

Considered Issues in Probiotics and Prebiotics

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The Board of Directors of ISAPP has launched a program to address important scientific issues in the fields of probiotics and prebiotics. These topics will be addressed through written reviews by scientists with expertise in the particular area being considered and the conclusions will be disseminated through publication and/or posting on the www.isapp.net website. Following are the details of this program.

- Board of Directors determines what topics should be addressed, but IAC members can submit topics.
- Potential authors are approached by the Board of Directors to manage the project. The Board of Directors will encourage the use many different authors, so these papers are not authored by a small circle of people, and certainly beyond the Board of Directors.
- The primary author of the paper will be offered \$1500 USD honorarium to produce the paper by a deadline agreeable to both the Board of Directors and author (3-month target for submission of paper). Payment is made if the paper meets the objectives on the agreed deadline and is approved by the Board of Directors.
- ISAPP pays the author honorarium from general funds.
- ISAPP's role in the review is clearly acknowledged in any final publication: e.g., "Prepared as a submission to ISAPP's *Considered Issues in Probiotics and Prebiotics* series".
- Both author **AND** ISAPP Board of Directors (but not industry) must agree on the content of the publication (this will be stipulated in a prior written agreement) and provide preliminary approval. Board of Director approval will be obtained through majority vote of the Board members.
- After author and Board of Directors have agreed on the content, the article is posted on the web prior to publication for a comment period (~1 month). This would consist of a general invitation to comment by all ISAPP delegates, IAC members and others as appropriate. Also comment will be actively solicited by the Board of Directors from ISAPP delegates or others specifically skilled in the area being considered. All comments will be considered and the document adjusted to reflect comments where appropriate.
- The Board of Directors with input from selected reviewers will provide final approval and a decision will be made as to publication venue. Regardless of where published, the document will be issued as an official ISAPP statement.