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Public Consultations

EFSA public consultation: appropriate age for introduction of complementary feeding of infants

We would like to inform you that the European Food Safety Authority (EFSA) has launched a public consultation on a **draft scientific opinion on the appropriate age for introduction of complementary feeding into an infant's diet**. This opinion was drafted following the methodology of a systematic review and subsequent meta-analyses of the data (including exploration of the performance of different between-study variance estimators).

This review is an assessment of the scientific evidence on whether there are any developmental determinants for the introduction of complementary foods, and whether there are any adverse effects or benefits associated with the introduction of complementary foods before 6 months of age. It covers 14 outcomes e.g. weight, coeliac disease, atopic diseases or food preferences and eating habits.

Interested parties can **submit comments** by **29 May 2019**.

Should you have any questions on this public consultation, please contact us at nda_admin@efsa.europa.eu.

[Link to EFSA Newstory](#)

[Link to Public Consultation](#)

REMINDER: EFSA Public consultations - Scientific opinions on Dietary Reference Values for sodium and chloride & technical meeting with stakeholders – 07 May Brussels

We would like to kindly remind you that the European Food Safety Authority (EFSA) launched **two public consultations on the draft scientific opinions on Dietary Reference Values (DRVs) for sodium and chloride** and that the deadline for the interested parties to submit comments is **22 May 2019**.

These documents propose Dietary Reference Values for sodium and chloride for adults, pregnant and lactating women, infants and children.

Please find at the bottom of this email the links to the dedicated webpages where you can still contribute to the discussion.

As previously communicated, EFSA organised also a **meeting with stakeholders as part of the consultation process** in order to present its draft opinions on Dietary Reference Values (DRVs) for sodium and chloride, provide clarifications and collect comments from stakeholders.

The meeting will take place on **7 May 2019 in Brussels, Belgium**. Please find below the link to the event.

Should you still have some doubts regarding the meeting, please do not hesitate to write to the organising committee at events@efsa.europa.eu

PUBLIC CONSULTATIONS: [Draft reference values for sodium and chloride – have your say](#)

Sodium : <https://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/consultations/call/190403>

Chloride: <https://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/consultations/call/190403-0>

TECHNICAL MEETING : [Technical meeting with stakeholders on the draft opinions on Dietary Reference Values for sodium and chloride](#)

Events

Luxembourg Microbiology Day 2019

It is my great pleasure to announce the Programme and open registration for the 2019 edition of the Luxembourg Microbiology Day!

Date: May **14th 2019, 9:30 - 17:30**, followed by a festive cocktail

Location: **Centre Hospitalier de Luxembourg**, Strassen (L), Conference Amphitheatre

We are highly thankful to our 2019 sponsors, Gilead and EFSA (European Food Safety Agency), for making this event possible and for awarding the best oral presentations by our PhD students and post-doc fellows.

Registration deadline (including payment of the LSfM membership fee for 2019): **May 3rd 2019**.

For more information concerning programme and registration: <http://microbiology.lu/lsfm-day-2019/>

First announcement of the forthcoming 1st RAWC Scientific Conference 2020 "BETTER SCIENCE FOR BETTER ANIMAL WELFARE", 10-11.03.2020 in Thessaloniki, Greece

We would like to share with you information provided by our animal welfare colleague Dr. Madlen Vasileva about the first announcement of the forthcoming **1st RAWC Scientific Conference 2020 "BETTER SCIENCE FOR BETTER ANIMAL WELFARE"** that will be held on **10-11.03.2020 in Thessaloniki, Greece**.

The conference aims to bring together regional experts and experts from the Balkans to exchange and share their views in order to promote the development of animal welfare science in the great Balkan region. Plenary lectures, specific presentations as well as posters and seminars will be presented. Three prominent European experts have been invited as honorary speakers.

The conference can be attended by presenting an oral presentation or a poster.

The final program is expected to be published by 15 June 2019.

The participation fee is as follow:

- Early bird registration - deadline December 15, 2019 (€ 199)
- Regular participation fee for a participant - after December 15, 2019 (€ 250)
- For students (full-time or postgraduate) - (180 €)

* The participation fee includes: participation in all lectures, conference materials and Gala Dinner.

More details can be found on the official website of the conference: <https://mikustomislav.wixsite.com/rawcconference2020>, and in the attached document.

To register for participation please visit <https://conference.rawc.eu/>.

If you have any further questions about the registration process, the program, or general information, do not hesitate to contact the conference organizing team at: conference2020@rawc.eu, or Dr Madlen Vasileva at the following e-mail address: MVasileva@mzh.government.bg.

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

We would like to remind you that the one-day **Symposium on generic risk assessment for introduction of animal diseases** is taking place on **15 May 2019** in The Netherlands.

This event is organised to disseminate results of the G-RAID project (Generic approaches for Risk Assessment of Infectious animal Disease introduction).

The deadline to register is 6 May 2019.

Please refer to the attached flyer for general information and do not hesitate to visit the webpage at the bottom of this email or directly contact Mrs. Clazien J. de Vos clazien.devos@wur.nl (Department of Bacteriology and Epidemiology- Wageningen Bioveterinary Research) for further details.

SYMPOSIUM: GENERIC RISK ASSESSMENT FOR INTRODUCTION OF ANIMAL DISEASES
<https://www.wur.nl/en/show/SYMPOSIUM-Generic-risk-assessment-for-introduction-of-animal-diseases.htm>

Training

Webinar: Find out more about EFSA's Traineeship, 29 May at 3.30 p.m.(CET)

We would like to inform you, especially the organisations working with and reaching young university graduates, about the **webinar on EFSA's traineeship opportunities**. The webinar is aimed at participants who consider as the next career step one-year paid traineeship at EFSA.

The webinar is scheduled on Wednesday **29th May 2019** from **15:30** o'clock in duration of 60 minutes.

More information incl. draft [agenda](#) and [online registration](#) are available at this EFSA webpage: <https://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/events/event/190529>.

Should you have any questions or doubts, please contact EFSA at webinars@efsa.europa.eu.

Publications

#EUandMyFood

EFSA has launched the campaign **#EUandMyFood** to raise awareness about the EU food safety system. The campaign will run until the European Parliament elections aiming to show in this period how the **EU food safety system**, through the work of EFSA, the EU institutions and Member States, **contributes to our lives**.

The European Food Safety Authority. We're with you every step of the way - keeping Europe's food safe. Want to know more? Visit <https://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/eu-and-my-food>

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