EFSA Scientific Cooperation (ESCO) project on the Analysis of Risks and Benefits of Fortification of Food with Folic Acid

EFSA/SLV SCIENTIFIC MEETING ON “Folic acid: an update on scientific developments”

Venue: Uppsala Concert and Congress Hall
Date: 21 – 22 January, 2009

PROGRAMME

Overall Chairs: Alan REILLY and Leif BUSK
Overall Rapporteur: Åke BRUCE

Day 1 - Wednesday 21 January 2008

08:30 - 09:00  Briefing meeting among chairs and rapporteurs

08.30 – 09.00  Registrations

09.00 – 12.30  Session 1:
INTRODUCTORY PLENARY SESSION  Chair: Leif BUSK

09.00 – 09.10  Welcome address  Inger ANDERSSON
               Alan REILLY

09.10 – 09.50  Folate metabolism; overview of risks and benefits of dietary folic acid  John SCOTT

09.50 – 10.10  Epidemiological studies versus clinical trials of micronutrients in cancer prevention: why do the results seldom agree?  Lars HOLMBERG

10.10 – 10.30  Questions

10.30 – 11.00  Coffee

11.00 – 11.20  Animal and mechanistic studies on folic acid and cancer  Young-In KIM

11.20 – 11.30  Questions

11.30 – 11.50  Overview of the experience following fortification with folic acid on cancer risks  Stein Emil VOLLSET

11.50 – 12.00  Questions

12.00 – 12.20  Assessment of studies thought to suggest associations between folic acid and cancers of the colon and breast  Nicholas WALD

12.20 – 12.30  Questions

12.30 – 13.30  Lunch
13.30 – 17.00  
**Session 2: FOLIC ACID AND CANCER**  
Chair: Ada KNAAP

13:30 – 13:50  
Folic acid and colon cancer: outcome of clinical trials  
John BARON

13:50 – 14:00  
Questions

14:00 – 14:20  
Folate polymorphisms and colorectal cancer risk  
Cornelia ULRICH

14:20 – 14:30  
Questions

14:30 – 15:00  
Folic acid and cancer - trial evidence  
Robert CLARKE

15:00 – 15:10  
Questions

15:10 – 15:30  
Coffee

15:30 – 15:50  
Folate/folic acid and breast/prostate cancer risk  
Anders EKBOM

15:50 – 16:00  
Questions

16.00 – 16.20  
Relation of dietary sources of folic acid to blood folate concentrations for the assessment of cancer risk  
Robert J. BERRY

16.20 – 16.30  
Questions

16.30 – 16.50  
Commentary on folic acid and cancer  
Alan JACKSON

16.50 – 17.00  
Questions

17:00 – 18:30  
**Session 3: DISCUSSION IN BREAK-OUT GROUPS**

DG 1 Folic acid and colon cancer  
Chair: Göran HALLMANS  
Rapporteur: Alison TEDSTONE

DG 2 Folic acid and other -breast and prostate-cancers  
Chair: Alfonso LAMPEN  
Rapporteur: Mary FLYNN

20:15  
Dinner

**Day 2 – Thursday 22 January 2008**

09.00 – 10.00  
Session 3: continued

10.00 – 13.00  
**Session 4: FINAL PLENARY SESSION**  
Chair: Alan REILLY

10.00 – 10.20  
Interventions with Folic Acid: WHO Perspective for Evidence-Based Guidelines  
Juan Pablo PENA-ROSAS

10.20 – 10.30  
Questions

10.30 – 11.00  
Coffee

11.00 – 11.20  
Report back from DG 1  
Alison TEDSTONE

11.20 – 11.50  
Discussion
11.50 – 12.10 Report back from DG 2  
12.10 – 12.40 Discussion
12.40 – 13.00 Concluding remarks and End of meeting

13.00 – 14.00 Lunch
14.00 – 15.00 Informal meeting with FA ESCO WG members
– wrapping up and next steps

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