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## LUXEMBOURGISH EFSA FOCAL POINT NEWSLETTER

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### Calls for tenders and proposals

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#### ***Call for tenders: Training on Expert Knowledge Elicitation procurement 2018 - Procurement ex-ante publicity***

In June 2014, EFSA published a Guidance document on Expert Knowledge Elicitation (EKE) in Food and Feed Safety Risk Assessment. In this context EKE is defined as a systematic, documented and reviewable process to retrieve expert judgments from groups of experts in the form of probability distributions. EKE methods are formal, probabilistic judgment techniques designed to encourage careful, thoughtful judgments and reduce psychological biases. EFSA Guidance implements EKE in an efficient, rigorous and transparent manner, targeted on most important parameters, subject to critical review at key decision points, and fully documented.

Deadline: 16 March 2018.

More information: <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/consultations/call/180301>

#### ***General information on grants and procurements***

<http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/forthcominglist.pdf>

Procurements: <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/calls/procurement>

Grants: <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/calls/art36grants>

For more explications, have a look at the EFSA infographics:

Yes, we grant! :

<http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/images/infographics/thematic-grants-170503.png>

Are you up to the task? :

<http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/images/infographics/tasking-grants-170926.jpg>



## Events

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### ***1th International Food and Medicine Congress***

24-27 May 2018, in Ankara-Turkey

The Congress will provide a common ground to the scientists, researchers, industrial operators, policy makers and all stakeholders from diverse disciplines including food processing, medical applications, public health and nutrition around the globe to exchange their recent findings, experiences and innovative visions that are related to food and health.

The event will be held in Turkish and English, and simultaneous interpreting will be provided.

More information: <https://internationalfoodandmedicine.org/>

### ***6th Food Safety Congress***

3th and 4th May 2018, at Grand Cevahir Hotel Convention Center in Istanbul-Turkey

The congress is intended for representatives of the competent authorities, industry, consumer's organizations, scientific community and all stakeholders in the food safety system.

The event will be held in Turkish and English, and simultaneous interpreting will be provided.

More information: <http://www.foodsafetycongress.org/>

### ***92nd Panel on Plant Protection Products and their Residues***

Registrations to observe the open plenary (in person or via webcast) of the 92nd Panel on Plant Protection Products and their Residues are now open. The meeting will take place in Parma, Italy, on 14-15 March 2018.

More information: <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/events/event/180314>

### ***EFSA conference 2018 – Science, Food, Society***

As you know the registrations for the *EFSA conference 2018 – Science, Food, Society* and the [call for posters](#) are open.

We warmly invite you to go the [conference website](#) to:

- get a flavour of the [programme](#)
- see the [confirmed speakers](#) and
- [register](#) if you plan to attend (registration is compulsory for all attendees, including EFSA staff members).



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### ***Matchmaking event: Research and Innovation on monitoring and control of infectious diseases (One Health)***

On Wednesday, June 6th, STAR-IDAZ.be, in collaboration with Flanders Vaccine and EEN Vlaanderen, is organizing a matchmaking event in Brussels.

This event will allow scientists from public and private research centers, from Belgium and abroad, to find partners for submitting project proposals in answer to this year's H2020 call.

Venue: Federal Public Service Health, Food chain safety and Environment; Eurostation II (just in front of railway station Brussels-South (Zuid/Midi))

Deadline for registration: 9<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> March

More information: <https://matchmakinginfectiousdiseases2018.b2match.io/home> and attached email

### ***REMINDER - EFSA scientific colloquium “Omics in risk assessment: state-of-the-art and next steps”***

EFSA's 24th Scientific Colloquium on “OMICS in risk assessment: state-of-the-art and next steps” will take place on 24-25 April 2018 in Berlin, Germany. It will explore the opportunities for integration of datasets produced via specific OMICS tools within the remit of EFSA's risk assessment approaches.

More information, including how to register, can be found on EFSA's website [here](#).

## **Publications**

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### ***Lumpy skin disease – II. Data collection and analysis***

<http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/efsajournal/pub/5176>

<http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/press/news/180219>

### ***Key outcomes of the first Risk Assessment Research Assembly***

<https://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/event/180207/180207-key-outcomes.pdf>

<https://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/events/event/180207>



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## ***Neonicotinoids: risks to bees confirmed***

EFSA has published three Conclusions on the peer review of the pesticide risk assessment for bees for the active substances imidacloprid, clothianidin and thiamethoxam considering the uses as seed treatments and granules.

EFSA News Story: <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/press/news/180228>

Conclusion on pesticides peer review

[Peer review of the pesticide risk assessment for bees for the active substance clothianidin considering the uses as seed treatments and granules](#)

[Peer review of the pesticide risk assessment for bees for the active substance imidacloprid considering the uses as seed treatments and granules](#)

[Peer review of the pesticide risk assessment for bees for the active substance thiamethoxam considering the uses as seed treatments and granules](#)

Technical report

[Evaluation of the data on clothianidin, imidacloprid and thiamethoxam for the updated risk assessment to bees for seed treatments and granules in the EU](#)

## ***Antimicrobial resistance in zoonotic bacteria still high in humans, animals and food, say ECDC and EFSA***

EFSA and ECDC have published “The European Union summary report on antimicrobial resistance in zoonotic and indicator bacteria from humans, animals and food in 2016”.

EFSA News Story: <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/press/news/180227>

Scientific Report: [The European Union summary report on antimicrobial resistance in zoonotic and indicator bacteria from humans, animals and food in 2016](#)