



Objectives of the Colloquium

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One step back

Purpose of food classification and description



From chaos

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Comprehensive data
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Going forward

Finding a reasonable and flexible solution



Ideal classification system

LanguaL

- an international framework for food description!



International Agency for Research on Cancer
Centre International de Recherche sur le Cancer

Researching

It all depends!

Food grouping and coding system has to suit the needs of a particular activity.

Indeed historically many different working groups with different objectives developed many different Food Classification Systems

Unambiguous ambiguity



***Chemical
Occurrence***

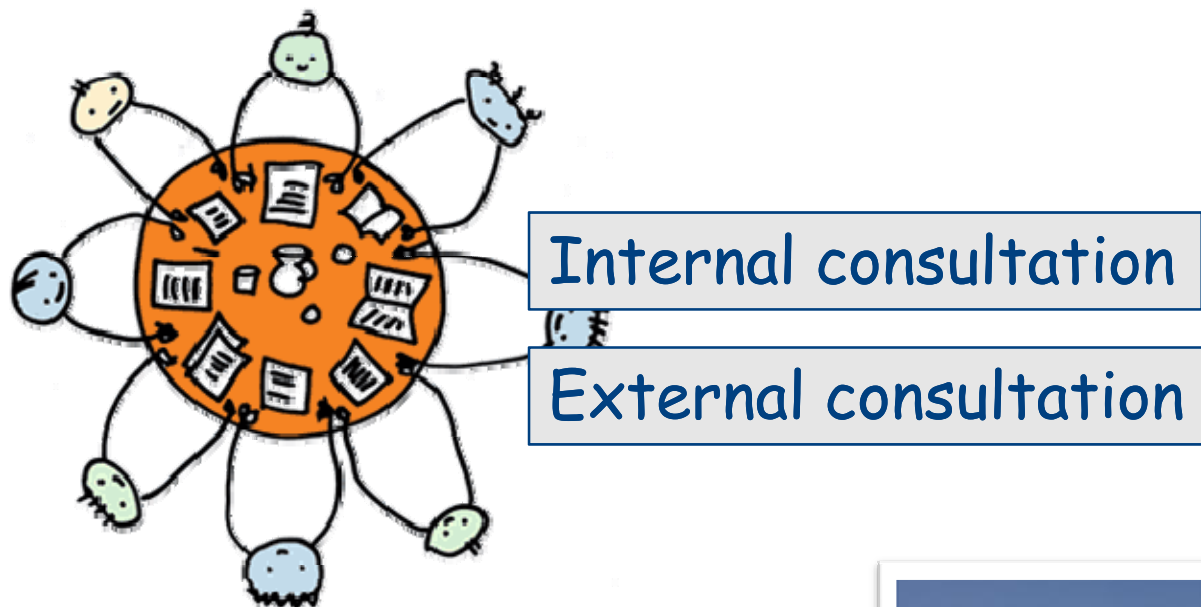


**Exposure
Assessment**

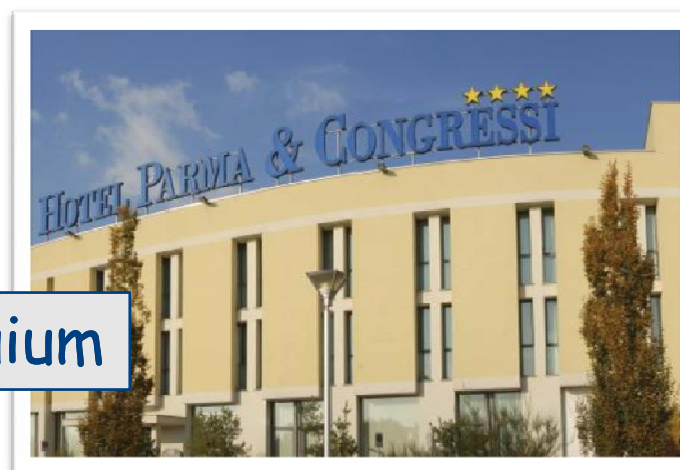


***Food
Consumption***

Process



EFSA Colloquium



Objectives of the colloquium

Scientific debate among international experts on key issues related to the classification and description of foods

Focus on needs relevant to exposure and risk assessment

Challenges:

- matching a multitude of occurrence data with food consumption data
- handling of composite foods
- keeping flexibility while allowing interconnectivity



Expected outcomes

- Guidance on how to connect disparate description systems for additives, pesticides, contaminants and primary products (RAC)
 - harmonise current legislative requirements or introduce translation layers
- Description of food consumption information in a format compatible with occurrence data
- Recommendation on how to handle composite foods and facet descriptors
- Approach for international harmonisation

Thank You!

