, LMW, and HMW glutenins in wheat dough using specifically developed antibodies-quantum dots complexes" at the 2018 Annual Meeting and received an award of \$1,000. Congratulations, Jose!



Olivia Ogilvie



Annelien Verbauwhede



Jose Bonilla with Perry Ng

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, 2019**.

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 also **February 18, 2019**.