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Public Consultations

EFSA Public consultation on the draft EFSA scientific report on cumulative assessment groups of pesticides for their effects on the thyroid

We would like to inform you that EFSA has launched a public consultation on the **draft EFSA scientific report on cumulative assessment groups of pesticides for their effects on the thyroid**. This document proposes cumulative assessment groups of pesticides to be used to perform cumulative risk assessments for 2 specific effects that pesticide residues may have on the thyroid.

The Deadline to submit written comments is 22 March 2019.

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

Public Consultation: [Public consultation on the draft Scientific report of EFSA on the Establishment of cumulative assessment groups of pesticides for their effects on the thyroid](#)

Events

ASTOX Symposium 2019 - Austria

Please find attached the draft programme and further information of the **ASTOX Symposium 2019** with the title "**Challenges in Toxicology and Risk Assessment**" organised by the Austrian Society for Toxicology (ASTOX) in Vienna. The ASTOX Symposium 2019 will take place at the **University of Vienna, Faculty of Chemistry, Währingerstrasse 38, 1090 Vienna** from **25 to 26 April 2019**. Conference language will be English.

The symposium will comprise sessions on:

- Microbiome Exposomics
- (Eco)toxicological aspects on human and veterinary medicinal products
- Risk Assessment of Chemical Mixtures
- Perfluorinated alkylated substances

Deadline for abstract submission: 1st April 2019



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For more information, please see the attached documents.

Workshop on the problem formulation for the environmental risk assessment of gene drive modified insects

EFSA has launched the **registrations to the Workshop on the problem formulation for the environmental risk assessment of gene drive modified insects**, which will take place in **Brussels on 15 May**. The aim of the workshop is to discuss plausible environmental risks of gene drive modified insects with stakeholders and EU Member States. The input of participants will support EFSA's expert Working Group on the environmental risk assessment of gene drive modified organisms. This Working Group has been mandated to assess the adequacy of existing risk assessment guidelines for gene drive modified insects.

We would like to inform you that the deadline for **the registration is 22/03/2019**.

Workshop: [Register now! Workshop on the problem formulation for the environmental risk assessment of gene drive modified insects](#)

SYMPOSIUM- Generic Risk Assessment for Introduction of Animal Diseases (G-RAID project workshop)

We would like to inform you that a **one-day symposium is organised to disseminate results of the G-RAID project** (Generic approaches for Risk Assessment of Infectious animal Disease introduction). In this project, European experience and expertise in generic RA modelling for animal diseases has been combined to investigate the potential for standardization of input data and algorithms, to explore options for validation of generic RA tools and to discuss how results of generic risk assessments can be communicated.

The event will take place on 15 May 2019 in The Netherlands. The registration will be open from 18 March 2019.

Please refer to the attached flyer for general information.

For more details, questions about the event and queries, please contact Mr. Clazien J. de Vos clazien.devos@wur.nl from the Department of Bacteriology and Epidemiology of the Wageningen Bioveterinary Research or visit the website: <https://www.wur.nl/en/show/SYMPOSIUM-Generic-risk-assessment-for-introduction-of-animal-diseases.htm>

Info session with stakeholders on applications for food enzymes: save the date (Parma, 19-20 June)

We would like to inform you that on 19-20 June, EFSA will host an info session on the risk assessment of food enzymes applications, where participants will have the opportunity to exchange views with the scientific experts responsible for the assessments and other relevant stakeholders.

Representatives from industry, EU bodies, international organisations, national authorities, NGOs, research and academia can participate to the event.



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They are also strongly invited to send suggestions for concrete topics to be addressed by answering this [short questionnaire](#) by **31 March**, or by contacting FIP@efsa.europa.eu.

More information: [Info session with stakeholders on applications for food enzymes: save the date](#)

Training

IBPS Summer School on Endocrine disruptors (Paris, 25-31 August 2019) / deadline for application 30 April 2019

Please find attached some information regarding the **International Summer School on Endocrine disruptors**, organised by the **Institut de Biologie Paris-Seine (IBPS)**. This summer school (limited to 16 participants) will take place in Paris (France) from **25 to 31 August 2019**.

Targeted primarily to PhD students and post-docs, this summer school will present the theory and practice on Endocrine Disruptors. During 5 days of lectures and practical work, participants will acquire a better approach and visibility on the endocrine disruption research.

Deadline for application: 30 April 2019.

Participation fees: 180 € includes costs of accommodation, breakfast and lunch, as well as the gala dinner.

For more information including detailed programme and invited lecturers, please see this link <https://sites.google.com/view/ibps-summer-school-disruptors> and the attached document.

FORMILK 2019 School - Hungary, 21-25 May 2019

Please find below some information regarding the **FORMILK 2019 School – Analytical methods and sensor technology for enzyme detection in dairy industry**, organised by the **Functional Interfaces Research Group at the Research Centre for Natural Sciences, Hungarian Academy of Sciences (RCNS) and the Hungarian Dairy Research Institute (HDRI)**. This Formilkschool will take place in Hungary, in two locations : **Budapest** and **Mosonmagyaróvár** from **21-25 May 2019**.

Horizon 2020 MSCA-RISE FORMILK “Innovative technology for the detection of enzyme activity in milk” project is dedicated to the development of instrumental analytical methods applicable in the determination of indigenous and exogenous enzyme activities in milk and dairy products.

The scope of **FORMILK 2019 School** is to highlight the importance of different enzymatic activity assays in dairy products, and to demonstrate currently used, as well as newly developed, highly sensitive measurement techniques.

The school is open to project partners and (in a limited number) to non-project students, researchers from academy, university, and participants from dairy industry.



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Deadline for application: 10 March 2019 (for project partners) and 15 April 2019 (for non-project partners). Further information : <http://formilkschool2019.com/how-to-apply/>

Please send the completed registration form to formilkschool2019@ttk.mta.hu

Registration fee: 80 €.

For more information including detailed programme and the venue please click on the following link : <http://formilkschool2019.com/> and <http://www.formilk.fmph.uniba.sk/>

Parma Summer School on "Risk-benefit in food safety and nutrition" (Parma, 11-13 June 2019)

We would like to inform you that EFSA, together with the University of Parma and in collaboration with the Catholic University Sacro Cuore of Piacenza, the School of Advanced Studies on Food and Nutrition (University of Parma), the Technical University of Denmark, the National Food Agency of Sweden, the University of Barcelona and the Istituto Superiore di Sanità are organising a **3-day no-fees Summer School open to young scientists from all over the world**.

The 2019 edition will deal with Risk-benefit in food safety and nutrition and it will take place at EFSA premises, Parma from 11 to 13 June 2019.

The general objective of the event is to provide an opportunity to learn from some of the most prominent experts in the field of risk-benefit approach in food safety and nutrition, including theory, case studies, and communication of results in risk-benefit studies.

The registration is limited to 150 people and the deadline to submit applications is 30 May 2019.

For more information: [Risk-benefit in food safety and nutrition](#)

Publications

EFSA AMR data visualisation interactive tool

EFSA has just launched the [AMR data visualisation update 2017](#). This interactive tool is a simpler representation of the annual data concerning the resistance of *Salmonella*, *E. Coli* and *Campylobacter* in food, animals and humans, country by country from 2017 collected by EFSA and ECDC. It is also meant to accompany the [European Union summary report 2017](#) helping the users in retrieving, and accessing data in a much leaner and understandable process. See the [news story](#) for more details.