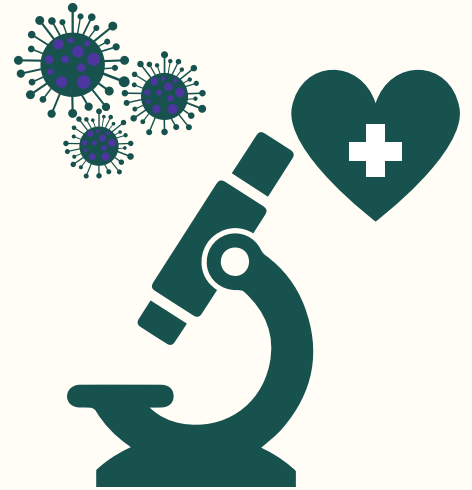


# Minimum criteria for probiotics

## ISAPP perspectives

### ISAPP 2018 Annual Meeting: Key Highlights and Outcomes

- Held from June 5–7, gathering 30 participants from 13 countries
- Primary focus on global harmonization of regulations for probiotics and prebiotics
- ISAPP's first meeting in Asia, adding relevance to the international discussion
- Participants aimed to offer guidance to regulators on minimum standards for probiotic foods and supplements
- The meeting was led by Drs. Seppo Salminen, Yuan-Kun Lee, and Gabriel Vinderola
- Following the meeting, the group published a summary titled "**ISAPP Position Statement on Minimum Criteria for Harmonizing Global Regulatory Approaches for Probiotics in Foods and Supplements**"



### ISAPP's Contribution to Harmonizing Probiotic Food Regulations

- As Codex works on harmonizing probiotic food regulations, ISAPP presents its views on minimum criteria through this summary document
- The conclusions align with the IPA proposal, aiming to guide local regulators
- Prof. Salminen has shared the document with the Codex representative at the Finnish Ministry of Agriculture and Food
- ISAPP seeks broader dissemination to support a science-based approach to global regulatory harmonization for probiotics

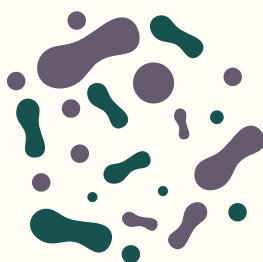
### IPA Proposes Guidelines for Probiotic Foods: Key Developments

- In December 2017, the International Probiotics Association (IPA) proposed guidelines for probiotic foods to Codex Alimentarius
- Codex accepted the proposal and tasked Argentina with drafting guidelines in 2018
- ISAPP representatives, including Sanders, Salminen, and Vinderola, joined IPA at a scientific meeting in Argentina to present ISAPP's views
- IPA aims for harmonized regulations to address industry inconsistencies, focusing on quality, safety, and labeling challenges for probiotics

### Goals for Advancing Probiotic and Prebiotic Regulation Harmonization

1. To promote understanding of current probiotic and prebiotic regulations in different countries;
2. To discuss how to make progress on global harmonization of regulatory approaches to probiotics and prebiotics;
3. To agree on minimum standards.

The final goal of the discussion forum is to provide regulators guidance derived from this panel of experts regarding the minimum criteria a probiotic food or supplement should meet.



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