

**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	<i>Briefing meeting among chairs and rapporteurs</i>	
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	Mary FLYNN
12.10 – 12.40	Discussion	
12.40 – 13.00	Concluding remarks and End of meeting	Alan REILLY Leif BUSK
13.00 – 14.00	Lunch	
14.00 – 15.00	Informal meeting with FA ESCO WG members – wrapping up and next steps	ESCO WG members

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