

PROGRESS REPORT

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Management Board meeting Parma, 13 December 2012

EFSA's 10th Anniversary



- 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

Highlights



- 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"



Risk Assessment & Scientific Assistance



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



Risk Assessment & Scientific Assistance



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



Scientific Evaluation of Regulated Products



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) enricileu yeasi
 - 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



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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)

- oinions reviewing the
- 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



Science Strategy and Coordination



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

EFSA in the news



EFSA KÜNDIGT ERSTE BEWERTUNG DER RATTENSTUDIE FÜR NÄCHSTE WOCHE AN



Auditors Say EFSA is Functioning Well



SALUTE: EFSA, APPELLO PER CONSOLIDAMENTO COMUNITA' DEL RISCHIO.



The Crop Site

EFSA Consults over Pesticides and Bees



EFSA: 10 ANS
D'EXISTENCE, BILAN
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: verplichte BSE-test voor runderen kan soepeler

Un audit externe salue l'indépendance et la transparence de l'Efsa

Integrated newsletter and alerts

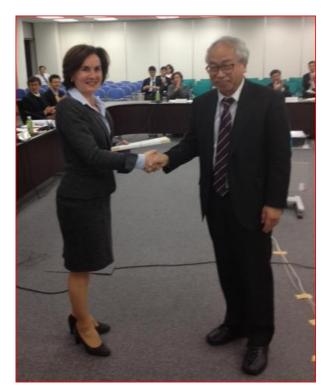




Institutional & International relations



- 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



Resources and Support



End November:

Budget execution

- 89.6% committed
- 75.2% paid

EFSA staff: 463

