



PROGRESS REPORT

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Stakeholder Platform plenary meeting
Parma, 20 and 21 March 2012

EFSA's new seat

From the 5th of January, 2012
EFSA operates in the new seat



Panel on animal health and welfare (AHAW)

- "Schmallenberg" virus: 1 technical report on urgent request of the EC on the possible risks for animal and public health (in collaboration with SAS)
- Meeting of the Scientific Network for Risk Assessment in Animal Health and Welfare on Diagnostics for tuberculosis

Panel on biological hazards (BIOHAZ)

- 1 opinion on Composting and incineration of dead-on-farm pigs



Biological monitoring (BIOMO)

- 2 EU Summary Reports (with ECDC) for 2010
 - zoonoses, food-borne outbreaks
 - antimicrobial resistance
- 1 scientific report on specifications for analyses and reporting of antimicrobial resistance data in EU Summary reports
- 1 technical report on the Use of Excel/XML files for submission of data to the Zoonoses system

Panel on contaminants in the food chain (CONTAM)

- 1 opinion on the risks to human and animal health related to the presence of phomopsins in feed and food

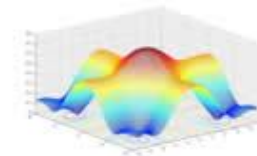


Dietary and chemical monitoring (DCM)

- 1 scientific report related to cadmium dietary exposure in the European population
- 7 external reports (Article 36)
 - 4 to expand the coverage of the Comprehensive Database to more countries
 - 3 describing progress in submitting contaminant data electronically to EFSA from Member States

Scientific assessment support (SAS)

- Methodological and modelling support to NUTRI, GMO and AHAW



Panel on additives and products or substances used in animal feed (FEED)

- 7 opinions in following categories: technological (1), sensory (2), nutritional (1), zotechnical (3); 85% are re-evaluations combined with requests for new use
- 2 guidance documents for public consultation:
 - Bacterial resistance to antibiotics of human or animal importance
 - *Enterococcus faecium* in animal nutrition



Food ingredients and packaging (FIP)

- From 1st January provides the secretariat to the CEF and ANS Panels
- 7 opinions on:
 - *butylated hydroxytoluene*, Mixed carotenes, and Vegetable carbon (ANS)
 - Safety evaluation of two applications on flavourings, food contact material, and smoke flavouring (CEF)



Panel on genetically modified organisms (GMO)

- 3 opinions: Safety assessment of plants developed through cisgenesis and intragenesis; Application on GM soybean; and Amflora potato post-market environmental monitoring report for the 2010 cultivation season
- 3 technical reports: public consultation on EFSA Guidance on Risk assessment of food and feed from GM animals, and two reports on the safety of pollen produced by GM oilseed rape

Panel on dietetic products, nutrition and allergies (NDA)

- 2 opinions on: Dietary reference values for protein, and health claim on isolated soy protein
- 1 technical report on the public consultation on Dietary reference values for protein



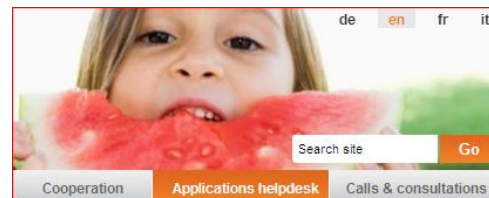
Panel on protection products and their residues (PPR) and Pesticides (PRAS)

- 1 opinion on: Predicting exposure of plant protection products in soil
- Second public consultation on the Use of probabilistic methodology for modelling dietary exposure to pesticide residues: new section on Cumulative exposure assessment
- 27 reasoned opinions on: routine MRL applications (17), review of existing MRL (8), and response to urgent requests (2)
- 3 conclusions on pesticide peer-review of active substances



Application Desk (APDESK)

- 42 written requests for information via the online web-form
- Administrative support to the receipt and check of new applications for CEF Panel



Scientific Committee (SC)

- Guidance on default values to be used in the absence of actual measured data
- Statement on the applicability of the margin of exposure approach for the safety assessment of impurities
- Art. 30 procedure (i.e. diverging scientific opinion) on the draft opinion on TTC

Emerging Risk (EmRisk)

- 2 technical reports on the Development of emerging risks identification process
- 1 external report on Modelling, predicting and mapping the emergence of aflatoxins in cereals

Advisory Forum and Scientific Cooperation (AFSCO)

- Agreements 2012 concluded with all Focal Points
- Pre-accession programme: seminar in Montenegro on AHAW
- Cooperation with EC within the programme “Better training for safer food”

Understanding science



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What are food-borne zoonotic pathogens?
Why are they important for public health?

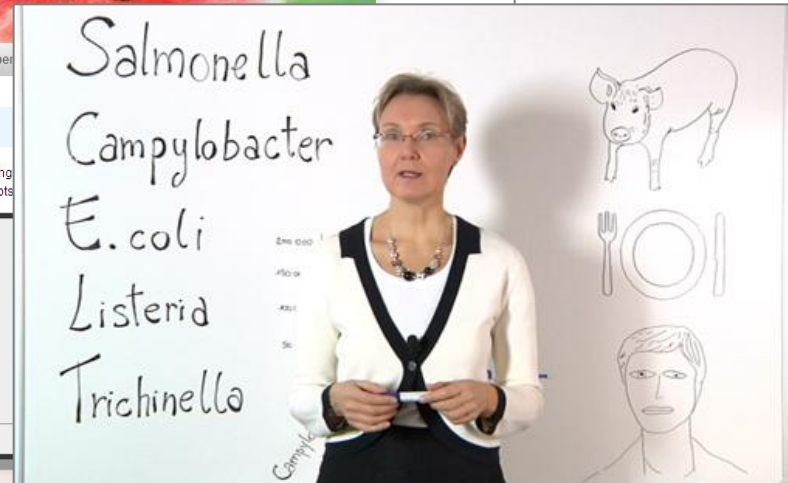
What is Salmonella?
How can we control and reduce it?

What are non-food-borne zoonotic diseases?
How can they transmit to humans?

Independent science

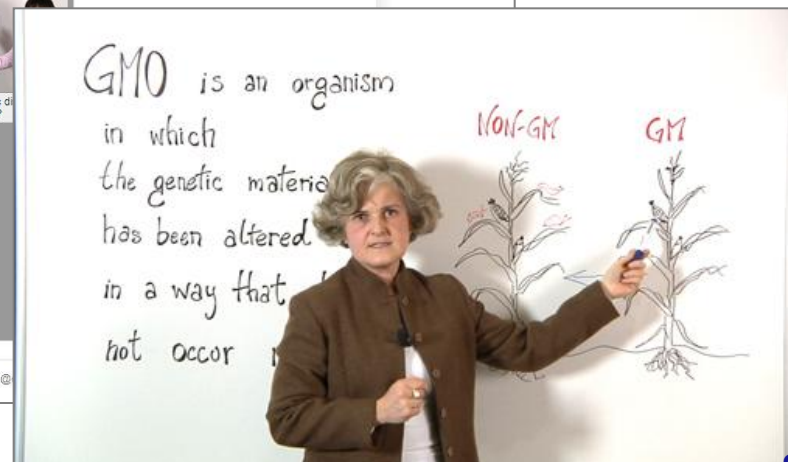

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Salmonella
Campylobacter
E. coli
Listeria
Trichinella

Salmonella
Campylobacter



GMO is an organism
in which
the genetic material
has been altered
in a way that
does not occur naturally

Non-GM
GM





The screenshot shows the EFSA website homepage. At the top left is the EFSA logo with the tagline 'European Food Safety Authority' and 'Committed since 2002 to ensuring that Europe's food is safe'. To the right is a navigation menu with links for 'About EFSA', 'News & events', 'Topics A-Z', 'Publications', 'Panels & units', 'Cooperation', 'Applications helpdesk', and 'Calls & consultations'. A search bar is located on the right side of the header. Below the header is a large banner image of a child eating watermelon. The main content area features a 'Featured Topics' sidebar on the right with links to 'Bisphenol A', 'Independence', 'Zoonotic diseases', 'Aspartame', and 'Shiga toxin-producing E. coli outbreak(s)'. The central content area has a section titled 'In focus: Zoonotic diseases' with a sub-section 'EFSA and ECDC: Salmonella in humans continues to decrease, Campylobacter increasing'. This section includes a paragraph about the 2010 annual report and a list of links for 'Press release' and 'Scientific report'. Below this is a section titled 'Understanding science' with a video player showing a collage of food safety topics like 'HEALTH CLAIMS', 'PESTICIDES', 'GM PLANTS', 'SALMONELLA', 'RISK ASSESSMENT', 'CONTAMINANTS', 'GM ANIMALS', and 'CAMPYLOBACTER'. The video player includes a play button and the text 'understanding SCIENCE'. Below the video player are two watch links: 'Watch: What is Salmonella?' and 'Watch: What are non-food-borne zoonotic diseases?'. On the right side of the main content area, there is a 'Subscribe to our newsletters' form, a 'Committed since 2002 to ensuring that Europe's food is safe' badge, and a 'Stakeholder Consultative Platform' button.



- Press release
- Case studies on EFSA's achievements
- Anniversary brochure
- Corporate video
- Media activities

Main events:

- Scientific conference, 7-8 November, Parma
- EFSA/DG SANCO conference in November, Parma (taking stock and looking to the future)

Dedicated Web Section



The screenshot shows the EFSA website's navigation menu with 'About EFSA' selected. The breadcrumb trail is 'Home > About EFSA > 10th Anniversary'. A left-hand navigation menu lists: 'Who we are', 'What we do', 'How we work', 'Who we work with', 'Corporate documents', '10th Anniversary' (highlighted), 'Achievements', 'Jobs', and 'Contact us'. The main content area features a blue header: 'EFSA: Committed since 2002 to ensuring that Europe's food is safe'. Below this is an 'In the spotlight' section with the text: 'EFSA's commitment to ensuring that Europe's food is safe – 10 years and going from strength to strength. EFSA has played a key role in EU risk assessment regarding food and feed safety since 2002. During its 10th anniversary year, EFSA will be highlighting how its scientific work has contributed to the protection of European consumers and will also be looking to shape the future.' A paragraph follows: 'EFSA has been the keystone of European Union (EU) risk assessment regarding food and feed safety since 2002. Throughout its 10th anniversary year, EFSA will be highlighting the contribution its scientific work has made to the protection of European consumers. During the anniversary, the Authority will also be looking to the future. The world has changed since EFSA was set up. In the second decade of the 21st century new trends and emerging issues are affecting the nature and volume of the Authority's work, with increased focus on multidisciplinary scientific advice, development of new risk assessment methodologies and further national and international cooperation.' Another paragraph states: 'To mark the occasion of its 10th anniversary, EFSA has developed this dedicated section on its website. This section will be updated throughout the year and we suggest that you return regularly to get the most up-to-date information. You can also follow our anniversary year on Twitter @efsa_eu.' Below this is an orange box titled 'EFSA's work in the past 10 years' containing a bullet point: '• A decade of achievements'. Another orange box titled 'Anniversary events' contains the text: 'During the anniversary year, EFSA will organise different events for key partners and stakeholders as well as...'.

- Stakeholders information session on Implementing Rules of Policy on Independence and Scientific Decision-Making Processes – 5 March
- Memorandum of Understanding with EMA
- Visit of MEP Macovei, rapporteur of EP committee on EFSA discharge for financial year 2010
- EFSA received the visit of delegations from:
 - French Agency for Food, Environmental and Occupational Health and Safety (ANSES)
 - Canadian Food Inspection Agency
 - Chinese National Center for Risk Assessment
 - Thai Bureau of Agricultural Commodity and Food Standards

- Renewal of the Members of the Stakeholder Platform
- Intensified use of technical meetings
- Public consultations on scientific opinions (particularly on guidance documents)
- Stakeholder engagement in defining EFSA 's policy on Independence and Scientific Decision-Making Processes (consultative workshops)
- Opening of scientific meetings to Observers in pilot project
- Activities of the Application Desk