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## LUXEMBOURGISH EFSA FOCAL POINT NEWSLETTER

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### Calls for tenders and proposals

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#### ***EFSA TENDER OC/EFSA/SCER/2018/03 - Transformation and Further Development of the Compendium of Botanicals***

We would like to inform you that EFSA has published a new **Call for Tender** on “***Transformation and Further Development of the Compendium of Botanicals***”.

The overall objective of this procurement is to update and further develop EFSA’s Compendium of Botanicals as an open source tool for EFSA, stakeholders and the risk assessment community as a whole.

Please note that the **time limit** for receipt of tenders is **31.01.2019**.

For questions or queries on this Call for Tender please contact: [EFSAProcurement@efsa.europa.eu](mailto:EFSAProcurement@efsa.europa.eu).

More information: [Transformation and Further Development of the Compendium of Botanicals](#)

#### ***Call for Proposals - GP/EFSA/ENCO/2018/05 - Selection of hosting sites for EFSA’s European Food Risk Assessment Fellowship (EU-FORA) Programme***

We would like you to support EFSA in promoting the call for proposals “***Selection of hosting sites for EFSA’s European Food Risk Assessment Fellowship (EU-FORA) Programme***” - GP/EFSA/ENCO/2018/05.

Please note that the deadline for submission of proposals is **31 January 2019**.

Should you have any questions, you may address them to [EFSAProcurement@efsa.europa.eu](mailto:EFSAProcurement@efsa.europa.eu) by indicating the call reference.

More information: [GP/EFSA/ENCO/2018/05 - Selection of hosting sites for EFSA’s European Food Risk Assessment Fellowship \(EU-FORA\) Programme](#)



## Events

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### ***Save the date: Conference Research in Food Safety (6<sup>th</sup> December, Luxembourg)***

The Luxembourgish Focal Point has the pleasure to invite you to the conference Research in Food Safety the 6<sup>th</sup> December morning in Strassen.

The presentations will be held by EFSA and some national research institutions.

More information:

<http://securite-alimentaire.public.lu/actualites/evenements/2018/Novembre/Research-in-Food-Safety/index.html>

### ***SC Open Plenary of November 21-22, 2018, Parma - Registration now open***

We would like to inform you that registrations to attend the **91st Plenary meeting of the Scientific Committee** are now open. The meeting will take place in Parma, Italy, on 21-22 November 2018.

Registrations are now open, deadline to attend in person is 12 November 2018, deadline for following online is 20 November 2018.

More information: <https://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/events/event/181121>

Draft agenda: <https://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/event/181121-a.pdf>

For questions or queries on open plenary meetings at EFSA, please contact us at: [publicmeetings@efsa.europa.eu](mailto:publicmeetings@efsa.europa.eu).

### ***FSAI Scientific Conference 21-22nd August 2019***

In honour of their 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary, in 2019, the Food Safety Authority of Ireland is delighted to host its international food science conference, The Science of Food Safety – What's our Future? The two day event will focus on microbiological safety and chemical safety.

It will feature international and national keynote speakers, speakers chosen from abstracts and student posters, and a conference dinner and entertainment.

Regulatory chemists; toxicologists; microbiologists; policy makers; food law enforcement practitioners; academics and their teams working in chemical and microbiological food safety; food industry scientists; scientific consultants and non-governmental organisations from Ireland, Europe and beyond are invited to participate in a unique and valuable event programme designed to inspire, inform and evoke ideas.

For programme updates and to receive notification when tickets go on sale, subscribe to the conference [e-zine here](#).



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## ***47<sup>th</sup> Annual Food Science and Technology Conference***

**Dates:** Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> and Friday 7<sup>th</sup> December 2018

**Venue:** Áras na Mac Léinn, University College Cork

**Description:** The primary purpose of the conference is assisting the professional development of young food scientists by providing them with opportunities to present their research in the broader food science and technology area, to interact and network with their peers, and to receive pertinent key-note addresses on a range of food-related issues from professionals working in the food industry. As well as the scientific element of the conference there will be an informal conference dinner at Holy Smoke restaurant (optional extra).

**Registration:** All interested parties can register at: <https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/47th-annual-food-science-and-technology-conference-tickets-51329955278>

### **CALL FOR PAPERS**

**The main themes of the Conference are:**

- Advances in Food Chemistry and Technology
- Food Processing and Technology Innovations
- Food Safety and Quality
- Nutrition and Health

**Abstract Submission Instructions:** <https://www.ucc.ie/en/fns/47thannualfoodresearchconference/>

**\*Deadline for registration and abstract submission is Friday 16<sup>th</sup> November 2018\***

Conference queries or company exhibition enquiries can be submitted to [uccfst2018@ucc.ie](mailto:uccfst2018@ucc.ie)

## **Publications**

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### ***EFSA Focal Points: a decade of networking for European food safety***

For the past 10 years EFSA's Focal Points have been acting as ambassadors in EU Member States and operating as a network of cross-border collaboration on food safety. To mark the occasion, a new interactive timeline highlights the key achievements of the network.

Newstory: <https://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/press/news/181015>

Timeline:

[https://cdn.knightlab.com/libs/timeline3/latest/embed/index.html?source=1S\\_4dvDoj3obVOaX8IN048bfi8HXrrFwVOwBUVrO7kzs](https://cdn.knightlab.com/libs/timeline3/latest/embed/index.html?source=1S_4dvDoj3obVOaX8IN048bfi8HXrrFwVOwBUVrO7kzs)

Infographic: <https://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/discover/infographics/efsa-focal-points-decade-achievements>



## ***Multi-country outbreak of *Listeria monocytogenes* linked to consumption of salmon products***

We would like to inform you that EFSA has published the a joint ECDC-EFSA rapid outbreak assessment on ***“Multi-country outbreak of *Listeria monocytogenes* sequence type 8 infections linked to consumption of salmon products”***. The report focuses on ready-to-eat salmon products, such as cold-smoked and marinated salmon, which are the likely source of an outbreak of *Listeria monocytogenes* that has affected Denmark, Germany and France since 2015. By 8 October 2018, 12 cases including four deaths had been reported in the affected countries. EFSA and the European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control (ECDC) used whole genome sequencing to identify the multi-country outbreak.

Should you have any questions, please write back to us at [zoonoses@efsa.europa.eu](mailto:zoonoses@efsa.europa.eu)

Newstory: <https://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/press/news/181025>

Technical Report: [Multi-country outbreak of \*Listeria monocytogenes\* sequence type 8 infections linked to consumption of salmon products](#)

## ***Lumpy skin disease in cattle: from containment to elimination***

We would like to inform you that EFSA has published the scientific report ***“Lumpy skin disease: scientific and technical assistance on control and surveillance activities”***. The report gives advice on the ideal duration of vaccination programmes to eliminate the disease, and looks at the probability that the disease will reappear and at possible surveillance methods. Outbreaks of LSD in the Balkan region fell dramatically by 95 percent from 7,483 in 2016 to 385 in 2017. In 2018 no outbreaks were reported in south-eastern Europe, although one outbreak was reported in the European part of Turkey. The more effective the vaccination is in protecting animals against the disease – and the more herds are vaccinated – the shorter the vaccination programme can be.

Should you have any questions, please write to [alpha@efsa.europa.eu](mailto:alpha@efsa.europa.eu).

Newstory: <https://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/press/news/181016>

Scientific Report: [Lumpy skin disease: scientific and technical assistance on control and surveillance activities](#)

## ***Food safety: simplified approach to make food donations easier***

We are pleased to inform you that EFSA has published the scientific opinion ***“Hazard analysis approaches for certain small retail establishments and food donations: second scientific opinion”***. EFSA has developed a new food safety management approach that makes it simpler for small retailers to donate food. The simplified system would mean that retailers are not required to have detailed knowledge of specific hazards. It includes steps for checking that donated food is safe, such as shelf-life control, maintenance of the cold chain and ensuring communication between the donor and recipients. Retailers need only to be aware that biological, chemical and physical hazards or allergens may be present and that a failure to undertake key control activities – such as separation of raw from cooked products – could pose a risk to consumers.

Should you have any questions, please write to [biohaz@efsa.europa.eu](mailto:biohaz@efsa.europa.eu).



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A newstory: <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/press/news/181107>

Scientific Opinion: [Hazard analysis approaches for certain small retail establishments and food donations: second scientific opinion](#)