



# BC FOOD PROTECTION ASSOCIATION

## 2016 Annual General Meeting

January 31, 2017 Shadbolt Centre for the Performing Arts  
6450 Deer Lake Avenue, Burnaby, BC

### FEATURED SPEAKERS

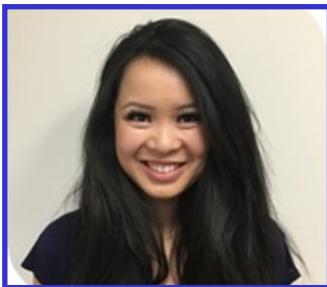


#### **Yasmin Yorish**

*Food Policy Liaison Officer, Health Canada*

Yasmin graduated from the University of Ottawa with a Masters of Health Administration and McGill University with a Bachelor of Science in Microbiology and Immunology. She joined Health Canada's Food Directorate in 2001 and has worked in various roles from strategic and operational planning, regional policy advisor, food safety evaluator, and regional program manager. Currently, Yasmin is the Food Policy Liaison Officer for BC Region, Health Canada. Her position entails 2 main responsibilities - working on various policy and regulatory files with Health Canada's Food Directorate and liaising with all levels of stakeholders in food safety and nutrition, including all 3 levels of government, industry and their associations, NGO's, health professionals, academia and consumer groups. She is also active in food safety education and outreach to consumers.

*Yasmin will present on: "Nutrition Labelling and Health Canada's Healthy Eating Strategy".*



#### **Karen Fong**

*PhD Candidate in Food Science, University of British Columbia*

Karen Fong obtained her BSc in Microbiology in 2012 and worked after graduation in industry as a food microbiologist for 1.5 years. She completed her MSc degree in Food Science in 2015, where she studied the survival of *Salmonella* in low water activity food products. She has since published these findings in Journal of Food Protection and Food Microbiology. Currently, Karen is a second year PhD candidate in Dr. Siyun Wang's lab at UBC, where her project is focused on characterizing virulent bacteriophages for effective control of non-typhoidal *Salmonella* in food products. Preliminary findings were presented at the Food Micro 2016 Conference in Dublin, Ireland, where Karen was a finalist in the Developing Scientist competition. Karen is supported by the Canadian Dairy Commission and NSERC PGS-D scholarships.

*Karen is a BCFPA Student Member who will present on: "Characterization of virulent bacteriophages for control of Salmonella in fresh produce".*

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