Session Overview
The seminar will focus on challenges facing national, European and international authorities in the area of food safety, with particular emphasis on risk assessment. It will also look at the priorities established by various organisations worldwide to address these challenges over the period 2017-2020.

Why Attend
Further integration of regional and national economies, societies and cultures over the coming years will lead not only to an increasingly globalised trade in food and food products, and the associated "trade" of hazards and risks, but also to a more complex food supply chain, which presents big challenges for food safety bodies around the world. The future of European and global food safety and nutrition will increasingly be determined by the extent to which global cooperation can be achieved on the setting and enforcement of standards throughout the food chain. These important trends are reflected in EFSA's recently published Strategy 2020.

Key Takeaways
Those attending will get an update about the planned cooperation activities between food safety agencies in China, the European Union and International organisations such as the FAO and the WHO. There will also be presentations on topical issues such as endocrine disruptors in food, novel foods and strategies for fighting antimicrobial resistance. These are emerging issues of relevance to food safety experts all over the world.

Who Should Attend
Those interested in international efforts aimed at harmonisation of risk assessment methodologies and the agenda related to addressing challenges in food safety.

About the Session Organizers
The seminar is jointly organised by the European Food Safety Authority (EFSA) and the European Commission's Directorate-General for Health and Food Safety (DG-SANTE). EFSA is an EU-funded agency that provides the scientific risk assessments underpinning EU policies and legislation on food safety. Europeans are among the best protected and best informed consumers in the world as regards risks in the food chain.

Agenda

14:00  Welcome and Opening Address
   Bernhard Url, Executive Director, European Food Safety Authority

14:05  How Can a Risk Analysis Approach Help to Improve Food Safety?
   Jérôme Lepeintre, Minster Counsellor for Health & Food Safety, Delegation of the European Union to China and Mongolia

14:10  FDA Perspective on Priorities in Food Safety in 2016-2020
   Leigh Verbois, Director China Office, U.S. Food & Drug Administration

14:30  FAO Perspectives on Priorities in Food Safety in 2017-2020
   Markus Lipp, Head of the Secretariat of FAO/JECFA, Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) Rome

15:00  Priorities for Cooperation between China and the EU in the Area of Food Safety
   Chen Junshi, Chief Adviser, China National Centre for Food Safety Risk Assessment, P.R. China

15:30  Coffee Break

16:00  Endocrine Disruptors: Priorities in the EU for Plant Protection Products and Biocides
   Roland Solecki, Head of Department Pesticide Safety, German Federal Institute for Risk Assessment, Germany

16:30  EFSA Guidance on Applications for Novel Foods and Traditional Foods from Third Countries
   Hans Verhagen, Head of Risk Assessment & Scientific Assistance Department, European Food Safety Authority (EFSA)

17:00  European Union Action Plan Against Antimicrobial Resistance (AMR)
   Jacky Le Goslis, Principal Administrator, Directorate General for Health and Food Safety, European Commission

17:30  Antimicrobial Resistance: Strategies to Combat a Global Hazard
   Marta Hugas, Head of Biological Hazards and Contaminants Unit, European Food Safety Authority

17:55  Wrap-up
   Bernhard Url, Jérôme Lepeintre

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