FROM SAFE FOOD TO HEALTHY DIETS
EU risk assessment past, present and future

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European Food Safety Authority
In order to mark its commitment to scientific excellence, EFSA is organizing this scientific forum: “From safe food to healthy diets: EU risk assessment past, present and future”. During this event, national and international organizations, the scientific community, consumers, the industry and the media will come together to openly discuss the issues that matter for safe and healthy food across Europe.

The first day is dedicated to debating major challenges in food safety including risks from zoonoses and food-borne outbreaks, chemical risks, as well as the link between diet, nutrition and health. The second day comprises a series of roundtable sessions discussing new and evolving issues in food safety such as nanotechnology, animal cloning, animal welfare and active and intelligent food packaging as well as risk communications.

Our scientific and technical work has been critical in helping risk managers and policy makers across Europe to protect consumers from risks in the food chain. But our work is not finished and new challenges will certainly come our way. Day in, day out EFSA will continue to play a part in ensuring that consumers can trust the safety of the foods they eat and in helping to support safe and healthy diets.

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome you to the Scientific Forum and thank you for your active contribution to the discussions over the coming days.
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EXPERIENCE SHOWS

08.00 - 09.00 | Welcome coffee & Registration

09.00 – 09.30 | PLENARY SESSION – Communicating Science
Venue: Alcide de Gaspari – Charlemagne Building – Second Floor

Attitudes to food, nutrition and food safety: is there a European consumer?
Claude Fischler,
Ecole des Hautes Etudes en Sciences Sociales, France

09.30 –11.00 | PARALLEL SESSIONS – Lessons learned and developments in risk assessment

Parallel session 1
Venue: Sicco Mansholt – Charlemagne building – Ground floor

CHAIR:
1 Microbiological risks
> John Dan Collins,
University College of Dublin, Veterinary Sciences Centre, Ireland

1. Challenges of Quantitative Microbiological Risk Assessment at EU level.
> Arie Havelaar,
National Institute for Public Health and Environment, The Netherlands

2. BSE and TSEs: where we were, where we are, where are we going?
> Herbert Budka,
Medical University of Wien, Institute of Neurology, Austria

3. EU–wide baseline studies: achievements and difficulties faced.
> Tine Hald,
National Food Institute, Denmark

Parallel Session 2
Venue: Alcide de Gaspari – Charlemagne building – Second Floor

CHAIR:
2 Chemical risks
> Joseph Rudolf Schlatter,
Swiss Federal Office of Public Health, Food Science Division

1. Dioxins - are we still at danger?
> Peter Fürst,
Chemisches Landes und Staatliches Veterinäruntersuchungsamt, Germany

2. Pesticide residues in food - quantifying risk and protecting the consumer.
> Adrian Tucker,
Pesticides Safety Directorate, UK

3. Exposure to multiple chemicals: when and how to assess the risk.
> Angelo Moretto,
International Centre for Pesticides and Health Prevention, Ospedale Sacco, Italy
### Parallel Session 3

**Venue:** Lord Jenkis – Charlemagne building – Ground floor

#### 3 Food additives and flavourings

**CHAIR:** Iona Pratt, Food Safety Authority of Ireland, Food Science and Standards Division

1. **Legal and illegal colours.**
   - **John Larsen,** National Food Institute, Technical University of Denmark

2. **No smoke without a fire.**
   - **Karl-Heinz Engel,** Technische Universität München, Germany

3. **The importance of a "weight of evidence" approach.**
   - **Wolfgang Dekant,** University of Würzburg, Germany

### Parallel Session 4

**Venue:** Jean Durieux – Charlemagne building – First Floor

#### 4 GMO Risk Assessment around the world

**CHAIR:** Marc Fellous, University of Paris 7

1. **Codex work relating to the safety assessment of foods from recombinant-DNA plants.**
   - **Eric Flamm,** Food and Drug Administration, U.S.A.

2. **Experiences with environmental risk assessment of Genetically Modified Plants.**
   - **Sue Meek,** Gene Technology Regulator, Australia

3. **Assessing novelty rather than technology.**
   - **William Yan,** Microbiology Evaluation Division Food Directorate, Health Canada

4. **EFSA initiatives with regard to the risk assessment of GMOs.**
   - **Harry Kuiper,** Institute of Food Safety (RIKILT), The Netherlands

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Parallel Session 5

Venue: Jean Monnet – Berlaymont Building

**Animal welfare**

**CHAIR:** Andrea Gavinelli,
Directorate General of Health and Consumer Protection, European Commission

1. EU research trends in Animal Welfare.
   **Linda Keeling,**
   Swedish University of Agricultural Science, Dept of Animal Environment and Health, Faculty of Veterinary Medicine

   **Leopoldo Stuardo Escobar,**
   Project Officer of the World Organization for Animal Health (OIE)

   **Philippe Vannier,**
   French Food Safety Agency (AFSSA)

   **Harry Blokhuis,**
   Animal Sciences Group of Wageningen UR, The Netherlands

11.00 – 11.30 COFFEE/TEA BREAK

LOOKING FORWARD

11.30 – 12.30 PLENARY SESSION - Point-counter-point discussion
Venue: Alcide de Gaspari – Charlemagne Building – Second Floor

**CHAIR:** Tony Hardy,
Central Science Laboratory, UK

**Introduction:** Philippe Martin,
Directorate General for Health and Consumer Protection, European Commission

**Pro**

> Frans Kampers,
Bionanotechnology Centre for food and health innovations, Wageningen University, The Netherlands

> Krassimir Velikov,
Unilever Food and Health Research Institute, The Netherlands

**Contra**

> Donald Bruce,
Edinethics Ltd, UK

> Kathy Jo Wetter,
ETC Group, U.S.A.

12.30 – 14.00 NETWORKING LUNCH

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Parallel session 6
Venue: Sicco Mansholt – Charlemagne building – Ground floor

**Animal cloning**

**Chair:** Diána Bánáti, Central Food Research Institute, Hungary

1. Animal cloning by nuclear transfer.
   > András Dinnyés, Agricultural Biotechnology Centre, Hungary

2. What are possible food safety issues?
   > Louis-Marie Houdebine, National Institute for Agricultural Research (INRA), France

3. What is the impact on animal health and welfare?
   > Peter Jinman, The Laurels Veterinary Group, Oakdene Veterinary Surgery, UK

Parallel Session 7
Venue: Jean Monnet – Berlaymont Building

**Knowing more about what we eat**

**Chair:** Evert Schouten, Dutch Food and Consumer Product Safety Authority

1. Impact of food consumption data on risk characterization.
   > Philippe Verger, National Institute for Agricultural Research (INRA), France

2. How do you communicate, collate and collect data.
   > Anders Moeller, Danish Food Information

3. Nutrient profiles- guiding consumers to the healthy choice.
   > Albert Flynn, Nutritional Sciences, University College of Cork, Ireland
Parallel Session 8

Venue: Jean Durieux – Charlemagne building – First Floor

8 Active and intelligent food packaging

CHAIR:

Paul Tobback,
Faculty of Bioscience Engineering, Katholieke Universiteit Leuven, Belgium

1. Technological evolutions – safety evaluation.
   Nathalie Gontard,
   Université de Montpellier II, France

2. Products, migration, legislative issues.
   Esther Zondervan,
   TNO Nutrition and Food Research, Quality of Life Institute, The Netherlands

3. An overview of the world market.
   Dario Dainelli,
   Sealed Air Corp., Italy

Parallel Session 9

Venue: Alcide de Gaspari – Charlemagne building – Second Floor

9 Analysing health risks vs. health benefits

CHAIR:

Andreas Hensel,
Bundesinstitut für Risikobewertung, Germany

1. Looking at both sides of the coin - use of risk-benefit analysis?
   Hildegard Pryzrembel,
   Member of EFSA Panel on dietetic products, nutrition and allergies

2. Nitrates in vegetables – should we eat our greens?
   Andrew Cockburn,
   Toxico-Logical Consulting Ltd, Visiting Professor University of Newcastle, UK

3. Food fortification – risk for the one, benefit for the other?
   Diane Benford,
   Food Standards Agency, UK
Parallel Session 10  

**Venue:** Lord Jenkis – Charlemagne building - Ground floor

**10 Communicating risks: learning for the future?**

**CHAIR:**
Andrew Chesson,  
School of Biological Sciences, University of Aberdeen, UK

1. Intervention by Nicola Carslaw.  
Consulting editor and former BBC Consumer Affairs Correspondent  
Communicating risks linked to food: the role of the media.

2. Round table: lively discussion on key communications challenges in food safety with following participants:

- Ragnar Löfstedt,  
  King’s Centre for Risk Management, School of Social Science and Public Policy, King’s College London, UK
- Oskar Wawschinek,  
Austrian Agency for Health and Food Safety (AGES) and member of the Advisory Forum Working Group on Communications (EFSA)
- Philip Tod,  
  Directorate General for Health and Consumer Protection
- Sylvie Pradelle,  
  UFC – QUE CHOISIR, France
- Ladislav Cervenka,  
  Unilever, Czech Republic
- Anne-Laure Gassin,  
  EFSA

**15.30 – 16.00**  
**COFFEE/TEA BREAK**

**16.00 – 17.00**  
**Section G: CLOSING PLENARY SESSION**

Concluding remarks.

- Vittorio Silano,  
  Italian Ministry of Health

**Food Safety: Looking into the future.**

- Patrick Wall,  
  UCD School of Public Health and Population Science, Ireland

**19.30**  
**NETWORKING DINNER**
**BIOGRAPHIES**

**Diána Bánáti,**
Director General, Central Food Research Institute, Hungary; Hungarian Academy of Sciences, C.Sc. degree (1996); Tit. University Professor, Corvinus University of Budapest and University of Szeged. Her research activity focuses on food science, with special regard to her main fields of interest: food safety, food policy and consumer science. She is largely involved in national R&D food safety programmes and FP6 research projects focusing on food safety, food policy, consumer science and risk management. She is a member of several international (e.g. EFSA Management Board (Vice-Chair), OECD, ILSI SAC) and national scientific bodies and she plays an active role in formulating national and international food policy. She was the chairperson of numerous international conferences. She is the author of articles on food ethics, consumer science, food safety and risk management.

**Susan Barlow**
in her early career worked in toxicology research at Guy’s Hospital Medical School, London, and then as a regulatory toxicologist in the UK Department of Health where she became Chief Scientist. For the last 10 years, she has worked as an independent consultant. She has been involved, both nationally and internationally, in risk assessment of industrial and environmental chemicals, consumer products, pesticides, food additives, contaminants and packaging materials. She was a member of the European Commission’s Scientific Committee on Food for 10 years and is currently chair of EFSA’s Scientific Panel on Food Additives, Flavourings, Processing Aids and Materials in Contact with Food, and a member of EFSA’s Scientific Committee.

**Diane Benford**
is head of the Chemical Risk Assessment Unit at the Food Standards Agency. The Unit has overall responsibility for advice on possible adverse human health effects of all chemicals in food, which underpins the Agency’s policy work and advice to consumers. Diane’s role at the Food Standards Agency also includes acting as scientific secretary to the Committee on Toxicity of Chemicals in Food, Consumer Products and the Environment (COT). In a personal capacity, Diane is a member of the expert panel on contaminants in the food chain [CONTAM] of the European Food Safety Authority.
Harry Blokhuis

started his scientific work on animal behaviour and welfare in 1979. He received his PhD from Wageningen University on work on disturbed behaviour in laying hens. Since 1991 Harry Blokhuis has been leading research groups on animal welfare. He coordinated several EU funded international research programmes and currently he is coordinating the EU project Welfare Quality for the Animal Sciences Group in Lelystad, Netherlands. Harry Blokhuis is also member of the scientific Panel on Animal Health and Animal Welfare of EFSA. At present he is professor of Ethology at the Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences in Uppsala.

Donald Bruce

is managing director of the consultancy Edinethics Ltd. He holds doctorates in chemistry and theology. From 1976-92 he worked in nuclear energy research and risk regulation. From 1992-2007 he was Director of the Church of Scotland’s Society, Religion and Technology Project (SRT), pioneering the examination of ethical and societal issues in GM crops and animals, cloning and stem cells, and in nanotechnology since 2003. He is part of the EC FP6 NanoBioRAISE and Nano2Life programmes, and is a member of the advisory board of the Institute of Nanotechnology and the Societal Issues Panel of the UK Engineering and Physical Sciences Research Council. He is a regular speaker, writer and broadcaster on bioethics and is much involved in public participation in science.

Herbert Budka

has been Vice-Chair of the Panel on biological hazards of EFSA and Vice-President of the International Society of Neuropathy since 2003. He received his M.D. in 1971 from the University of Vienna. He became Professor of Clinical Neuropathology at the University in 1992 and Director of its Institute of Neurology in 1999. In 1996, he became Head of the Austrian Reference Centre for Human Prion Diseases and, since 1996, has served within institutions such as the WHO and the EU Scientific Steering Committee as well as in several Austrian, German, British, Canadian and international committees, review boards and working groups addressing Transmissible Spongiform Encephalopathies.
Nicola Carslaw

has worked in the front line of national and international news for more than 20 years. She was the BBC’s Consumer Affairs Correspondent for almost a decade, covering a range of public health-related issues. Her reports regularly led the consumer news agenda. Nicola was one of the first women to hold an international post as a BBC foreign correspondent. Career highlights included covering the fall of the Berlin Wall and the collapse of communism in Eastern Europe. Now a contributing editor for BBC News, Nicola specialises in editorial strategy and communications. She also runs a media consultancy.

Ladislav Cervenka

is Director of Public Affairs for Unilever, Czech Republic. Vice President of the Czech Food Chamber (2001-2007), he is also a board member of EKOKOM (Czech Green Dot Association). Dr. Cervenka holds an international law degree from the University of Prague, has pursued international studies in Moscow and Leeds and has also served in the Czech Foreign Service in Lisbon and Brasil. In his current job he has been involved for the last ten years in managing communications issues related to the food and chemical industries including setting up crisis communication procedures at local and regional levels.

Andrew Chesson

Andrew Chesson’s research interests include the application of biotechnology to livestock production, additives and their mechanism of action, the role of diet in preserving human health and the assessment of the safety of GM and other products entering the food chain. He is the author of some 200 publications. He was formally Vice Chairman of the EC Scientific Committee on Animal Nutrition and the OECD Task Force on Food and Feed Safety. He currently chairs the FEEDAP Panel of the European Food Safety Authority and is a member of the Scientific Committee of EFSA. He is also a member of the UK Advisory Committee on Animal Feeds and Chair of its GM sub-committee.
Andrew Cockburn

is Visiting Professor in the School of Biology and Psychology at the University of Newcastle and independent toxicological consultant following 37 years industrial experience. Expertise in human risk assessment involving the design, conduct, reporting and interpretation of studies for foods, pharmaceuticals, agrochemicals, industrial chemicals, and biotechnology/protein based products. Research interests in cardiotoxicity, mechanistic studies and systems for structure toxicity relationship modelling. A Fellow of the British Toxictology Society and the Institute of Biology he is a UK/EUROTOX Registered Toxicologist and works with EFSA as a Full Member of the CONTAM Panel and an ad hoc Working Group member for GMO.

Dan Collins

is Professor Emeritus of Farm Animal Clinical Studies at University College Dublin-National University of Ireland, and specialises in the population medicine and food veterinary public health aspects of preventive veterinary medicine and food hygiene. He is the former Director of UCD’s Centre for Veterinary Epidemiology and Risk Analysis. Since 2003 he has been a member of the Scientific Committee of the European Food Safety Authority and Chair of the Authority’s Scientific Panel on Biological Hazards. He is a Board Member of the Food Safety Authority of Ireland and a member of its Scientific Committee.

Dario Dainelli

obtained a Doctor Degree in Industrial Chemistry by the University of Pisa, Italy, in 1985, discussing a thesis on liquid crystals. He got a post-doc specialisation in Macromolecular Chemistry in the same University and in 1988 he joined the Montedison’ R&D Centre “IstitutoDonegani” in Novara, as supervisor of a polymer analysis laboratory. In 1990 left Montedison and joined the M&G Polymers R&D Center as Process Engineer. In this period, he dealt with numerous activities and projects in the field of chemical modification of injection moulding grade Polyesters. In 1991 he moved to the Cryovac European R&D Centre, in Passirana di Rho, near Milano, in the position of Laboratory Manager. Since 1999 he holds the position of European Director of the Analytical Department and Regulatory Affair for Sealed Air; Division Cryovac. In 2000 he was appointed Chairman of the Food Contact Working Group of EuPC, the European Plastics Converters Association. On behalf of EuPC, he participates in many Task Forces, Projects and Steering Committees at EU level including the Food Contact Materials Regulators Group, the Traceability inter-industry Committee (chair), the Active and Intelligent packaging materials task Force, the Matrix Exposure project. In 2006 Dario became a member of the EuPC Packaging Division Executive Committee.
Wolfgang Dekant

Born 03 Januar 1954; Würzburg, Germany. Education: 1980-1984, University of Würzburg. Graduate study in the Department of Toxicology under the direction of Prof. Dr. D. Henschler. Minor subject: Biochemistry. Degree: Dr. rer. nat. 1975-1980, University of Würzburg, Chemistry. Degree: Dipl.Chem. Employment: Professor of Toxicology, Department of Toxicology, University of Würzburg. Learned societies: International Society for the Study of Xenobiotics, Deutsche Gesellschaft für Pharmakologie und Toxikologie, Society of Toxicology. More than 180 publications in toxicology in peer reviewed journals. Member of EFSA AFC Panel.

Andras Dinnyés

graduated as DVM in 1989 from Budapest Veterinary University, Hungary and worked as veterinary obstetrician. He obtained his PhD on embryo vitrification in 1995, after a Fulbright Fellowship in National Zoo Smithsonian Institution with Dr. Rall and a fellowship in Belgium with Prof. Massip. He got his Doctor of Sciences degree in 2002 on nuclear transfer after research at University of Connecticut with Prof. Yang, in Roslin Institute with Prof. Wilmut, in Japan with Prof. Nagai and fellowships in New Zealand, China, UK, Ireland and France. Currently he is a full professor at Szent Istvan University, a Wellcome Trust Senior International Research Fellow and coordinator of several EU FP6 international projects at the Agricultural Biotechnology Center, Hungary. His expertise covers mammalian and fish gamete cryopreservation; IVF and NT in cattle, sheep, pig, rabbit and mouse; embryonic stem cells and transgenesis in mouse. He was expert for US biotech companies and recently started his own one. His academic team produced the first somatic clone mice and rabbits in Hungary.

Karl-Heinz Engel

is Professor at the Technical University Munich (Germany) and holds the Chair of General Food Technology at the Department of Food and Nutrition. His research activities comprise analysis of flavour compounds (sulphur-containing volatiles, enantiospecific analysis, enzyme-catalyzed kinetic resolutions of chiral compounds); safety assessment of Novel Foods (metabolite profiling); PCR-based methods for detection of genetically modified foods (influence of processing on the detection of DNA). He has been member of the Scientific Committee on Food (SCF) from 2000 to 2003. Since 2003 he is member of the AFC-Panel and chairs the Working Groups “Flavourings” and “Smoke Flavourings”.

Marc Fellous

is a Professor of Human and Medical Genetics at the University of Paris and at the Institute Pasteur in Paris. He received his M.D. in 1967 and his Ph.D. in Genetics in 1978, both from the University of Paris. Between 1981 and 2003 he was head of the Institute Pasteur Unit and, since 1981, has been Head of the Ph.D. programme in Human Genetics at the University of Paris as well as of the E 0021 Unit of Inserm. Since 1998, he has been Head of the French Biotechnology Committee. Dr Fellous is the author of 300 publications.

Eric Flamm

has a Ph.D. in molecular biology and is a senior science policy advisor in the Office of Policy, Office of the Commissioner at US FDA. One of his principal areas of work at FDA is scientific and regulatory issues associated with food from bioengineered plants and animals. He is the US Delegate to the Codex ad hoc Task Force on Foods Derived from Biotechnology. Before joining FDA, he did molecular biology research at the US National Institutes of Health.

Albert Flynn

is Professor in Nutrition at University College, Cork, Ireland. Since obtaining a PhD in Biochemistry at the National University of Ireland (Galway), 1979, he has pursued a career in research and education in human nutrition. He is currently Chairman of the European Food Safety Authority Panel on Dietetic Products, Nutrition and Allergies and a member of the EFSA Scientific Committee. He is also Chairman of the Scientific Committee of the Food Safety Authority of Ireland.

Peter Fürst

received his PhD in Food Chemistry in 1982 from the University in Münster/Germany. At present he is head of the department “Central Analytical Services” of the Chemical and Veterinary Control Laboratory North Rhine-Westphalia in Münster. He also holds a University teaching position at the University of Münster (Food toxicology and environmental analysis). His main working areas are analyses of pesticides and contaminants, especially dioxins, polychlorinated biphenyls (PCB) and brominated flame retardants in food, feed and human samples. Since 2006 he is Member of the EFSA Panel on Contaminants in the Food Chain (CONTAM) and 3 CONTAM working groups.
was appointed Director of Communications at the European Food Safety Authority (EFSA) in October 2003. In that capacity, Ms. Gassin is responsible for the development and implementation of EFSA's strategy with regards to risk communication. She chairs the Advisory Forum’s Working Group on Communications which brings together communications departments from EFSA, the European Commission and Member States. Before joining EFSA, Ms. Gassin worked at the European Commission Health and Consumer Protection Directorate General. Prior to that, she spent over 15 years with Kellogg Company, and her last appointment was as European Director with responsibility for nutrition communications and scientific and regulatory affairs.

has been a policy official at the European Commission since 1999 in charge of developing Community policies and legislation on animal welfare. He is coordinating the follow up of the initiatives foreseen in the “Community Action Plan on the Protection and Welfare of Animals” sharing the vision that animals and the preservation of their welfare represent an important value for the European Union citizens. Since its creation in 2001 Andrea is active member of the Permanent Working Group on animal welfare of the World Animal Health Organisation (OIE) and he is vice chairman of the Standing Committee of the “European Convention for the Protection of Animals kept for farming purposes” of the Council of Europe. Andrea is member of the Working Group on animal welfare in the framework of the EU Chile Sanitary and Phytosanitary agreement and he is coordinating activities to support animal welfare in several Countries that are trading partners with the European Union like Canada, New Zealand, Switzerland, and Uruguay. Closely working with stakeholders in the food chain he has promoted the first web consultation of the Commission on animal welfare and the first two European wide surveys on the attitudes of consumers towards animal welfare. Born in 1965, he grew up in Novara, Italy, graduated as a veterinary surgeon at the University of Milan with a thesis on the behaviour of dairy calves during the first 30 days of life.

is EFSA's Executive Director. Previously, she was the Regional Director of Agriculture and Forestry for the Ile de France region and one of the two Vice-Chairs of EFSA Management Board. Prior to this, she was Director-General of Food of the French Agriculture Ministry where she was responsible, from 2000 to 2003, for the management of health risks related to food, animal health and welfare and plant protection as well as risk communications. She has also worked for the European Commission in the area of risk management and risk assessment from 1991 to 1993. Active at the international level, she has served as Chair of the Codex Alimentarius Committee on General Principles in 2001 and 2002.
Nathalie Gontard

is Professor at University of Montpellier II, in the JRU (joint research unit) “Agro-Polymers Engineering and Emerging Technologies” and leader of the “structure/mass transfert” research group working on a combining approach of the “packaging/food/processing” system. She is specialist in food and packaging engineering with focus on mass transfer modeling, edible and active materials design. She is leader of the Federative Research Institute “Food and Processes” gathering 5 JRU of Montpellier and Avignon. She is expert at the AFSSA (French Food Safety Agency) and EFSA (European Food Safety Authority) in “materials and objects in contact with foods” committees.

Tine Hald

Tine Hald, DVM, PhD, is head of Section of the Danish Zoonosis Centre, Department of Microbiology and Risk Assessment, National Food Institute, Technical University of Denmark. Tine Hald’s main research area is the epidemiology, surveillance and control of foodborne zoonoses in the whole production chain. Activities involve the planning and performance of quantitative risk assessments, time series analysis, and risk factor studies. Human-illness attribution, where human illnesses are quantitative linked to the different sources responsible, has her particular interest. A main responsibility is to give scientifically-based advice to veterinary and food authorities, farmers’ and consumers organisations, and international organisations e.g. EFSA and WHO.

Tony Hardy

is Science Director (Agri-Environment) at the Central Science Laboratory, which is an executive Agency based at York of the UK Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs. Originally a zoologist by training, he has been involved in national and international regulatory committees dealing with pesticides for nearly 30 years. He is currently Chairman of the Panel on plant protection products and their residues of the European Food Safety Authority.
Arie Havelaar

graduated in Chemical Engineering with specialisation Technical Microbiology (with honors) at the Delft University of Technology. He obtained his PhD at Utrecht University and also obtained a MSc in Epidemiology at the Netherlands Institute of Health Sciences (Erasmus University, Rotterdam). Arie Havelaar is associate head of the Laboratory for Zoonoses and Environmental Microbiology at the National Institute for Public Health and the Environment in Bilthoven, the Netherlands and professor of microbial risk assessment at the Interfaculty Institute for Risk Assessment Sciences (Utrecht University).

Andreas Hensel

is acting president of the Federal Institute for Risk Assessment in Berlin since 2003 and Germany’s representative in the scientific council (Advisory Forum) of the EFSA. Before accepting the office as president of the Federal Institute for Risk Assessment, Professor Dr. Dr. Hensel successfully performed in the position of senior scientist at the University of Vienna (1990-1997); in the position of full professor for „Animal Hygiene and Federal Animal Pest Control“ and at the same time as occupying the position of Director and Chair at the „Institute for Animal Hygiene and Veterinary Public Health“, University of Leipzig (1997-2003).

Louis Marie Houdebine

is engineer in chemistry and has a PhD in biology. He was recruited at INRA (Institut National de le Recherche Agronomique, France) in 1968. He has been working until now on the mechanisms of milk protein gene expression. LM Houdebine started using animal transgenesis in 1986 for basic and applied research to generate models for the study of human diseases. He is the co-founder of a company, BioProtein Technologies, which prepares pharmaceutical proteins in the milk of transgenic animals. LM Houdebine has been an expert in several committees related to GMO and clone biosafety (Codex Alimentarius, WHO, FAO, EFSA). LM Houdebine has been participating in a EU course of bioethics (BioTEthics and BIOTTHED) since 2002.
Alan Jackson

is Professor of Human Nutrition at the University of Southampton and became the director of the University’s Institute for Human Nutrition when it was established in 1995. The University of Southampton was the first in the UK to create a professorial appointment in an undergraduate medical school with responsibility for educating doctors and other health workers about nutrition. Currently, Professor Jackson is chair of the Government’s Scientific Advisory Committee on Nutrition which reports to the Food Standards Agency and the Department of Health on food and nutrition related issues. He is an elected member of the Caribbean Health Research Council. Professor Jackson is a senior adviser to WHO and Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations and is co-convenor of the International Task Force on Malnutrition. He is a member of the expert advisory panel for the second report on Food, Nutrition, Physical Activity, and the Prevention of Cancer from the World Cancer Research Fund and the American Institute for Cancer Research. Working with the Nutrition Society, he has also taken a lead role in developing public health nutrition for dealing with population level nutritional considerations.

Peter Jinman

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Frans Kampers

after completing his PhD in physics at the Technical University in Eindhoven Frans Kampers joined Wageningen UR in 1989. He headed the research on instrumentation and measurement technology. Among others Frans Kampers was chairman of the ISO working group that defined the international standard on RFID for animals and chaired a working group on Microsystems and Agriculture. In 2003 he was asked to take the lead in the bionanotechnology research of Wageningen UR which resulted in BioNT, the centre for applications of nanotechnology in food and health. Since 2007 he also coordinates the Wageningen UR strategic research initiative on bionanotechnology.
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