



NEWSLETTER

# AOAC Southeast Asia Section

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# AOAC SEA Section

**The aim of AOAC is to bring together government, industry, and academia to establish standard methods of analysis that ensure the safety and integrity of foods and other products that impact public health around the world.**

In June 2021, AOAC Southeast Asia (SEA) Section was formed and encompasses 10 countries: Brunei, Cambodia, Indonesia, Laos, Malaysia, Myanmar, Philippines, Singapore, Timor-Leste and Vietnam.

Our vision is to be a contributor in developing confidence in consensus based analytical solutions for food safety, food integrity and public health across the region.

## Section Mentor



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## Working Group Chairs

### Capacity Building



Hong Nguyen, PhD, MPP  
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### Emerging Issues



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### Harmonization of Methods



Annabelle Briones, PhD  
ITDI, Philippines

### Training of Young Scientists



Qi Lin, Ph.D.  
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Amelia Cheng  
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# AOAC SEA Student Award

## Call for Submission

AOAC SEA Section is pleased to support **THREE** student awards engaged in the area of food safety and analytical science, with the intention to encourage and appreciate students' work in related areas.

Qualifications of an applicant:

- Students from Brunei, Cambodia, Indonesia, Laos, Malaysia, Myanmar, Philippines, Singapore, Timor-Leste, or Vietnam.
- Engaged in the research area of analytical sciences to support food safety, environmental & health protection.

Applicants are required to

- Submit an abstract not more than 300 words including the problem statement, methodology, results & discussion, conclusion, and impact of research.
- Submit supporting documents, eg: publication (if applicable)

*Applicants must demonstrate the innovative nature and the value of the research in advancing food safety, environmental and health protection.*



### AOAC SEA Section Student Awards

- \$500 SGD Cash
- Travel and accommodation support up to \$ 1000 SGD
- Opportunity to present at the AOAC SEA Annual Conference in Oct 12-13, 2022
- Certificate from AOAC SEA Section
- Formal recognition on AOAC SEA Website

*\*\* Benefits of the awards are non-transferrable*

### Student Award Timeline

- Aug 1: Submission deadline
- Aug 15: Award Finalists notified
- Aug 29 - Sep 2: Finalists give 5-min live presentations
- Sep 5: Awardees announced

Visit [aoac-sea.org/annual-meetings](https://aoac-sea.org/annual-meetings) for more information

# AOAC SEA 1st Annual Meeting

## Call for Sponsorship

The Engagement/Sponsorship Packages provide opportunities for organizations to form partnerships and long-standing relationships with the Association. Extensive networking opportunities will be available throughout the full 2-day program of 1-1 meetings.

Engagement Packages are now available for the 1st Annual Conference of AOAC SEA Section.

Sponsor Type	Value, SGD
Conference Bag	\$4,000
Platinum Sponsorship	\$12,000
Gold Sponsorship	\$10,000
Silver Sponsorship	\$8,000
Bronze/Booth Sponsorship	\$6,000
AM or PM Coffee Breaks Sponsor	\$3,000
Gala Dinner Sponsor	\$6,000

Engagement Package Level	Platinum S\$12,000	Gold S\$10,000	Silver S\$8,000	Bronze S\$6,000
Session sponsorship	25 min	20 min	15 min	-
One table top exhibit space	✓	✓	✓	✓

All Engagement Package Level listed above will include:

- Company's name listed as a sponsor and a link to company's website at Annual Meeting home page of the SEA Section of AOAC INTERNATIONAL website.
- Company's name announced as sponsor during the President's welcome speech at the Annual Meeting of the SEA Section of AOAC INTERNATIONAL.
- Recognition on the sponsorship signs displayed at the Meeting in the registration area.
- Your materials (brochures, etc.) inserted into the Annual Meeting bags and provided to every registrant.
- Company's logo with a link to your website on all Annual Meeting email blasts. Approximately 10 email blasts are sent to alert members of upcoming Annual Meeting deadlines and information.
- Social media "Thank you" post in September and October for the 2022 Annual Meeting

To register your interest, please visit our website at [aoac-sea.org/annual-meetings/](http://aoac-sea.org/annual-meetings/). For further queries, please write to Joanne Ho at [account.manager@aoac-sea.org](mailto:account.manager@aoac-sea.org).

# AOAC SEA Working Groups

## Call for Volunteers

**We are looking for volunteers and leaders to help us organizing the upcoming AOAC SEA 1st Annual Conference, besides executing initiatives that align with the goals of AOAC SEA working groups.**

**Capacity Building Working Group (CB):** We aim to develop competences, capacity and analytical capabilities for implementation of key processes of detection, assessment, response, notification, and monitoring of events.

**Training of Young Scientists Working Group (ToYS):** We aim to establish program across the region to develop, train, encourage, support and recognize young scientists.

**Emerging Issues Working Group (EI):** We aim to identify and monitor emerging issues to forecast and predict possible food safety risks, and develop appropriate measures to manage the identified risks.

**Harmonization of Methods Working Group (HoM):** We aim to identify methods to harmonize in line with regional priorities in order to achieve uniformity of results, or conversion of results such that different countries can use the data obtained from different laboratories.

### **STUDENT & INDIVIDUAL MEMBERSHIPS - FREE**

- Students, analytical chemists, forensic scientists, microbiologists, toxicologists, managers, management executives, and others are all invited to join.
- Members can increase technical knowledge and build leadership skills with working groups and technical sessions; build up networks; and enjoy discounted conference registration fee.
- Students are given opportunities to engage with AOAC SEA and leaders in the field to develop careers dedicated to analytical science.

### **ORGANIZATIONAL MEMBERSHIP**

- Organizations want to stay at the forefront of analytical science and build recognitions as leaders in food safety and analysis are all invited to join.
- Members can work together with AOAC communities to identify and prioritize the challenges of food safety and analysis in the region.
- Members can advance analytical science through collaboration with stakeholders such as academia, industry and regulators, in addition to the experts from AOAC organizations.

# Organizational Membership

## Call for Membership

Type of Membership	Executive	Associate	Supporter	Government & Association (Non-Profit)
Membership Fee	10000 SGD	7000 SGD	4000 SGD	300 SGD
Individual Membership to AOAC INTERNATIONAL – Includes access to online OMA, online AOAC Journal, ILM	5 Individual Membership	3 Individual Membership	2 Individual Membership	1 Individual Membership
Membership in AOAC SEA expert working groups	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Participation in annual section meeting organizing committee	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Discount on webinars hosted by AOAC SEA Section	100% discount	75% discount	50% discount	100% discount
Invitations to Section's Full Board Meetings; access to exclusive Section events	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Access to exclusive Annual Section Meeting benefits including first option on sponsorship packages	Yes, at 10% discounted prices	Yes, at 5% discounted prices	No	Yes, at 10% discounted prices
** Stand placement, the VIP room & Keynote Meet & Greet	Yes	No	No	Yes
Logo on AOAC SEA Section website (with link to organization's homepage)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Inclusion of technical article / information / news in AOAC SEA Section newsletter to Section membership	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

To join as an Organizational Member or get more information, please contact [info@aoac-sea.org](mailto:info@aoac-sea.org).

