

Report on Isolation Manual Committee Meeting in Seattle July 14, 4pm, Glacier Peak Room, Westin

Present: Carol Cardona (co-chair), Louise Dufour-Zavala (co-chair), Peter Woolcock, Mark Jackwood.

Absent: Jim Pearson

John Glisson has resigned from the committee.

LDZ presented the sales and revenue data for the fifth edition. All were pleased.

Many new ideas were shared to make the 6th edition more user friendly:

- Use of tabs to find information easier
- Harder plastic cover for better durability
- Trouble shooting section
- Quality control section for the tests
- Bullet for instead of narrative
- Screening methods, especially for bacteriology, as we don't know what pathogen we are going for.
- Poster included for the diagnostic tables
- Different layout, for example by system: enteric diseases
- PCR: List of references for sequences; conserved regions
- Virology: PCR: Describe the test that works, reference the others
- Define the audience for the manual
- Include a CD for pics?
- More schematic diagrams/flow charts
- Chapter on sampling and shipping
- Make it look more like a recipe book
- Remove disease information, info not related to the agent
- Maximum number of pages per agent?
- Chapter on how to write SOPs?
- Summarize existing chapters, then send to author: Consider a review board instead of individual authors

We are looking for a couple of new members, especially to overlook the bacteriology section.

We will be in contact with each other every 1-2 months.

Presentation to the Board, Wed, July 15:

The Board suggested coming up with the ideal book, including pics, despite costs, then we'll see what is feasible.