



PROGRESS REPORT

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Management Board meeting 18 June 2009, Athens

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

- 20 opinions on nutrient sources and 2 on food additives
- 86 nutrient sources evaluated on 5 June during its Plenary meeting

Animal Health and Welfare (AHAW)

- 7 opinions on stunning and killing of fish, 1 statement on fish welfare
- New self-tasks on:
 - Ticks as Vectors of African Swine Fever and Crimean-Congo Hemorrhagic Fever
 - Fostering harmonised Risk Assessments approaches on animal health and welfare issues in the Member States

Biological Hazards (BIOHAZ)

- 6 opinions on:
 - TSE resistance in Goats
 - Public health significance of meticillin resistant *Staphylococcus aureus* (MRSA)
 - update of the BSE monitoring regime in some Member States (EU15, Slovenia and Cyprus)

Contaminants in the Food Chain (CONTAM)

- 5 opinions:
 - uranium in foodstuffs and mineral water
 - nitrite as undesirable substance in animal feed
 - 1 statement on shellfish toxins

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

- 22 opinions:
 - 1 statement on 4-methylbenzophenone in breakfast cereals
 - 1 opinion on re-assessment of benzophenone adopted as urgent advice to Commission
- 2 open consultations launched in April.

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

- 15 opinions on applications for authorisations on feed additives and one general opinion on yellow carotenoids

Genetically Modified Organisms (GMO)

- 10 opinions, 6 GMO applications for authorisation
- 2 guidances :
 - GM plants used for non-food or non-feed purposes
 - Statistical considerations for the safety evaluation of GMOs
- MON810: meeting in Parma with experts from EU Member States

Dietetics Products, Nutrition and Allergies (NDA)

- EFSA meeting with Stakeholders in Brussels on health claims on 15 June 2009
- Update on health claims applications

	Deadlines as agreed with SANCO		
TOTALS	31/07/09	30/11/09	To be negotiated
4174	941	403	2830

Plant Health (PLH)

- 2 opinions:
 - Citrus black spot
 - Pinewood Nematode.

Plant Protection Products and their residues (PPR)

- 2 scientific reports on the outcome of two public consultations:
 - guidance documents on dermal absorption
 - emissions from protected crops systems

Scientific Committee

- 2 opinions:
 - Guidance of the Scientific Committee on Transparency in the Scientific Aspects of Risk Assessments
 - Existing alternative approaches incorporating replacement, reduction and refinement of animal testing

Advisory Forum

- 31th plenary in Bucharest in April 2009:
 - Cooperation in the field of food contact materials, enzymes, flavourings and processing aids
 - EFSA's approach to public consultation on scientific outputs
 - ESCO report on folic acid
 - Draft programme for grants and procurement in 2010

Assessment methodologies (AMU)

- AMU organised and chaired the first meeting of the isoflavons hazard characterisation ESCO Working Group in May 2009

Data Collection Exposure (DATEX)

- Support to the CONTAM Unit on Cadmium and Uranium opinions
- Collection of consumption data for mushrooms for the nicotine statement and estimated exposure for the most vulnerable group

Emerging risks

- EFSA's surveillance of the novel influenza A H1N1
 - internal scientific report
 - monitoring AH1N1 outbreak within EFSA
- Establishment of a network of European Agencies engaged in building capacities for the identification of emerging risks

Scientific Cooperation (SCO)

- 5th Focal Point meeting, 13th-14th May in Lisbon
- 26 Focal Point agreements signed
- Expert database: 1500 experts
- Finalisation of report the ESCO Working Group on folic acid

Pesticide Risk Assessment Peer Review (PRAPeR)

- 5 conclusions finalised on peer review of the pesticide risk assessment for active substances
- 19 reasoned opinions on MRL applications. In addition, in response to a request regarding certain MRLs of concern the Unit finalised 2 further reasoned opinions
- 1 joint statement prepared with DATEX, EmRisks and CONTAM on the potential risks for public health due to the presence of nicotine in wild mushrooms

Zoonoses

- 3 guidance documents (reporting manuals) issued in March on zoonoses and food-borne outbreak data reporting
- 1 scientific report on statistical and spatial analyses of zoonoses data

EFSA in the news

Frankfurter Allgemeine
ZEITUNG FÜR DEUTSCHLAND

Die Genkartoffel darf wieder angebaut werden (GM potato may be grown again)



Per l'Efsa è necessario monitorare i batteri resistenti agli alimenti

EL PAÍS

El H1N1 desata las hostilidades



L'EFSA met en garde contre deux arômes de fumée



Taste of a stricter future for health claims on food labels



Too much nicotine in wild mushrooms: EU watchdog



Nell'Ue 40 mila intossicazioni l'anno, in testa alla classifica la salmonella



Experten streiten über Risiken der Gentechnik



Colorants artificiels: 42% de non-conformité pour les confiseries

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Was heilt, was hilft, und die EU erlaubt

Nutraingredients

Danone awaits EFSA guidance on probiotic health claims

Online communications

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Renewal of Scientific Committee and Panels

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The membership of EFSA's Scientific Committee and Panels is renewed every three years. The mandates of EFSA's Scientific Committee and Panels expire in summer 2009 - excluding the ANS and CEF Panels, which began working in 2008.

The latest call to select Scientific Committee and Panel members was launched on 23 October 2008 and closed on 14 January 2009. Successful applicants will begin working for EFSA from summer 2009 with a renewable three year mandate.

[List of successful candidates 2009](#) (0.2Mb)

What is the difference between the call and the EFSA Expert database?

This objective of the call was to select members for EFSA's Scientific Committee and Panels for the next three year term. The objective of the Expert database is to establish a pool of external experts who would be interested in assisting EFSA on specific scientific tasks e.g. as ad hoc experts in working groups. As the two processes serve different needs, the two application procedures were also separate.

How does EFSA select the Scientific Committee and Panel members?

The call was open to scientific experts specialised in the remit of EFSA's Scientific Committee and Panels. EFSA follows a detailed selection procedure including external evaluators, as set out in the [Decision on the selection of members of the Scientific Committee, Scientific Panels and external experts](#). EFSA's Management Board meets in late March 2009 to approve the list of new Scientific Committee and Panel members, based on a shortlist submitted by the Executive Director.

When are the first meetings of the renewed Panels?

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See Also

- Expert database

Publications & Events

The latest science:

EFSA in focus 3, 2008 Zoonoses report, Colloquium reports, posters



Building community relations:

Festa dell'Europa, regional schools competition



Corporate outreach in more languages:

Annual report and summary, Strategic Plan, corporate brochure (CZ,SE)



Raising scientific visibility:

SETAC Europe

**SETAC Europe
19th Annual Meeting**
31 May – 4 June 2009, Goteborg, Sweden
Protecting ecosystem health:
facing the challenge of a globally changing environment

Cooperation with EU Institutions

Czech Presidency of the EU

- “Food Research in support to science-based regulations: challenges for producers and consumers”
21-22 April in Prague.
Contribution of Dr Ruprich (Article 36).



European Commission

- Meeting with EU Commissioner for Health Mrs Vassiliou , 4 June
- EFSA-SANCO bilateral: adoption of the Road-map
- Participation to meetings of EC standing committee on the food chain and animal health

Visit to European Chemicals Agency (ECHA), 20 May

- Signature of MoU

Head of EU Agencies Network, 10 June

- EFSA is coordinating the EU Agencies Network



EU Member States

Visit of Dutch Minister of Agriculture Mrs Verburg to EFSA , 7-8 June 2009



Visit to Latvia, Lithuania and Estonia, 6-9 May 2009

- An EFSA delegation lead by EFSA's Executive Director visited Latvia, Lithuania and Estonia



Visit to Austria, 5 June 2009

- EFSA 's Executive Director visited the Austrian national food safety agency, AGES
- Seminar on "The importance of EFSA for Austrian Food Safety" chaired by Bernhard Url

Athens 16 June

- Conference organised by EFET, SEVT "food safety In Europe: cooperation between EFSA and the MSs"



International Relations, Stakeholders

International relations

- Meeting with Irish Farmers delegation led by COPA, 29 April
- Visit of the Ukrainian delegation from the Ministry of Agrarian Policies and the State of Veterinary Medicine

Relations with Stakeholders

- Meeting of the EFSA Stakeholders Consultative Platform, 4-5 June, Brussels:
 - Terms of Reference, renewal of the Platform mandate
 - EFSA's approach on public consultations on scientific outputs
 - EFSA's opinion on transparency (prof. V. Silano)
- Participation in Transatlantic Consumer Dialogue TACD meeting, Workshop on Nanotechnology, 10th June

Pre-Accession Programme

- Contract between EC and ESFA signed on 31 March

EFSA in Parma

- Europe's day, Parma 9 May 2009



- EFSA's final seat: the contract for the new building was signed. According to the contract it will be completed in 610 days (i.e. February 2011)

