

About AOAC SEA

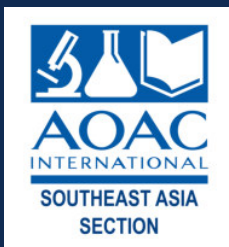
AOAC INTERNATIONAL was founded 139 years ago in Washington, DC as the Association of Official Agricultural Chemists. It is now the Association of Official Analytical Collaboration with a vision of 'Global alignment for trusted analytical solutions.'

The **Southeast Asia Section of AOAC INTERNATIONAL (AOAC SEA)** was formed in June 2021, and encompasses 10 countries:



The aim of AOAC SEA 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. Our vision is to be a contributor in developing confidence through consensus based analytical solutions for food safety, food integrity and public health across Southeast Asia countries.

On October 2022, we held our 1st AOAC SEA Section Annual Conference in Singapore, enabling around 200 delegates to attend in-person. In case you missed it, you can still view the [conference program](#) and some of the highlights of the event from our [newsletter](#).



AOAC SEA's 2nd Annual Conference will take place over 2 days in Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam on the 1-2 August 2023. Together with our co-organizer, the Institute of Drug Quality Control in Ho Chi Minh City (IDQC-HCMC), we arrange this year's conference on '*Facilitating Compliance for Food Safety and Quality in International Trade.*'

Sharing the missions in ensuring the safety and integrity of food and other products that directly impact public health through excellence in analytical testing, AOAC SEA and IDQC-HCMC are honored to partner up to deliver a successful conference.

The conference will bring together regional and global experts and stakeholders to share the latest trends in science and technology, regulations, standards and compliance related to food safety issues across South-East Asia, and how they impact international food trade.

Topics of the conference were selected to stay relevant to Vietnam and participants in the Southeast Asia region, with alignment to AOAC's vision, mission, and programs. AOAC SEA members were consulted via surveys and working group discussions. Inputs from National Institute of Food Control (NIFC), Country Representative of AOAC SEA in Vietnam, and AOAC INTERNATIONAL were also sought for and consolidated.



1-2 Aug 2023 | Sheraton Saigon
Hotel & Towers, HCMC, Vietnam

2nd **2023 AOAC SEA**
ANNUAL CONFERENCE



**Facilitating compliance for
food safety and quality in
international trade**

2023 AOAC SEA Annual Conference

With the theme of *Facilitating Compliance for Food Safety and Quality in International Trade*, an international line-up of confirmed speakers include:

Keynote speeches:

- *AOAC New Initiatives* (AOAC INTERNATIONAL Representative)
- *Trend and Status of Harmonizing National Standards of Vietnam (TCVN) According to AOAC Methods in the Food Sector* (Dr. Trieu Viet Phuong, Deputy Director of Vietnam Standards and Quality Institute)

Global and local emerging issues:

- *PFAS Development in Regulations and Analytical Challenges* (Dr. Susan Genualdi, US FDA)
- *Heavy Metals Trend towards Zero* (Dr. Kelvin Kubachka, US FDA)
- *Challenges with Total Sugar Analysis* (Dr. Erik Konings, Nestle)
- *Banned Substances in Dietary Supplements* (Mr. Phan Nguyen Truong Thang, IDQC-HCMC)
- *Nitrosamine in Processed Food* (Ms. Nguyen Thi Hong Ngoc, NIFC)
- *Pesticides, Ethylene Oxide, and many more* (Vietnam's Institute of Public Health, IDQC-HCMC, and other international speakers)

Standard development and method harmonization to facilitate compliance:

- *AOAC SMPRs® (Standard Method Performance Requirements) & MLT (Multi-lab Testing)*
- *AOAC & ISO Harmonization in Microbiological Test Methods Validation*
- *NGS-based Microbial Testing for Probiotics*
- *Status of Adoption of AOAC Methods in ISO 17025 Accredited Laboratories in Vietnam*

We warmly invite you to register for the conference. Early bird registration ends on **18 Jun 2023**.



Included in Registration*

Conference Activities

- ✓ **Technical workshops on 2 Aug 2023:**
 - Part I: AOAC official methods & method validation
 - Part II: Assuring microbiological quality of food
- ✓ **Poster presentations on both days:**
 - Scientific Poster Presentations
 - Student Awards Competition
- ✓ **Networking opportunities:**
 - Lunch and tea breaks
 - Gala dinner on 1 Aug 2023

Registration Fee	Early bird Before 18 Jun	Regular 19 Jun - 14 Jul
AOAC SEA Student Member	S\$40.00	S\$40.00
AOAC SEA Member	S\$100.00	S\$120.00
Non-member	S\$200.00	S\$240.00

- Accepted **poster participants** will enjoy the early bird discount.
- On-site registration is NOT available.
- Currency: Singapore Dollar.

*Technical Workshops and Gala Dinner registrations are on first come, first served basis.

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2023 AOAC SEA Sponsorships

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 face-to-face meetings.

