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FOOD RESEARCH IN SUPPORT TO SCIENCE-BASED REGULATIONS:

Challenges for Producers and Consumers

21–22 April, 2009

Prague Congress Centre, Czech Republic



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8:00–10:00 REGISTRATION

9:00–9:45 **OPENING CEREMONY AND WELCOME (South Hall)**

Chairman: Mr. František Sládek (Director of Food Production Section–Food Authority of the Czech Republic)

Czech Governmental and Public Representatives

Mr. Petr Gandalovič (Minister of Agriculture of the Czech Republic)

Mr. Josef Koubek (Rector of the Institute of Chemical Technology, Prague, Czech Republic)

Mr. Vladimír Večerek (Rector of the University of Veterinary and Pharmaceutical Sciences Brno, Czech Republic)

Mr. Josef Kozák (Dean of the Faculty of Agrobiological Sciences, Food and Natural Resources, Czech University of Life Sciences Prague, Czech Republic)

Mr. Miroslav Toman (President of Federation of the Food and Drink Industries of the Czech Republic)

Representatives of European Institutions

Ms. Catherine Geslain-Lanéelle (EFSA, Executive Director)

Ms. Paola Testori Coggi (European Commission, DG Health and Consumers, Deputy Director General)

Mr. Timothy Hall (European Commission, DG Research, Acting Director, Directorate E - Biotechnologies, Agriculture and Food)

Plenary session I (South Hall)

EU POSITION IN FOOD SAFETY AREA AND INTERNATIONAL COLLABORATION

Chairmen: Mr. Milan Pospíšil (Institute of Chemical Technology, Prague, Czech Republic)

and Mr. Christian Patermann (KBBE Coordinator, Northrhine Westphalia, Germany)

9:45–10:15 **FOOD, HEALTH AND WELL-BEING – RESEARCH PRIORITIES IN FP7**

Mr. Antonio Di Giulio

European Commission, DG Research, Directorate E–Biotechnologies, Agriculture and Food
Head of Unit of Food–Health–Well-Being, Brussels, Belgium

10:15–11:15 **ADVANCES IN AGRI-FOOD RESEARCH: INPUT OF CZECH UNIVERSITIES**

University of Veterinary and Pharmaceutical Sciences Brno

Ms. Iva Steinhauserová

Institute of Chemical Technology, Prague

Ms. Jana Hajšlová

Mendel University of Agriculture and Forestry in Brno

Mr. Tomáš Komprda

Czech University of Life Sciences Prague

Mr. Josef Kozák

University of South Bohemia in České Budějovice

Mr. Martin Křížek

11:15–11:45 **Coffee Break**

11:45–12:10 **OVERVIEW OF RECENT AND FUTURE EU LEGISLATION RELATED TO FOOD SAFETY, WITH FOCUS ON CONTAMINANTS (Regulatory Issues and International Developments)**

Mr. Frans Verstraete

European Commission, DG Health and Consumers (DG SANCO), Brussels, Belgium

12:10–12:35 **CODEX ALIMENTARIUS? IT'S A WASTE OF TIME, ISN'T IT?**

Mr. Jerome Lepeintre

European Commission, DG Health and Consumer Protection (DG SANCO), Directorate D – Animal Health and Welfare, Head of Unit of International Questions (multilateral), Brussels, Belgium

12:35–13:00 **FOOD CHAIN SAFETY, USDA EXPERIENCES: ISSUES, CHALLENGES AND THE FUTURE IN FOOD SAFETY**

Mr. James Lindsay

Nutrition, Food Safety / Quality, National Program Leader, Food Safety & Health, Department of Agriculture (USDA), Agricultural Research Service (ARS), USA

13:00–14:30 **Lunch**

Plenary session II (South Hall)

FOOD QUALITY AND SAFETY CONTROL

Chairmen: Mr. Karel Melzoch (Institute of Chemical Technology, Prague, Czech Republic)
and Mr. John Gilbert (Central Science Laboratory, York, United Kingdom)

- 14:30–14:55 THE ROLE OF EUROPEAN COMMUNITY REFERENCE LABORATORIES TO ENSURE THE IMPLEMENTATION OF LEGISLATION**
Mr. Franz Ulberth
European Commission, Joint Research Center, Directorate D–Institute for Reference Materials and Measurements (IRRM), Head of Unit Food Safety and Quality, Geel, Belgium
- 14:55–15:20 EMERGING TECHNOLOGIES IN FOOD SAFETY CONTROL**
Mr. Michel Nielen
RIKILT–Institute of Food Safety, University Wageningen, The Netherlands
- 15:20–15:45 SCIENTIFIC APPROACHES TO TRACEABILITY IN THE FOOD CHAIN**
Mr. Reiner Wittkowski
Federal Institute for Risk Assessment (BfR), Berlin, Germany
- 15:45–16:15 RECENT EFSA CALLS FOR RESEARCH STUDIES THE CHALLENGES FOR SCIENTIFIC COMMUNITY**
Mr. Jiří Ruprich
EFSA Management Board / National Institute of Public Health, Czech Republic
- 16:15–16:40 Coffee Break**
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Plenary session III (South Hall)

CONSUMERS AND FOOD SAFETY ISSUES

Chairmen: Mr. Jiří Ruprich (National Institute of Public Health, Brno, Czech Republic)
and Mr. Christian Patermann (KBBE Coordinator, Northrhine Westphalia, Germany)

- 16:40–17:05 EMERGING RISKS – HOW INDUSTRY RESPONDS**
Ms. Beate Kettlitz
Director of Department Food Policy, Science and R&D, Confederation of the Food and Drink Industries in the EU (CIAA), Brussels, Belgium
- 17:05–17:30 DEVELOPING CONSUMER TRUST IN FOOD RISK ANALYSIS. IMPLICATIONS FOR FOOD CHOICE**
Ms. Lynn Frewer
University Wageningen, The Netherlands
- 17:30–17:55 EMERGING FOOD SAFETY ISSUES**
Mr. Leif Busk
Member of EFSA Advisory Forum / Scientific Expert, National Food Administration, Uppsala, Sweden
- 17:55–18:20 FOOD SAFETY: RISK - BENEFIT ASSESSMENT**
Mr. John Gilbert
EFSA Panel Member/FERA, York, United Kingdom
- 19:00–22:00 CONFERENCE DINNER – Prague Congress Centre**
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Plenary session IV (South Hall)

NEW TECHNOLOGIES FOR FOOD PRODUCTION

Chairmen: Mr. Miroslav Koberna (Federation of the Food and Drink Industries of the Czech Republic)
and Mr. Christophe Cottillon (ACTIA, France)

- 9:00–9:25 IMPROVED TRADITIONAL TECHNOLOGIES**
Mr. Daniele Rossi
Director General Federalimentare, Italy / Chairman of Food Research Expert Group of Confederation of the Food and Drink Industries in the EU (CIAA), Brussels, Belgium
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- 9:25–9:50 **THE EUROPEAN TECHNOLOGY PLATFORM “FOOD FOR LIFE”**
Mr. Jean Martin
President of Confederation of the Food and Drink Industries in the EU (CIAA), Brussels, Belgium
- 9:50–10:15 **PROCESSING CONTAMINANTS – PROGRESS AND CHALLENGES IN MITIGATION STRATEGIES**
Mr. Richard Stadler
Nestlé Product Technology Centre, Orbe, Switzerland
- 10:15–10:45 **Coffee Break**

PARALLEL SESSIONS (round table discussions)

A – FOOD SAFETY REGULATION AND RESEARCH CHALLENGES

(South Hall)

Chairwoman/chairman: Ms. Jana Hajšlová (Institute of Chemical Technology, Prague, Czech Republic)
and Mr. Jiří Ruprich (National Institute of Public Health, Brno, Czech Republic)

- 10:45–11:00 **POSITION OF THE CZECH REPUBLIC IN THE EU RESEARCH PROGRAMME FOOD, AGRICULTURE, FISHERIES, AND BIOTECHNOLOGY**
Ms. Nad'a Koničková
Head of National Information Centre for European Research, Technology Centre AS CR, Czech Republic
- 11:00–11:15 **COLLABORATION WITH COUNTRIES OUTSIDE THE EU**
Mr. Koos de Korte
SenterNovem / EG–Liaison, The Netherlands
- 11:15–11:40 **RESEARCH INTO POLICY – THE UK FSA EXPERIENCE**
Mr. Alisdair Wotherspoon
UK FSA Focal Point; Head, Research Coordination, Chief Scientist Team, Food Standards Agency, United Kingdom
- 11:40–12:40 **DISCUSSION**

B – PERSPECTIVES OF FOOD INDUSTRY – MEETING CONSUMERS' DEMANDS

(Meeting Hall V)

Chairmen: Mr. Miroslav Koberna (Federation of the Food and Drink Industries of the Czech Republic)
and Mr. Michal Voldřich (Institute of Chemical Technology, Prague, Czech Republic)

- 10:45–11:00 **HOW CONSUMERS UNDERSTAND FOOD SAFETY?**
Mr. Peter Raspor
Head of Biotechnology, Biotechnical Faculty, University of Ljubljana, Slovenia / President of European Federation of Food Science and Technology (EFFoST)
- 11:00–11:15 **INFLUENCE OF FOOD PROCESSING ON QUALITY OF PRODUCTS**
Mr. Christophe Cotillon
Deputy Director, Association de Coordination Technique pour l'Industrie Alimentaire (ACTIA), France
- 11:15–11:40 **RESEARCH AND CAPACITY BUILDING TO MEET FOOD SAFETY REGULATIONS – A GLOBAL PERSPECTIVE**
Mr. Andrew Cannavan
Laboratory Unit Head at International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA), Agriculture and Biotechnology Laboratory, Austria
- 11:40–12:40 **DISCUSSION**

12:45–13:00 CLOSING ADDRESS (South Hall)

Mr. František Sládek (Director of Food Production Section–Food Authority of the Czech Republic)

Mr. Milan Pospíšil (Vice-Rector for Research and Development of the Institute of Chemical Technology, Prague, Czech Republic)

13:00–14:30 Lunch