



*PROGRESS REPORT*

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MB meeting – 31 March 2009, Prague

## **Panel on food additives and nutrient sources added to food (ANS)**

- 7 opinions and 2 statements (including opinion on taurine and D-glucuronolactone in “energy drinks”)

## **Animal Health and Welfare (AHAW)**

- 1 opinion on general approach to fish welfare

## **Biological Hazards (BIOHAZ)**

- 7 opinions including MRSA, Salmonella in Breeding Hens, Joint BIOHAZ and GMO opinion on the Use of marker genes in GM Plants, Genetic TSE resistance in goats
- SANCO-EFSA workshop on Salmonella control in pigs

## **Food contact materials, enzymes, flavourings and processing aids (CEF)**

- 8 opinions on FGE 19 -39 substances; smoke flavourings; dietary exposure assessment, processing aids
- Adoption of the 22nd list of substances used in food contact materials (1/8 rejected)
- 1 statement on risk of 4-methylbenzophenone in cereals

## Contaminants in the Food Chain (CONTAM)

- Saponins as undesirable substances in animal feed
- Cadmium in food

## Additives and Products or Substances used in Animal Feed (FEEDAP)

- 2 opinions on applications for authorisation of a feed additive

## Genetically Modified Organisms (GMO)

- Bt11 maize and feed containing and or consisting of Bt11
- GHB614-glyphosate tolerant cotton

## Dietetics Products, Nutrition and Allergies (NDA)

	IN	WITHDRAWN	ADOPTED	PROGRESS
Children health and risk reduction claims	241 (70: request for more data)	13	43 (50 applications)	10
Claims based on new science	18	3	6	9

## **Plant Health (PLH)**

- Service Level Agreement signed with the JRC, IPSC, Agriculture Unit, Agri4cast group for a “model framework for the assessment of EU climatic suitability for the establishment of organisms harmful to plants and plant products”.

## **Plant Protection Products and their residues (PPR)**

- Signature of Art. 36 contract for assessment of impact of metabolic processes on toxicology of pesticides
- Public consultation on Guidance Document on dermal absorption closed

## Scientific Committee (SC) & Advisory Forum

- Public consultation on draft opinion on transparency concluded (99 comments)
- 34th Plenary Meeting:
  - opinion on Potential risks arising from Nanosciences and Nanotechnologies in food and feed safety
  - Presentation by B. Sangster on ASAT (Assuring Safety without Animal Testing)
- The Advisory Forum held its 30th plenary in Ljubljana and the meeting focused on the dioxin crisis with discussions of “lessons learned” and on harmonisation of Risk Assessment

## **Scientific Cooperation (SCO)**

- 4th Focal Point meeting held
- 20 Focal Point agreements signed
- Expert database counts 1300 experts
- Organisation of scientific event in Uppsala on Folic Acid

## **Data Collection Exposure (DATEX)**

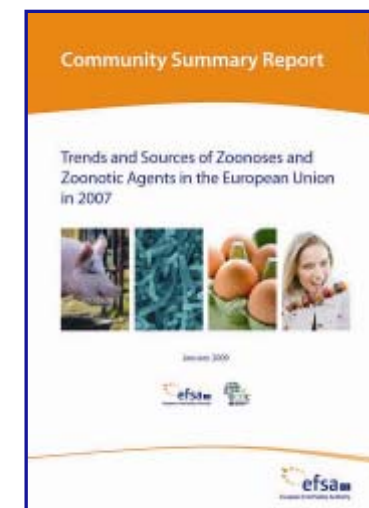
- Publication of 1 report on potential health impact of  $\beta$ -casomorphins and contribution to EFSA's statement on 4-methylbenzophenone in cereals

## Pesticide Risk Assessment Peer Review (PRAPeR)

- Finalization of 10 reasoned opinions on MRLs

## Zoonoses

- Publication of Community Summary Report on Zoonoses in 2007 and organization of a press briefing in collaboration with ECDC and EC



# EFSA in the news



**LE FIGARO**

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**Un occhio vigile sui cibi**

**THE IRISH TIMES**

**Committee to inquire into  
dioxin pork crisis**

**USINENOUVELLE**

**Au secours des abeilles**

**REUTERS**

**Two energy drink  
ingredients safe-EU  
food watchdog**

**theguardian**

**EU to debate cloning for  
food, wary of impact**

**ANSA**

**Raccomandazioni  
Efsa per listeria**

**EL PAÍS**

**La UE investiga la  
seguridad de los  
'nanoalimentos'**

**APA**

**EU-Behörde rät zu weniger  
Vitamin A im Tierfutter**



**Encre des emballages de céréales:  
des risques dans certains cas**

**Handelsblatt**

**EU verbietet  
gefährliche Pestizide**

**Nutraingredients.com | e**

**EFSA publishes list of  
functional article 13  
health claims**



# Publications & Events

**From past achievements,...**  
**(EFSAnews #19, 2008 scientific outputs)**



**...building bridges (Agencies' Heads of Communications and Information Network, Slovenian joint event)**

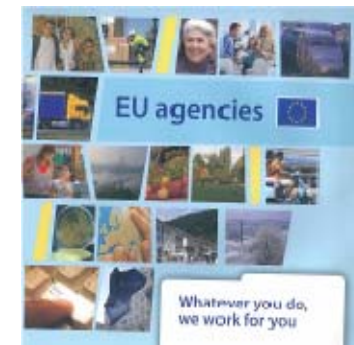


**...to future directions**  
**(Strategic Plan, 2009 Work Plan)**



# Relations with Partners and Stakeholders

- Stakeholder Platform Meeting in Brussels
- EFSA Executive Director met with new Director General of DG Environment, Mr. Falkenberg
- As from 1<sup>st</sup> of March EFSA is coordinating the network of the Head of EU Agencies



- **12 February** the President and Executive Director of **AESAN** visited EFSA and exchanged views on joint activities in 2009 and 2010 as part of the term of Spain as EU Presidency country.



## 5 and 6 March

EFSA received the visit of the Japanese delegation from Food Safety Commission led by Dr. Toshio Ohtani, Deputy Director General. Letters stating the intention to sign a Memorandum of Understanding were exchanged



## 9 -13 March: EFSA delegation visits the US



### Objectives of the Visit

- Learn about activities within EFSA's remit, in the US these are carried out by several federal institutions
- Create awareness of EFSA's role and activities
- Explore possibilities for collaboration and exchange of scientists

### Institutions visited

**CDC**, Atlanta: Center for Disease prevention and Control

**CEAH**, Fort Collins: Center of Epidemiology on Animal Health (CEAH)

**APHIS**, Washington DC: Animal and Plant Health Services

**EPA**, Washington, DC: Environmental Protection Agency

**FDA**, Washington DC: Food and Drug Administration



# 24<sup>th</sup> March: MT awayday

## FOCUS ON INTEGRATED APPROACH

