



SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE AND EMERGING RISKS UNIT

EMERGING RISKS EXCHANGE NETWORK (EREN)

Minutes of the 21st meeting

Held on 10–11 April 2019, Parma, Italy

(Agreed on 11 April 2019)

Participants

- **Network Representatives of Member States (including EFTA Countries):**

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Poland	Pawel Strucinski (10 april pm & 11 April am)
Portugal	Maria do Ceu Goncalves da Costa
Slovak Republic	Lucia Birosova
Slovenia	Blaža Nahtigal
Spain	Juan Badiola
Sweden	Stina Wallin
United Kingdom	Jesus Alvarez Pinera
Switzerland	Thomas Luethi
	Jacky Casas (11 April)



European Commission and Agencies/International Organisations:

Vittorio Fattori (FAO), Jeffrey LeJeune (FAO), Marian Scott via TC (SCHEER), Glen Neal (FSANZ), Bryan Wilson (FSANZ), Mike Catchpole (ECDC) and Xenia Trier (EEA)

EFSA:

SCER Unit: Tobin Robinson (chair), Caroline Merten (secretariat), Ana Afonso (co-chair), Raquel Garcia Matas, Angeliki Konsta (minutes)

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants.

Apologies were received from Finland, Greece, Romania, WHO and Marina Marini (EC).

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted.

3. Action points from last meeting

4. Presentation and discussion of EFSA and MSs signals

- 4.1 Emerging allergens in food (ID0405)
- 4.2 Tick-borne red meat allergy (Alpha-Gal Syndrome) (ID0406)
- 4.3 Concomitant detection of *C. botulinum* type E and C/D in 3 distinct wild avian botulism outbreaks (ID0407)
- 4.4 Mini issues by BVL
 - Vitamin C intake and risk of incident kidney stones
 - Neurotoxin BMAA and its isomeric amino acids in cyanobacteria and cyanobacteria-based food supplements
- 4.5 Mini issues by ANSES
 - Unexpected Tick-borne viruses in Europe
 - Thrips parvispinus, a new Asian species is reported in France
 - High opioids content in poppy seed

5. Further information on previous EFSA and MSs signals

- 5.1 Update from Norway on further research activities on sea weed and new marine species (ID0351)
- 5.2 Monitoring, prevalence and characterization of antibiotic resistant bacteria in smoothies (ID0347)
- 5.3 Update on the first detection of Moku virus in Asian hornet and honey bee in Europe & Risk to bee health of contaminated and adulterated beeswax (Scientific advice from FASFC) (ID0378)
- 5.4 ANSES set a subchronic TDI for microcystins and for cylindrospermopsin (ID 0309)
- 5.5 Report by Danish taskforce on azole resistance in aspergillus (ID0376)



5.6 Update of the situation of African Swine Fever (ASF) in Belgium (ID0382)

6. Presentation and discussion on signals in a common session of EREN-Stakeholder Discussion Group on Emerging Risks (STADG -ER)

- 6.1 Introduction to the common session of the EREN Member States & Stakeholder Discussion Group on Emerging Risks
- 6.2 Human consumption of Microplastics in table salt (ID0408)
- 6.3 Increased risks of foodborne illness due to bans on food & beverage service packaging (ID0398)

7. Activities on emerging risk identification in common session EREN-STADG

- 7.1 Future infectious disease threats in the EU
- 7.2 Emerging issues identified at FSANZ - intelligence/horizon scanning activities
- 7.3 Identifying emerging risk activities at the European Environmental Agency (EEA)
- 7.4 Project results on Applying a tested procedure for the identification of potential emerging chemical risks in the food chain to the substances registered under REACH (REACH 2): postponed to next meeting

8. Feedback on EFSA and MSs activities

- 8.1 Food safety intelligence and foresight at FAO
- 8.2 Position Paper on Emerging Issues, the Role of the SCHEER & Statement on emerging health and environmental issues
- 8.3 With tweets towards an Alert Centre for foodborne diseases in Switzerland?
- 8.4 Hungarian Emerging Risk Identification System
- 8.5 Update on project on Climate Change and Emerging Risks for food safety, including plant and animal health (CLEFSA)

9. Past and Upcoming Events

10. Any other business and closure of the meeting

The next EREN meeting (22nd meeting) will be held on 21 -22 November 2019 in Paris.