



European Food Safety Authority

Management Board Meeting  
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*PROGRESS REPORT*

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## AFC

- 27 opinions adopted on:
  - Food additives: lycopene, rosemary extract, Southampton study
  - Nutrient sources: vanadium sources
  - Flavouring: 2 flavouring groups, 3 revised Flavouring Group Evaluation, 12 groups of substances evaluated by JEFCA
  - Food contact materials: 6 substances
- Split of the AFC panel (update)

## AHAW

- 1 opinion adopted on tuberculosis testing in deer
- New mandate on list and criteria for susceptible fish species
- Fish welfare WG meeting with more than 45 MSs experts

## BIOHAZ

- 4 opinions adopted on:
  - microbiological risk assessment on *Salmonella* in meat
  - safety of hydrolysis on dead pigs and dead rabbits
  - effect of 4 antimicrobial substances on antimicrobial resistance
- 1 report published on TSE in ovine and caprine animals (opinion of 8/03/07)
- Panel agreed to launch public consultation of draft opinion on “food borne antimicrobial resistance as a biological hazard”
- 1<sup>st</sup> meeting on Art. 36 consortium on quantitative microbial risk assessment on *Salmonella* in pig.

## CONTAM

- 5 opinions adopted on:
  - perfluorooctanil sulfonate, perfluorooctanoic acid and their salts
  - mercury in animal feed
  - cross-contamination of non-target feed by decoquinate, robenidine, halofuginone hydrobromide
- 1 statement on safety of fatty acid esters
- Preparation of the Scientific Colloquium on acrylamide 22-23 May (in collaboration with SCA and Comms)

## FEEDAP

- 1 opinion adopted on safety and efficacy of Phytase as a feed additive
- Meetings with DG SANCO, CRLs and the industry (FEFANA) to discuss and set priorities for the forthcoming re-evaluation of 2500 feed additives (by 2010)

## GMO

- 3 opinions adopted on:
  - GM aspects of microorganisms for the production of L-valine (with Feedap)
  - GMT 45 oilseed rape for placing on the market and for existing products
- 2 reports published :
  - Special AF on GMO risk assessment
  - Self-task on animal feeding trials

# Risk Assessment

## NDA

Claims: EFSA is increasing its pool of experts to assist work of the panel

### Nutrient profile:

- 1 opinion adopted on Setting of Nutrient Profiles for food bearing claims
- Food composition database in progress

### Novel food

- 2 draft opinions submitted to panel on tomato oleoresin lycopene and synthetic lycopene

## PLH

- 7 opinions adopted (out of 30) on PRAs on pest considered harmful for the 4 French overseas Departments

## PPR

- Public consultation on Guidance Document on risk assessment for birds and mammals (127 pages of comments).
- Public consultation Guidance Document on persistence in soil ( 25<sup>th</sup> March)

# Scientific Cooperation and Assistance



## Scientific cooperation

- Visit to ECDC
- Visit to Swedish Food Administration and Swedish Veterinary Institute
- Visit to the Norwegian Royal Ministry of Health and Care Services
- Strategic plan to raise awareness on EFSA's scientific work submitted to SC
- 13 manuscripts for the "EFSA epidemiological study on the 2006 bluetongue outbreak in Western Europe" to be published first semester of 2008 (Elsevier)

## Assessment Methodology Unit

- Statistical report for adopted AFC opinion on effects of certain food additives on children
- Support to special AF meeting on GMO risk assessment with literature search and review
- Self-task on association of A1-  $\beta$  casein and on technical review on available epidemiological studies
- Preparation of an inventory of available relevant literature on aspartame and sodium hydroxide
- Data management assistance to PRAPeR for the collection of pesticides residues monitoring data

# Scientific Cooperation and Assistance

## DATEX

- Publication of dietary intakes review of plant sterols from fortified food
- Database available on food composition across EU: 35 micro & macronutrients in 18.000 food products; 700 foodstuffs
- Concise food consumption database: first milestone
- Coordination of self-task on A1- $\beta$  casein

## PRAPeR

- 3<sup>rd</sup> stage: 3 substances finalised, further 11 finalised by March
- 4<sup>th</sup> stage: 71 substances initial risk assessment by rapporteur made available to EC and MSs

## ZONOSES

- Report on harmonized monitoring and reporting of anti-microbial resistance in E. Coli and Enterococcus
- New zoonoses web reporting application and new format of Community Summary Report
- Art.36 grant project on harmonized monitoring and reporting schemes for zoonotic parasites started

## Scientific Committee

- Call for external experts of the Scientific Committee
- Public consultation on:
  - draft guidance for safety assessment of botanicals: 60 contributors
  - draft opinion on animal cloning: approx 80 comments, possible adoption at April plenary

## Advisory Forum

- Input from MSs on strategic paper on data collection
- Endorsement of recommendations and conclusions from meeting with National experts on GMO risk assessment
- Focal Point: 21 agreements signed

# EFSA in the news



## The New York Times

Food From Cloned Animals  
Seems Safe, a Panel Finds

## NEWSFOOD

*EFSA's evaluation of the safety  
of food flavouring substances-  
an update*

## Daily Mail

Cloned animal meat is safe to  
eat, says EU food watchdog

## la Repubblica

“Bambini aggressivi e disattenti  
colpa di merendine e aranciate”

*Il governo inglese: coloranti sotto accusa. L'Ue: via ai controlli*

## Le Monde

*La clause de sauvegarde sur  
le MON 810 est activée*

## Frankfurter Allgemeine

*Jedem Land seinen Mais  
(To every country its maize)*

## THE IRISH TIMES

**300 food health claims  
sent to EU body for  
adjudication**



*Raccomandazioni Efsa  
per listeria*

## el mundo

**Una base de datos europea ayudará a  
clasificar los alimentos 'saludables'  
(A European database will help classify  
'healthy' foods)**

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# New Management Team web area

The new *Operational Management* web area includes profiles and photos of Management Team members



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Dr. Riitta Maijala is Director of Risk Assessment at EFSA since 2008. Her directorate supports EFSA's core business of delivering risk assessments and Scientific Opinions to risk managers by providing the secretariat for each of EFSA's Scientific Panels.

Before joining EFSA her career was based in the Finnish public administration, where her most recent appointment was as Head of the Animal Health and Welfare Unit of the Finnish Food Safety Authority (EVRA). She was a professor and head of the Risk Assessment Department at the National Veterinary and Food Research Institute from 2001 to 2005 and Development Director (risk analysis) from 1998-2001. She has also worked as an adjunct professor for the University of Helsinki's Department of Food and Environmental Hygiene. She has held a number of international roles including member of the European Commission's Scientific Committee on Veterinary Measures Related to Public Health, Vice Chair of EFSA's BIOHAZ Panel and President of the European College of Veterinary Public Health.

She holds a Doctorate of Veterinary Medicine (DVM) and a PhD from the College of Veterinary Medicine in Helsinki as well as a postgraduate degree on food hygiene and a specialist degree in Veterinary Medicine on Infectious Animal Diseases. She also holds a diploma from the European College of Veterinary Public Health (Dipl. ECVPH) and is a lecturer on food hygiene in the Helsinki University.

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As head of EFSA's Administration department since 2006, Alexandrine Mavie-Sonet is in charge of EFSA's core internal services including human resources, IT, finance and legal affairs. She first joined the Authority in 2005 as Internal Auditor.

Her career began in 1992 at Deloitte and Touche, with whom she spent eight years including two years as Audit Supervisor in Manitoba, Canada, before being appointed Audit Manager in Paris in 1998. In 2000 she became Chief Financial Officer at Gaumont, Paris, where she co-ordinated financial and tax matters and managed teams in charge of budget control, accounting, royalties and payroll. In 2003 she began working as Internal Auditor for the European Anti-Fraud Office (OLAF) in Brussels.

She graduated in 1992 from the Ecole Supérieure de Commerce in Amiens, France, and has trained in Business Communication at Berkley University, California.

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Dr. Hubert Deluyker is EFSA's Director of Scientific Co-operation and Assistance since 2008. His directorate supports EFSA's risk assessment work and develops EFSA's scientific co-operation with Member States in a range of fields covering the peer review of pesticides, data collection (including specific tasks on zoonoses), emerging risks and assessment methodology. He joined EFSA in 2004 and was formerly Head of EFSA's Assessment Methodology Unit.

Before working for EFSA he was a clinical research scientist in the field of animal health from 1989 to 2014 for Pfizer Puurs, Belgium, where he led a range of multidisciplinary and multinational research and development projects. He was also Associate Professor in Epidemiology from 1991 to 2000 at the School of Veterinary Medicine of the University of Ghent, Belgium. He previously worked as Clerk-Veterinarian Officer for the Belgian Ministry of Agriculture.

He holds a PhD in Epidemiology and a Masters in Preventive Veterinary Medicine from the School of Veterinary Medicine at the University of California, Davis. He also holds a Masters in Administration from the U.C. Davis School of Management and a BA in Business Administration from St. Aloysius College, Brussels.

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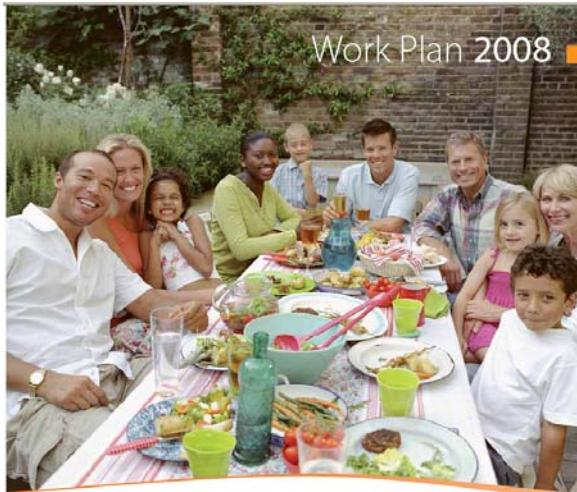
Anne-Laure Gassin is EFSA's Director of Communications since 2003. She is responsible for developing and implementing EFSA's risk communication strategy, with the overall goal of providing effective, consistent, accurate and timely information for all stakeholders and the wider public based on EFSA's scientific advice.

Before joining EFSA, Ms. Gassin worked at the European Commission's DG Health and Consumer Protection, where she contributed to preparing the revision of Community legislation on nutrition labeling for foodstuffs. Prior to that, she spent over 15 years with Kellogg Company where her last appointment was as European Director with responsibility for nutrition communications and scientific and regulatory affairs.

She graduated from Harvard University in 1981 where she majored in biology, and was awarded a Masters in medical management and marketing in 1987 from the Ecole Supérieure de Commerce in Paris.

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# Publications & Events



## Cooperation with EU institutions

### 1. European Parliament

- ED in hearing Budgetary Control Committee (discharge 2006)
- Participation to hearing on new Animal Health Strategy and Vaccine Technologies
- EFSA Information n°2 was sent to the ENVI Committee

### 2. European Commission

- regular participation of EFSA representatives in Commission Standing Committees
- participation to Advisory Group on the Food Chain, Animal Health and Plant health

### 3. Council of the EU

- Meeting with Slovenian Agriculture Minister Iztok Jarc and Health Minister Mazej Kukovic
- Liaison with the 3 coming Presidencies, respectively France, Czech Republic and Sweden

## Relationship with Stakeholders

- Technical meeting on animal cloning with EFSA Stakeholders
- Consultation meeting with stakeholders and Member States experts on animal welfare aspects of husbandry systems for farmed fish



## International Relations

- Visit of New Zealand Minister of Health
- Visit of the US Agriculture Attaché and Agriculture specialist from the US Embassy in Rome.

## Pre-Accession Programme for Turkey and Croatia

- Preparatory work for workshops and seminars concerning future measures for the participation of the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia (FYROM), Croatia and Turkey in EFSA.

## Human Resources:

- March 2008: total staff 325 (310 end 2007)
- All vacancy notices have been published for 2008 posts

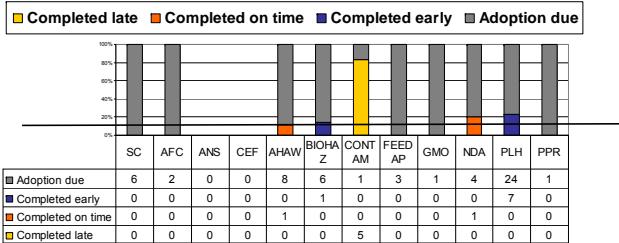
## Budget

- No transfers occurred during the first quarter of 2008
- End of February: 25% of the total budget (representing 16.5 M€)

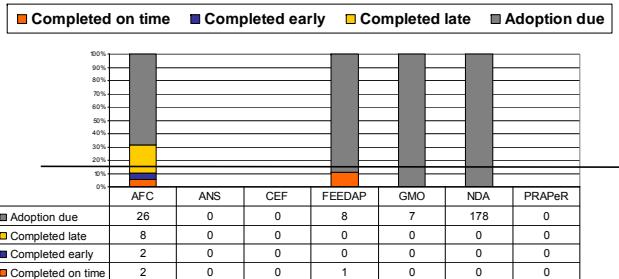
# Proposal for a monthly dashboard

## SCIENTIFIC ACTIVITIES

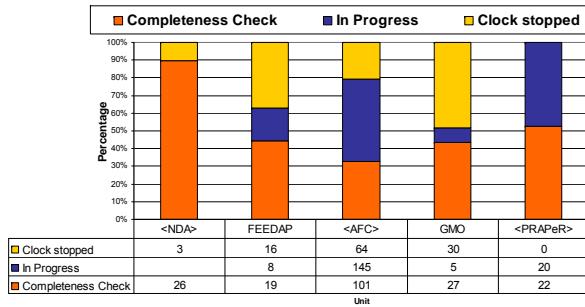
Generic opinions analysis by adoption date and deadline date, February 2008



Application opinions analysis by adoption date and deadline date, February 2008

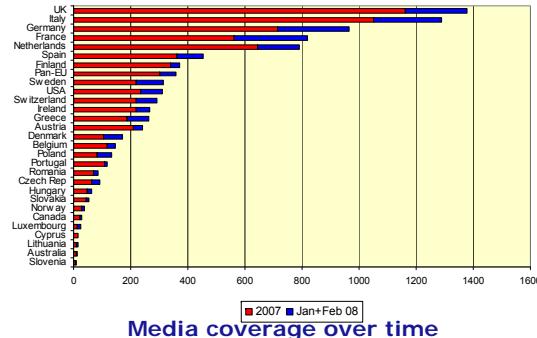


Active applications by status and unit, Feb 2008

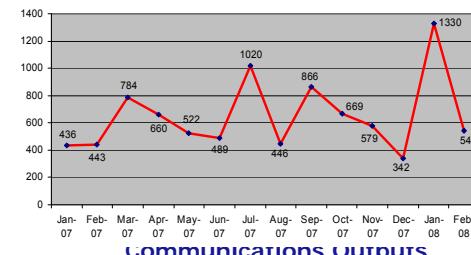


## COMMUNICATIONS

Media coverage by country



Media coverage over time



Communications Outputs

	Jan -08	Feb -08	Jan-Feb 07	YTD Feb 08	Jan-Feb 08 vs Jan-Feb 07
Press releases & Press Statements	3	1	2	4	+ 100%
Press News Alerts	0	0	7	0	- 100%
Web News Stories	4	2	3	6	+ 100%
Press Briefings	0	0	0	0	-
Media Queries	51	37	51	88	+ 72.55%

	Jan -08	Feb -08	Jan-Feb 07	YTD Feb 08	Jan-Feb 08 vs Jan-Feb 07
Media Coverage	1699	732	879	2431	+ 176.56%
Web Visits	169,453	149,773	221,274	319,226	+ 44.27%
Downloads	133,036	95,343	533,605	228,379	- 57.2 %*
Subscribers to Highlights e-newsletter	18,016	18,307	12,600	18,307	+ 44.7 %

## ADMINISTRATION

### Recruitment

RECRUITED	TOTAL TA/OFF	OFFERS ACCEPTED in 2007 Q3 still to join		OFFERS ACCEPTED in 2007 Q4 still to join	OTHER RECRUITMENTS ONGOING
		2007 - Q4 (recruited included)	EXPECTED ENTRY DATE		
2007 - Q4					
		Q1 2008	Q2 2008		
35*	273	5	1	13**	10
				Q1 2008	Q2 2008
				3	16

Gender and Nationality distribution

AX	CA	END	FT	TP	TP	Sum:	%
AD	AD	AD	AD	AST	AST		
F	3	16	3	67	98	187	60.32%
M	1	8	6	1	74	123	39.68%
Sum:	4	24	9	1	141	310	100%

AX	CA	END	FT	TP	TP	Sum:	%
AD	AD	AD	AD	AST	AST		
Belgique/Belgie				21	19	40	12.90%
Bulgarie						1	0.32%
Croatie						2	0.65%
Danmark	1					7	2.90%
Deutschland	2	1	1	12	3	19	6.13%
Espana			1	14	10	25	8.06%
France			2	17	8	27	8.71%
Hongrie				6	1	7	2.26%
Ireland		1				2	0.73%
Italia		1	16	2		28	59
Lituania					2		0.65%
Luxembourg				1		1	0.32%
Malta					2	2	0.65%
Nederland					4	2	1.94%
Osterreich					5	1	6.19%
Pologne			1	1	2	4	1.29%
Portugal					4	1	1.34%
République Tchèque					2	2	0.65%
Roumanie		1			1	1	0.32%
Slovaquie					1	2	1.29%
Slovenie					1	1	0.32%
Suomi/finland					4	1	1.04%
Sverige					3	2	1.61%
United Kingdom			2	1	8	3	4.52%
				4	24	9	1
				1	141	131	310
							100%

# MT Awayday 14-15 March 2008

## Preparation of strategic plan 2009-2013

