

BIOLOGICAL MONITORING UNIT

Unit on Biological Monitoring (BIOMO)

**Minutes of the 1st meeting of the sub-group (A) of the Working Group on
the collection of data on molecular testing in food/animal isolates
of food-borne infections**

Web-conference, 11 June 2013

(Agreed on 11 June 2013)

Participants

- **Working Group Experts:**
 - Aivars Bērziņš, Renaud Lailier, Kirsten Mooijman, Concepción Porrero, Rosangela Tozzoli
- **Hearing Experts:**
 - Not applicable
- **European Commission and/or Member States representative:**
 - Not applicable
- **EFSA:**
 - BIOMO Unit: Pierre-Alexandre Beloeil (chair), Valentina Rizzi, Roisin Rooney
 - BIOHAZ Unit: Ernesto Liebana Criado
 - IT Unit: Cristiano Morgani

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants. Apologies were received from Kris De Smet and Jaime Martinez Urtaza. Technical problems prevented Nadine Botteldoorn from participating.

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

3. Declarations of interest

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence and Scientific Decision-Making Processes and the Decision of the Executive Director implementing this Policy regarding Declarations of Interests, EFSA screened the Annual Declaration of interest and the Specific Declaration of interest filled in by the experts invited for the present meeting. No conflicts of interests related to the issues discussed in this meeting have been identified during the screening process or at the Oral Declaration of interest at the beginning of this meeting.

4. Agreement on the minutes of the 2nd Working Group teleconference held on 22 May 2013.

The minutes were agreed on 11 June 2013

5. Scientific topics for discussion

5.1 Discussion on existing SOPs for molecular typing (EFSA-Q-2013-00250)

The three sources of SOPs (from ECDC, PulseNet and the EURL- Lm) were outlined by the Chair. The methodology to review/ compare existing SOPs and to clarify the important issues that need to be addressed was discussed by the WG.

5.2 Link between the development of Working Instructions (revised SOPs) and CEN

The WG discussed developing the revised SOPs as ISO/ CEN standards.

5.3 Data dictionaries/ guidelines for reporting sample based data on zoonotic agents for food and the data model for collecting sample-based data for food (EFSA-Q-2013-00250)

The WG discussed the data dictionaries/ guidelines for reporting sample-based data on zoonotic agents for food and the data model for collecting sample-based data for food.

5.4 Outsourcing of the production of SOPs

Three calls for tender will be launched for assistance related to establishing molecular typing collection for *Listeria monocytogenes*, *Salmonella* and VTEC. The timetable was outlined to the WG.

6. Any Other Business

No additional topic was discussed.

7. Next meetings

The next meeting will take place in Parma on 4 July 2013.