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Calls

Call for experts and data: allergens

Please note that a call for experts and data has been issued by FAO and WHO for an expert consultation on risk assessment of food allergens. Please submit nominations and CVs at your earliest convenience, but no later than **29 February 2020**

Further information is available at the following links:

FAO

<http://www.fao.org/3/ca7121en/ca7121en.pdf>

<http://www.fao.org/food/food-safety-quality/scientific-advice/calls-data-experts/en/>

WHO

https://www.who.int/docs/default-source/food-safety/call-for-experts-and-data-food-allergens.pdf?sfvrsn=7258cb0c_4

<https://www.who.int/activities/assessing-chemical-risks-in-food>

<https://www.who.int/activities/assessing-microbial-risks-in-food>

Public Consultations

Public consultation: Scientific Opinion on the risks to public health related to the presence of ochratoxin A in food

We would like to inform you that the European Food Safety Authority (EFSA) has launched the **public consultation** on the scientific opinion about **public health risks related to the presence of Ochratoxin A (OTA) in food** – a mycotoxin naturally produced by fungi such as the *Penicillium* and *Aspergillus* species.

Please note that the deadline for the interested parties to submit comments is **24 January 2020**.

For any further information on the scientific opinion, further than the scientific Unit's functional mailbox indicated online, please contact also Hans STEINKELLNER (Hans.Steinkellner@efsa.europa.eu)

News: [Public consultation: Ochratoxin A](#)

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Events

Call for abstracts – Scientific Colloquium 25 “A coordinated approach to assess the human health risks of micro- and nanoplastics in food”

We are pleased to inform you that EFSA has launched a **call for abstract submissions** for consideration at EFSA’s 25th Scientific Colloquium **"A coordinated approach to assess the human health risks of micro- and nanoplastics in food"**.

Please note that interested parties are invited to submit their abstracts by: **31 January 2020**.

More information about the call details with the link where to submit the abstracts and the opening of the registration to attend EFSA’s 25th Scientific Colloquium is available [here](#)

Should you have any questions, please write back to us at scientific.colloquia@efsa.europa.eu

Training

European Food Risk Assessment (EU-FORA) Fellowship Programme 2020/2021 - Call open

We would like to inform you that EFSA has launched the Call for Expression of Interest of Fellows under the EU-FORA Programme.

Please note that applicants are invited to submit their applications by : 31 January 2020

Please do not hesitate to contact EU-FORA@efsa.europa.eu for any enquiries.

More information: [EU-FORA – The European Food Risk Assessment Fellowship Programme: apply now for fourth round!](#)

SAVE THE DATE - 9th BfR-Summer Academy on Risk Assessment and Risk Communication in Food Safety

BfR is pleased to announce the **9th BfR-Summer Academy on Risk Assessment and Risk Communication in Food Safety** in **Berlin** from **17 to 28 August 2020**. The 9th BfR-Summer Academy is intended for members or staff of public organisations engaged in food and feed safety, who have already experience in risk assessment analysis. The participants will acquire practical risk assessment analysis and gain deeper understanding in risk communication measures.

The course will be conducted by highly qualified and experienced scientists from the German Federal Institute for Risk Assessment (BfR) as well as external experts with profound and long standing experience in risk assessment of chemical or microbial risks. Consequently this BfR-Summer Academy is from professionals to professionals.

Registration will open **in January 2020**. More details can be found [here](#) and in the attached flyer.

Please contact summeracademy@bfr.bund.de for further details.

Publications

Updates on Transmissible spongiform encephalopathies (TSEs)

We are pleased to inform you that **EFSA has published its latest summary on the monitoring of transmissible spongiform encephalopathies (TSEs) in the EU**. The report provides results on data collected in 2018 by all EU Member States, Iceland, North Macedonia, Norway and Switzerland.

The main findings are:

- One case of classical BSE in cattle (out of 1,181,934 animals tested) was reported in the EU. Three cases of atypical BSE were reported.
- There were 934 cases of scrapie in sheep (out of 325,386 tested) and 523 cases in goats (out of 138,128 tested).
- One case of chronic wasting disease (CWD) was reported in a wild moose, the first reported CWD case in the EU (out of 8,185 cervids tested).

Should you have any questions, please write to zoonoses@efsa.europa.eu

Topic: [Transmissible spongiform encephalopathies \(TSEs\)](#)

Report: [The European Union summary report on surveillance for the presence of transmissible spongiform encephalopathies \(TSE\) in 2018](#)

Phthalates in plastic food contact materials

EFSA published a scientific opinion on the update of the risk assessment of di-butylphthalate (DBP), butyl-benzyl-phthalate (BBP), bis(2-ethylhexyl)phthalate (DEHP), di-isononylphthalate (DINP) and diisodecylphthalate (DIDP) for use in food contact materials.

For further information on the scientific opinion, please contact Katharina Volk (Katharina.volk@efsa.europa.eu).

Technical report: <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/supporting/pub/en-1747>

European Union One Health 2018 Zoonoses Report

We are pleased to inform you that EFSA and ECDC published the European Union One Health 2018 Zoonoses Report.

News: [Salmonella the most common cause of foodborne outbreaks in the European Union](#)

Report: <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/fr/efsajournal/pub/5926>

Other

Endocrine Disruptors ISSG - Launch of Stakeholder survey

The European Commission is carrying out a **Fitness Check on the EU legislation on endocrine disruptors** (https://ec.europa.eu/info/policies/endocrine-disruptors_en). In the context of this initiative, we would like to invite you/your organisation to contribute to a **targeted stakeholders survey**. The survey is publicly accessible from the EU Survey tool (https://ec.europa.eu/eusurvey/runner/ED_FC_StakeholdersSurvey) and remains open for **8 weeks (closing date is 31/01/2020)**. It is available in English and respondents are required to answer in English.

This survey is addressed to **stakeholder organisations** such as businesses, public authorities, academia, research organisations, civil society organisations, and to **experts** working in such areas responding in their professional capacity. If you (or any member of your organisation) would like to comment in your personal capacity from the perspective of a citizen, please respond to the public survey which will be published soon on (https://ec.europa.eu/eusurvey/runner/ED_FC_PublicConsultation) and will remain open for 12 weeks. It will be available in 23 EU languages.

WHO first ever film festival on 16, 21 and 22 May 2020

The **World Health Organization** is launching its first ever **film festival on 16, 21 and 22 May 2020**. The WHO Health for All Film Festival invites independent film-makers, production companies, NGOs, communities, students, and film schools from around the world to submit their original short films on health. **The submissions can be on any health issue and/or social and environmental determinants of health for the first two categories (non-fiction and animation)**. The third category focuses on nurses or midwives to pay tribute to the International Year of the Nurse and Midwife in 2020. Only films completed between 1 January 2017 and 30 January 2020 are eligible for the festival. **Closing date for entries is 30 January 2020.**

Many thanks to spread the word with the following online multilingual tools, the webpages contain the application rules and access to submission tool:

More information: <https://www.who.int/film-festival>

*Season's greetings from
the Luxembourgish EFSA Focal Point*