



European Food Safety Authority

Update on plans on the Advisory Forum “Event” in 2004

At its meeting in Berlin 3 and 4 July the Advisory Forum decided to make its work more publicly known. Subsequently, at its meeting in September, the Forum agreed to put together ideas for an ‘event’ in 2004 and to form a Task Force to plan this.

The ‘event’ will be held during November or December 2004. The flavour of the ‘event’ will be mainly scientific but will also look at the work of the Forum in a broader context. The Forum also requested that the nature of the ‘event’ and its programme would be agreed by the Forum’s members themselves.

The Task Force has been formed and comprises Andreas Hensel, Germany, Maria Purificación Neira González, Spain, Ray Ellard, Ireland, Hans Peter Jensen, Denmark, and Willem De Wit, Netherlands and from EFSA Christine Majewski, Ingela Soderlund, and Katty Verhelst. Nomination for the Task Force from other members of the Forum or their alternates would also be very welcome before the end of 2003.

Members of the EFSA Scientific Committee and Panels will be asked also for ideas on special ‘hot’ topics for sessions at the ‘event’.

This ‘event’ will belong entirely to the Advisory Forum and as the planning progresses the Task Force will be looking for members of the Forum to agree to chair sessions or present papers as it is important that the Advisory Forum takes a prominent role as the main objective is to introduce the Forum more widely.

The first planning meeting will be held in January 2004. Plans for the ‘event’ need to be ready for consideration by the Forum early in 2004 so that speakers and participants can be informed as early as possible.

Members are reminded that the Task Force would welcome any ideas and suggestions for the ‘event’, its agenda, themes and format. Please send these to Christine.MAJEWSKI@efsa.eu.int