



13th Scientific Colloquium on What's new on Novel Foods

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Introduction to EFSA

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What EFSA does

- **Provide scientific opinions and advice and support for EU legislation/policies in all fields that impact food and feed safety**
 - Applications
 - General opinions
- **Enhance risk assessment methodologies and other scientific activities**
 - Establish Guidance documents
 - Methodology development
- **Communicate the risks**

Who can task EFSA?



European Commission



European Parliament



EU Member States



Self-tasking

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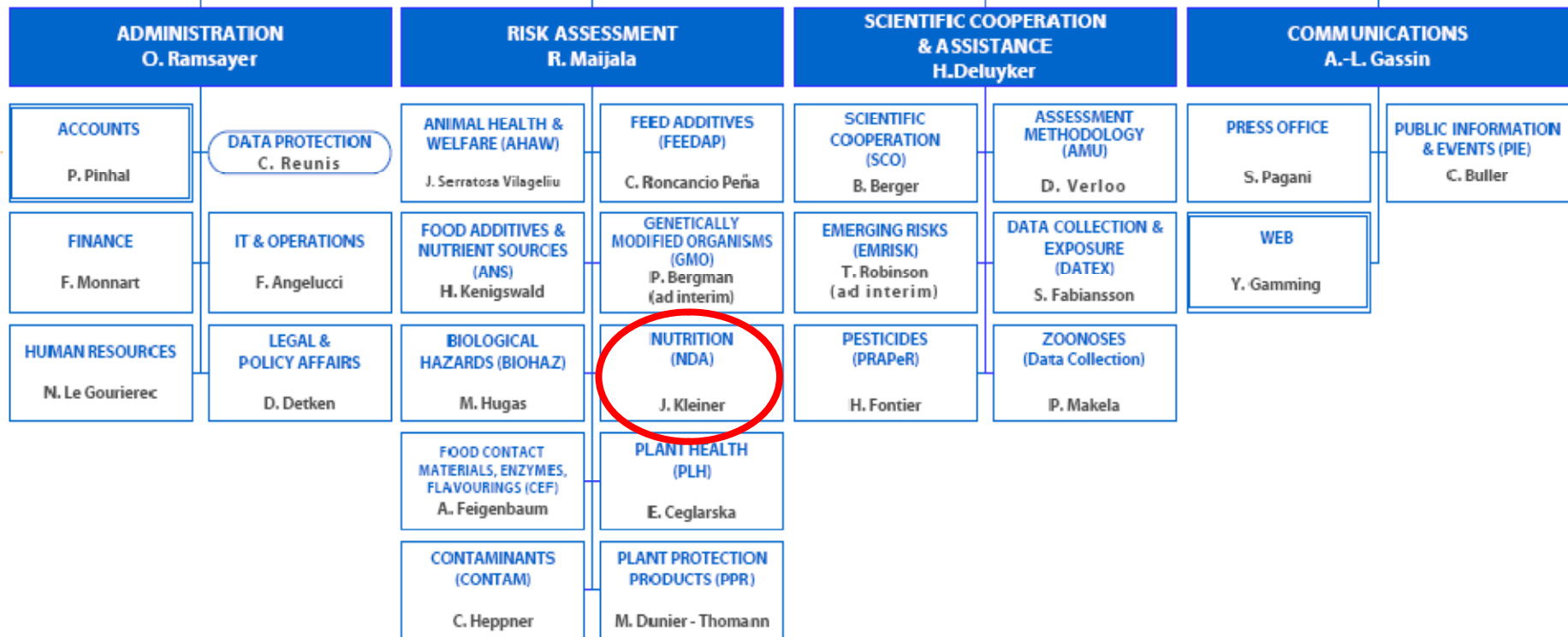
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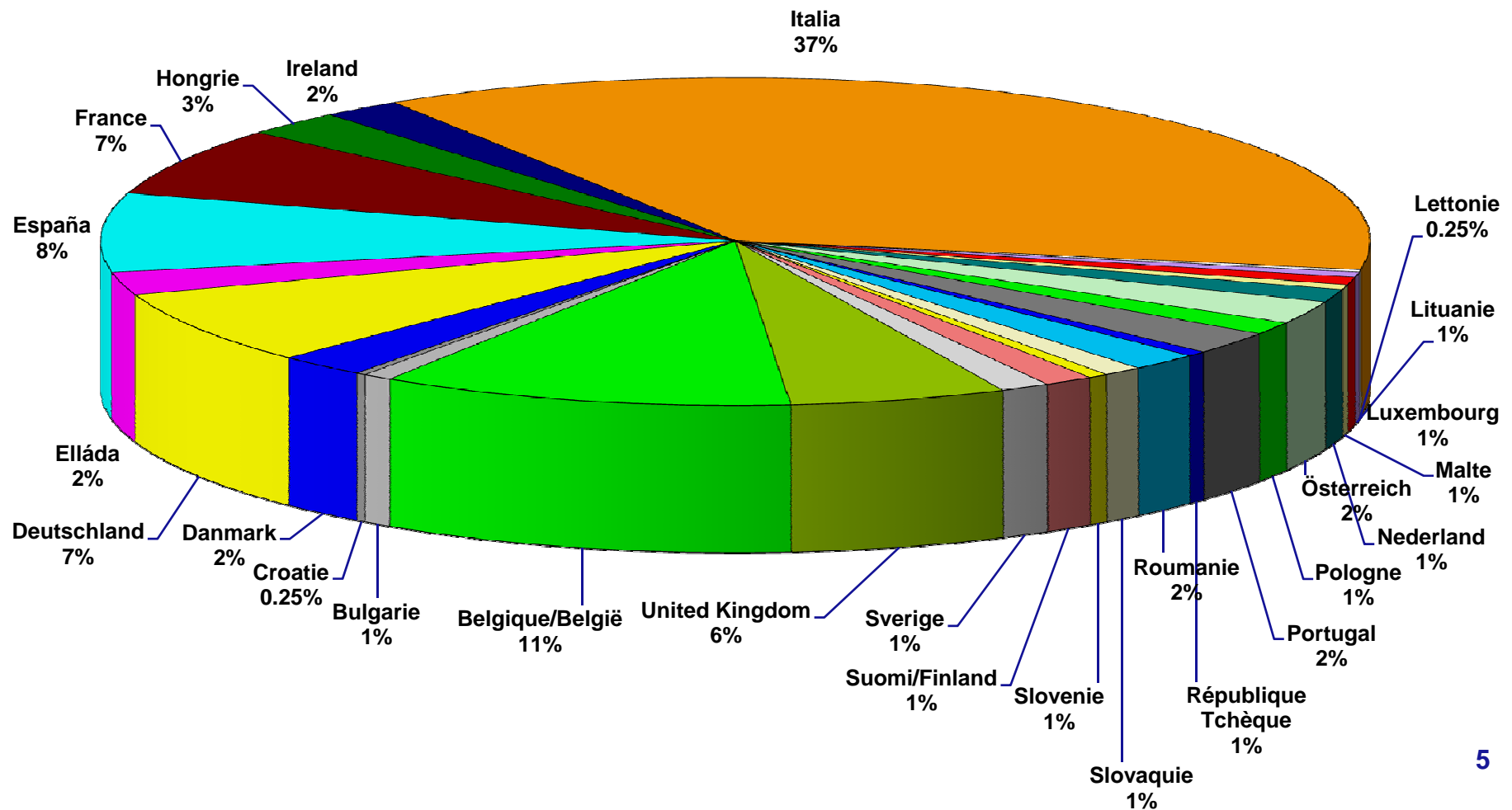
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Organisational chart 2009

Statistics nationalities of EFSA staff (as of November 2009)

403 staff
26 nationalities



EFSA panels

- Generic opinions

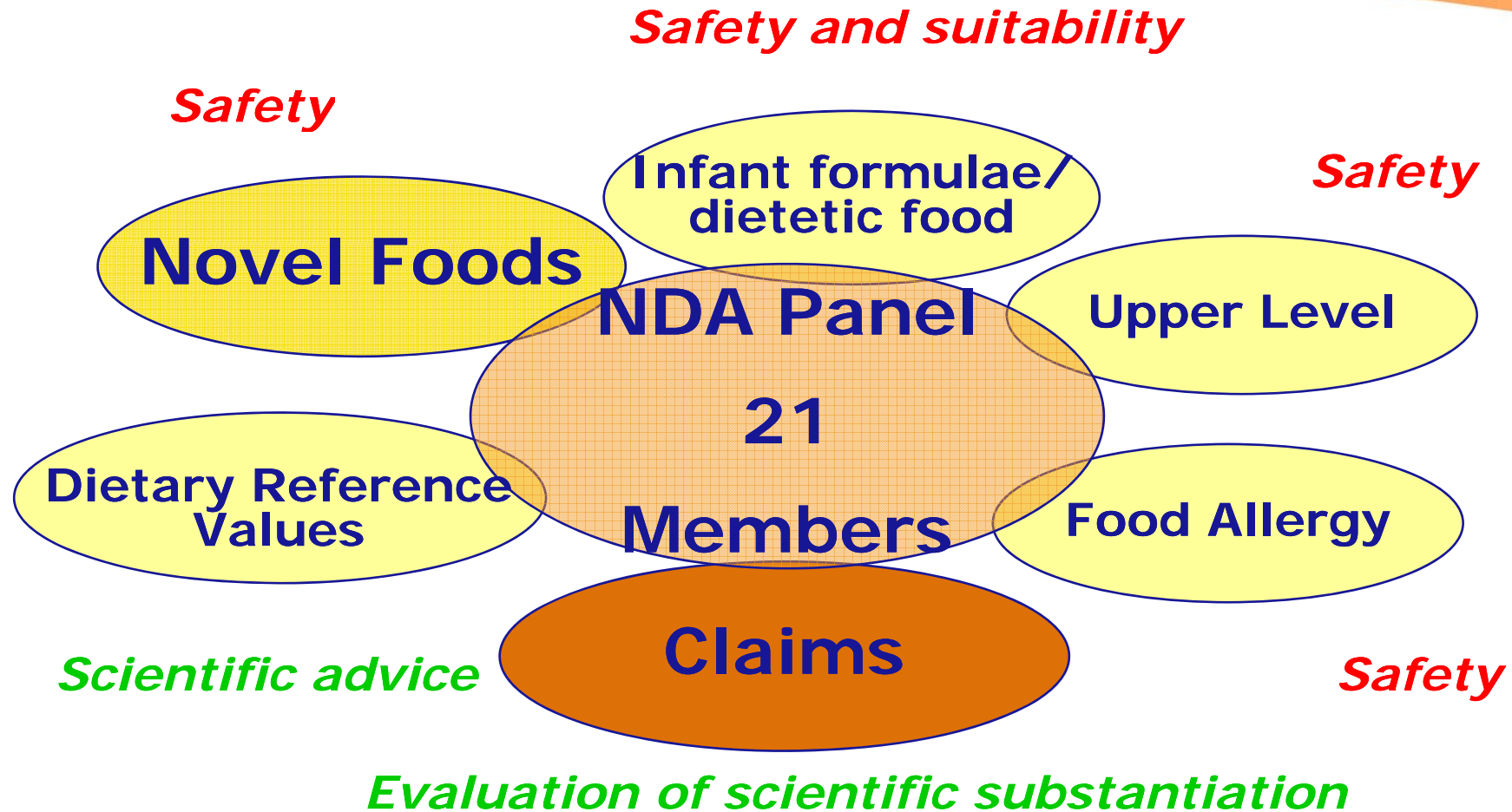
- Panel on Plant Health (PLH)
- Panel on Plant protection products and their residues (PPR)
- Panel on Animal Health and Welfare (AHAW)
- Panel on contaminants in the food chain (CONTAM)
- Panel on biological hazards (BIOHAZ)
- Scientific Committee (SC)

- Panel on Genetically Modified Organisms (GMO)
- Panel on additives and products or substances used in animal feed (FEEDAP)
- Panel on additives, flavourings, processing aids and materials in contact with food (AFC):
 - Panel on food additives and nutrients sources added to food (ANS)
 - Panel on food contact materials, enzymes, flavourings and processing aids (CEF)
- Panel on dietetic products, nutrition and allergies (NDA)

Comprising:

- Data collection and exposure Unit (DATEX)
- Zoonosis Unit
- Assessment methodology Unit (AMU)
- Pesticides risk assessment Unit (PRAPeR)
- Scientific cooperation Unit (SCO)
- Emerging risks Unit (EMRISK)

Portfolio of NDA Panel



An EFSA Colloquium is

- An interactive event rather than a passive listening to lectures
- A platform for scientists to have in-depth discussions on scientific approaches and methods available and tools and data needed for conducting a scientific assessments
- An event to explore opportunities and limitations for defining a common understanding of the current state-of-the-art in scientific progress and limitations and
- An opportunity to define further (research) needs

An EFSA Colloquium is not

- An attempt to agree on the details of a preferred strategy or approach, if any
- An attempt to finalise a blue print for the work ahead of us
- A “who is right and who is wrong” discussion

What is it?

- a database of scientific experts
- to select external experts to cooperate with EFSA or MS



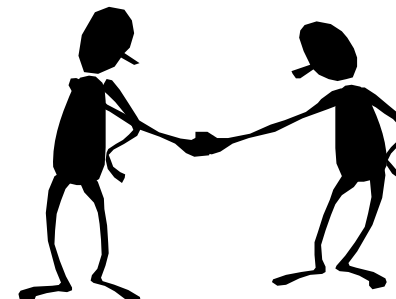
Why is it needed?

- to improve transparency of the process for selecting the best scientific experts
- to enhance EFSA's capacity to conduct risk assessments



Who will use it?

EFSA & Member States



- **University degree**, or equivalent in one or more areas of expertise within the remit of EFSA;
- **Relevant professional experience** in risk assessment, data collection on biological or chemical hazards, as appropriate;
- **Scientific articles in peer reviewed journals** or other scientific documents / reports relevant to the expertise declared;
- Ability to **communicate** and work in **at least one Community language**;
- Completed an **Annual Declaration of Interest**.

Thank you
for sharing your views with
EFSA.

Thank you for being frank,
open and constructive.