

EFSA meets Italian Scientists

*Joint Event
EFSA - University of Parma*

Final Announcement

SCIENTIFIC SYMPOSIUM FOOD SAFETY, NUTRITION AND NANOTECHNOLOGY

Thursday, 4th October 2007

*Auditorium, University Campus, Viale G.P. Usberti 59/B
Parma, Italy*

During the first week of October 2007 the European Food Safety Authority (EFSA) will organise a series of events to celebrate its Five Year Anniversary. In the frame of these activities and in collaboration with the University of Parma (UNI PR), EFSA is organising a Scientific Symposium to discuss with Italian scientists key topics concerning food safety, nutrition, health and nanotechnology.

The Symposium will be hosted at the University of Parma with the objective to foster dialogue with the Italian scientific community and to increase awareness of EFSA's scientific activities and its role in Europe.

The University of Parma is the second largest university in the Emilia Romagna region, with approximately 30000 students and 1500 researchers. It is a University with all the traditional faculties and attendant degree programs and research activities. The University also reflects the economic and cultural vocation of the territory, with food-related teaching and research programs covering all aspects of safety and quality, from animal and plant health to economic and legal issues through medical, chemical, biological, physical, engineering and technological topics.

EFSA was set up by European authorities as part of a commitment towards ensuring a high level of food and feed safety and consumer protection. EFSA is the keystone of the EU system of risk assessment for food and feed safety, and our scientific advice underpins the decisions of policy makers and risk managers in the European Institutions and Europe's Member States.

Program of the Day

Official Opening: 9:00 - 10:00

- 09:00-09:10 EFSA welcome - Dr. Catherine Geslain-Lanéelle (EFSA Executive Director)
09:10-09:20 Parma University welcome - Prof. Gino Ferretti (UNIPR Rector)
09:20-09:40 EFSA opening notes - Dr. Herman Koëter
09:40-10:00 Parma University opening notes - Prof. Attilio Corradi

Morning Session: 10:00 - 12:30 - Food Safety and Nutrition (20 minutes presentations + 10 minutes discussion)

Chairs: Dr. Claudia Paoletti (EFSA), Prof. Alberto Spisni (UNIPR)

- 10:00-10:30 Prof. Carlo Cannella - University of Rome 'La Sapienza'
Title: nutrigenomics: the new frontier in nutrition research
10:30-11:00 coffee + posters view
11:00-11:30 Prof. Furio Brighenti – University of Parma
Title: Higher Education and Nutrition-Related Fields in Italy and Europe
11:30-12:00 Prof. Francesco Branca - WHO
Title: to be announced
12:00-12:30 Dr. Wolfgang Gelbmann - EFSA
Title: EFSA's role on nutrition and health claims

Lunch: 12:30-14:00

Afternoon Session: 14:00 - 16:30 - Nanotechnology (20 minutes presentations + 10 minutes discussion)

Chairs: Dr. Herman Koëter (EFSA), Prof. Alessandro Mangia (UNIPR)

- 14:00-14:30 Prof. Giuseppe Palleschi – University of Rome 'Tor Vergata'
Title: Nanotechnology and Chemical Sensors for food safety and quality control
14:30-15:00 Dr. Anne Theobald - EFSA
Title: European perspective on Nanotechnology and Food
15:00-15:30 Prof. Francesco Ciardelli - University of Pisa
Title: Nanostructured flexible films for food packaging with improved barrier properties and smart response to external stimuli
15:30-16:00 coffee + posters view
16:00-16:30 Prof. Rosangela Marchelli – University of Parma
Title: Top-down trends in food analysis: towards nanotechnology

Round Table: 16:30 - 17:30 **Do we know what we eat?**

(invited speakers will provide a 10 minutes introduction, followed by a 30 minutes plenary discussion)

Chair: Prof. Carlo Cannella

Invited speakers:

Dr. Barbara Burlingame – FAO
Prof. Maria Elisabetta Guerzoni – University of Bologna
Prof. Gian Paolo Rossini – University of Modena

17:30 Cocktail - S. Elisabetta Conference Centre, University of Parma

Who should attend?

All scientists, including university students, interested in food safety and nutrition.

We seek participation from experts from the academic, regulatory and private sectors.

For logistical reasons, participation may be limited.

Participants are requested to register and acceptance will be based on a 'first-registered-first-accepted' basis. When registering, please indicate if you are interested to present a poster.

Dates and Venue

The Symposium will be held on Thursday, 4th October 2007 at the Auditorium of the University of Parma, which is located within the University Campus

(<http://www.unipr.it/www.php?info=Chisiamo&tipo=sedeefsa2007>).

The Symposium will **start at 9:00** and will **end at 17:30**. Participants are invited to a farewell drink at the conclusion of the Symposium.

Travel and Accommodation

Participants are asked to make their own travel and accommodation arrangements. For accommodation you can find more information on this website <http://www.parmahotel.it/>

Special bus-transport to-and-from the EFSA building (bus stop will be on Viale Mentana 101/A, ten minutes walking from Parma's train station) to the meeting venue will be organized and available for all participants. Please indicate your needs on the registration form.

Website

The latest information about the Symposium is available at:

<http://www.unipr.it/efsa2007>

http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/about_efsa/efsa_5th_anniversary.html

Official language

English will be the official language of the Symposium. Simultaneous English-Italian translation will be provided.

Call for Abstracts

The University of Parma and EFSA encourage scientists to submit abstracts related to all topics addressed in this Symposium.

Please note that abstracts and posters bearing an institutional character, i.e. offering a scientific scenario of the activities of the Institution related to the Symposium topics, are welcome.

Deadline for submission is September 14th, 2007

Registration

There is no registration fee for this symposium. Nevertheless, participants are asked to register using the "registration form" (<http://www.unipr.it/efsa2007>)

When registering, please indicate if you are interested in presenting a poster.

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