EFSA 16th Scientific Colloquium
Welcome and Introduction to EFSA

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WELCOME!

115 participants from 31 countries

IPPC, EPPO, CABI, Canadian Food Inspection Agency, USDA APHIS, Japan National Agriculture and Food Research Organization
EFSA history and purpose

• Set up in 2002 following a series of food crisis – Reg. (EC) 178/2002
• Independent source of scientific advice, responsible for Risk Assessment and Risk Communication on risks associated with food chain, animal health and plant health
• Goal to be recognised as European reference body for risk assessment
Scope: provide advice on safety of food and feed throughout the food chain
Overview of workflow on scientific opinions

1. Receipt of request
2. Assessment
3. Adoption and Communication
Article 34

Identification of emerging risks

1. The Authority shall establish **monitoring** procedures for systematic searching for, **collecting, collating** and **analysing** information and data **with a view to the identification of emerging risks** in the fields within its mission.
Emerging risks at EFSA

Timeline

2006
EMRISK Project
SC Opinion on Emerging Risks

2007
EFSA Adopts Emerging Risk Definition
ESCO Working Group on Emerging Risks

2008
Emerging Risks Unit
Emerging risks identification system

Data collection

Data analysis, signal detection and filtering

Exchange of information

Database assessment

Primary Filter

Secondary Filter
EFSA’s Panels

Stakeholders Consultative Group

Emerging Risks Network and the Advisory Forum

EFSA Panels, Units

Data monitoring

Recommendation
Monitoring, Data gathering, risk assessment, research

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Expert Database – Sign up today

Sign up and be an EFSA expert

- Want to make a difference to EU food safety?
- Contribute to EU risk assessment?
- Value high profile networking with peers?
- Driven by excellence?

EFSA invites leading scientists to sign up to its new expert database.

EFSA is the European Union’s scientific risk assessment body on food and feed safety, nutrition, animal health and welfare, plant health and protection.

EFSA, in cooperation with Member States, has decided to set up a database of external scientific experts able to assist its Scientific Committee, Scientific Panels, EFSA networks and respective working groups. EFSA will draw on this database to find experts to help deliver high-quality, independent and timely scientific advice.

You can be part of that team of top scientists helping EFSA support Europe’s decision makers in ensuring that Europe’s food is safe.

How can I apply?
Simply visit the EFSA website and fill in the form at www.efsa.europa.eu
Call for new Scientific Committee and Panel members 2011

• Open call for scientists from various disciplines to deliver high-quality scientific advice for Europe’s risk managers
  – Scientific Committee and Panels appointed for a 3 year mandate
  – Mandate for Scientific Committee and all Panels except ANS and CEF will run from 2012 to 2015
  – Mandate for ANS and CEF Panels will run from 2014 to 2017
  – Those not appointed will join EFSA’s reserve list to be used to fill future vacancies

• Selection based on proven scientific excellence
• Apply online until 14 June 2011 to:
  - Make a difference to European food safety
  - Deliver key advice to Europe’s risk managers
  - Be part of Europe’s network of top food safety scientists
  - Gain knowledge and ideas for future research
Call for expressions of interest for Seconded National Experts within EFSA

- List of candidates who are interested in a fixed-term agreement on secondment as Seconded National Expert (SNE)
- Place of secondment: Parma (IT)
- Requirements:
  - nationals of a EU Member State, EEA countries or Switzerland, EU candidate countries and potential candidate countries
  - have a university degree in an area relevant to EFSA’s activities
  - at least 3 years post-degree full time relevant experience
  - thorough knowledge of spoken and written English and satisfactory knowledge of a second EU language
- Applications continuously open until 3 November 2012 to SNE@efsa.europa.eu