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PROGRESS REPORT

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Management Board meeting
Parma, 13 December 2012

- Events in the framework of EFSA's 10th Anniversary
 - Scientific Conference “Challenging Boundaries in Risk Assessment – Sharing Experiences” (7-8 November, Parma)
 - Official inauguration of EFSA's new premises (12 November, Parma)
 - High Level Conference “EFSA@10: ready for the challenges of tomorrow”
co-organised with DG SANCO (13 November, Parma)
 - Activities in cooperation with the national agencies in Helsinki, Ljubljana, Dublin, Osijek, Reykjavik, Riga, Vilnius, Braunschweig, Warsaw, Budapest and Berlin

- On 23 October the EP vote on discharge of EFSA's budget 2010
- G&P programme: 100% budget execution expected by end 2012
- Second (final) EFSA statement on the Séralini study
- Mandate on the health risks of endocrine disruptors
- The first plenary meeting of the renewed Stakeholder Consultative Platform was held in November
- BfR's 10th anniversary: European Stakeholder Conference "How independent can science be"



Panel on animal health and welfare (AHAW)

- “ 2 Opinions on:
 - Infectious salmon anaemia
 - Use of a gamma interferon test for the diagnosis of bovine tuberculosis
- “ Update on the epidemiological situation of Schmallenberg virus in Europe



Panel on plant health (PLH)

- “ Opinion on the pest risk assessment for the EU territory of *Chrysanthemum stunt viroid*



Panel on contaminants in the food chain (CONTAM)

- “ 3 Opinions on:
 - Mercury and methylmercury in food
 - Dioxins and dioxin-like PCBs in food for infants and young children
 - Evaluation of the substances as acceptable previous cargoes for edible fats and oils (Part III of III)
- “ Statement on the health risk of ammonium released from water filters

Panel on biological hazards (BIOHAZ)

- “ 2 Opinions on:
 - Risks posed by pathogens in food of non animal origin (Part I)
 - 2012 update of the QPS list of recommended biological agents added to food or feed
- “ Two Scientific reports on: interpretation of technical issues in an Opinion related to method for smoked "skin-on" sheep meat; and on the minimum sample size for healthy slaughtered cattle regarding BSE monitoring.

Scientific assessment support (SAS)

- “ Two Statements on EC urgent request to evaluate Séralini *et al.* (2012) publication entitled “Long term toxicity study of a Roundup herbicide and a Roundup-tolerant genetically modified maize”

Dietary and chemical monitoring (DCM)

- “ Scientific report on the update of acrylamide levels in food



Panel on additives and products or substances used in animal feed (FEED)

“ 8 opinions on the authorisation of feed additives in the following categories: sensory (3), nutritional (2), and zootechnical (3);

Food ingredients and packaging (FIP)

“ 12 opinions on:

- ANS (2): candelilla wax (E 902); cellular bound chromium (III) enriched yeast
- CEF (10): 4 on Flavourings; 5 on Food Contact Materials; 1 on recycling processes of Food Contact Materials

“ National experts meeting on bisphenol A

“ Public consultation on the draft Opinion on aspartame planned in January 2013



Panel on genetically modified organisms (GMO)

- 10 Opinions on: maize MON 87460; pollen MON 810; new techniques developed through Zinc finger nuclease 3; Post Market Environmental Monitoring and Safeguard clause (Hungary) on potato EH93-527-1; five Opinions on maize 1507, Bt11 and MON 810
- 3 Technical reports related to application Opinions

Panel on protection products and their residues (PPR) and Pesticides (PRAS)



- 13 Reasoned Opinions on routine MRL applications; 13 Reasoned Opinions reviewing the existing MRLs
- 14 conclusions on pesticide peer-review of active substances
- The peer review on the risk to bees of three Neonicotinoid substances and Fipronil is ongoing

Panel on dietetic products, nutrition and allergies (NDA)

- “ 1 Opinion on Dietary Reference Values for Energy
- “ 10 Opinions related to the Art 13.5 health claim applications

Scientific Committee (SC)

- Mandate on the human health and environmental risks of endocrine disruptors:
 - 1) scientific criteria to identify an endocrine disruptor;
 - 2) definition of endocrine disruptor as compared to endocrine active substance;
 - 3) the suitability of existing testing methods to detect endocrine effects.

Emerging Risk (EmRisk)

- 1 Technical report on EFSA's activities in the area of bee health
- Annual crisis training exercise (October) with participation of the Member States, the European Commission (including RASFF) and EFSA staff

Advisory Forum and Scientific Cooperation (AFSCO)

- Strategic discussion with Member States on EFSA's external evaluation, risk communication and risk perception, multi-annual plan, and scientific cooperation
- Review of the List of Competent Organisations operating in the fields of EFSA's mission (Article 36 List) has been initiated



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The Crop Site

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Pesticides and Bees



EFSA: 10 ans
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et perspectives le 13
novembre à Parme



La concentración de
plomo en los alimentos
ha disminuido un 25%
entre 2003 y 2010,
según la EFSA



EU rejects French
scientist report
linking GM corn to
cancer



Efsa verplicht BSE-testoor
runderen kan soepeler



Un audit externe sal
l'indépendance et la
transparence de l'Ef

Integrated newsletter and alerts



- Visit of a member of the German Federal Parliament, Dr. Christel Happach-Kassan
- Meeting with the Director of the National Chilean Food Safety Agency
- Executive Director visited the Belgian Federal Public Service
- Visit of Chinese officials (import/export control and enforcement dept.)
- EFSA delegation visited the Food Safety Commission of Japan (FSCJ) and the Korean Food and Drug Administration (KFDA) to discuss future cooperation



End November :

Budget execution

” 89.6% committed

” 75.2% paid

EFSA staff: 463