AAPCO Workgroup or Liaison Report to Annual Meeting

Work Group/Liaison Name: [AAPCO Check Sample Program]
Lead Person’s Name: [Ping Wan]
Members: [None]
Date of Report: 1/5/2015

Issues to be raised for discussion by AAPCO Board or General Session:
These are the issues the working group or liaison wishes to raise for specific deliberation by the AAPCO Board of Directors and/or the AAPCO General Session at the annual meeting. (Note: This section can also include a self-assessment as to the effectiveness and continued need for this workgroup/liaison function.)

None

General summary of work group/liaison activities for the year:
This summary will be included in the General Session meeting folder (Note: Reports that contain specific recommendations will be acted upon individually.)

The 2015 AAPCO Check Sample Program was successfully conducted. Annual subscription fees are kept at $200 per year for U.S. labs and $250 per year for international labs. This has been the fee structure set by the AAPCO board since 2008.

This year we have a total of 75 laboratories subscribed to the program from the U.S. and all over the world. Interests in the program remain strong from both U.S. domestic labs and labs oversea. There are currently 37 international labs participating from 24 countries across four continents.

Three commercial pesticide products containing four pesticide active ingredients were offered in the 2015 program. Samples were mailed out to all participants during the first two weeks of October 2014 with data due back in January 2015. We continue to offer a variety of analytes, matrices and fortification levels each year to help labs gain experience testing many different types of formulation samples on the market. Homogeneity tests were performed to guarantee the high quality of the test samples offered.
Future activities:
   1. An evaluation report to detail participants’ performance will be published in March 2015.
   2. Analytes of interest for the 2016 program will be selected in May 2015.
   3. Samples for the 2016 program will be shipped to participants during October 2015.

Respectively submitted,

Ping Wan
Chair, AAPCO Check Sample Program