

IPA Europe meeting with EFSA

Agenda of the meeting

18 January 2019, Parma (Italy)
Meeting room 00/04 (10:00 – 12:00 am)

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Participants

■ EFSA:

Nutrition Unit: Valeriu Curtui (Chair), and Silvia Valtueña Martínez
Scientific Committee & Emerging Risks Unit: Bernard Bottex
NDA Panel member / WG Claims Chair: Alfonso Siani

■ IPA Europe delegation:

Esben Laulund (President of IPA Europe; VP Chr. Hansen, Denmark),
Sylvie Binda (Danone research, France), Bruno Pot (Yakult Europe
BV, The Netherlands), Rosanna Pecere (IPA Europe Executive
Director); Colin Hill (APC Microbiome Institute, Ireland)

1. Welcome

2. Brief Tour de Table

3. Scope of the meeting:

to identify what is necessary to obtain a formal recognition of 'probiotics' as a food category (comparable to 'Dietary fibre')

4. Brief introduction to EFSA remit & role: with focus on scientific substantiation of Health Claims made on foods

5. Scientific items for discussion: Generally accepted and available science on 'probiotics'

- The IPA Europe criteria to define a probiotic strain
- Scientific substantiation needed for the recognition of a 'probiotics' category (comparable to the category of 'dietary fibre')
 - What are the scientific bottlenecks to have 'probiotics' recognised as a category (summary of existing research knowledge (as for fibre category)?; availability of supportive clinical results?; definition of specific

characteristics (e.g. consider resilience as a common parameter)?; ...)

- What would be scientifically needed for a strain to be considered in the category? (consideration on “beneficial physiological effects” for FOOD)
- What is the EFSA vision on a positive list, like the one used in Canada?

6. Any other business

- Would EFSA support such an initiative in view of clarifying the current situation on probiotics for the consumer?
- If so, which roadmap is EFSA proposing (a support publication, guidance, technical report, others)