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Calls

Call for proposals - GP/EFSA/ALPHA/2019/01 - Entrusting support tasks in the area of Plant health - Commodity risk assessment for High Risk Plants

Call for proposals reference: GP/EFSA/ALPHA/2019/01 - **Entrusting support tasks in the area of Plant health - Commodity risk assessment for High Risk Plants**

Link to the **call documents**:

<http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/art36grants/article36/gpefsaalpha201901-entrusting-support-tasks-area>

The deadline for submission of proposals is **Monday 30th September 2019**.

This call for proposals aims to identify organisations for which tasks falling within the **plant health** mission of the Animal & Plant Health Unit can be entrusted by EFSA. In particular, these tasks regard the **commodity risk assessment** and/or **assessment of commodity treatments** for the evaluation of the technical dossiers sent by Third Countries for High Risk Plants.

You can find more specifics on the main objective in the call documents (ref. the [link](#) above) and generally on the concept of tasking grants [here](#).

Call for laboratories to participate in proficiency tests on microplastics in drinking water and sediments

EFSA is pleased to inform you that the Joint Research Centre (JRC), together with the German Federal Institute for Materials Research and Testing (BAM), is launching a call for expert laboratories, to participate in the **proficiency tests on specific microplastics in water (bottled water, drinking water) and polyethylene in sediments**.

We would like to inform you that the **deadline for the interested expert laboratories to express their interest for participating is 1 September 2019**.

More information: [Call for laboratories to participate in proficiency tests on microplastics in drinking water and sediments](#)

Events

Invitation workshop "Physicochemical characterization of nano-sized particles in food"

The Belgian Focal Point has the pleasure to invite you to a workshop on "Physicochemical characterization of nano-sized particles in food" that will take place on 19th and 20th September in Belgium.

The workshop is organized by [Sciensano](#) - the Belgian institute for health.

SCOPE OF THE WORKSHOP:

- The workshop will provide training to young and experienced researchers on the measurement approach for the physicochemical characterization of nanosized particles in food additives (including E171 and E174) and in food products by transmission electron microscopy (TEM).
- The participants will gain practical experience in sample/TEM-specimen preparation and in the application of the ParticleSizer software for the analysis of TEM images.
- The analytical capacities of state-of-the-art methodologies to implement guidance and legislation based on (automated) analytical TEM will be illustrated and demonstrated.

The second day is technical/practical but it is possible to register only for the first day.

Please register until September 3rd by writing an email to Eveline.Verleysen@sciensano.be. Registration is free.

Please find more information in the attached document.

12 Scientific conference of the Bulgarian Focal Point „Climate changes – a global threat for the food chain”

The Bulgarian Focal Point is pleased to invite you at our 12th **Scientific conference of the Bulgarian Focal Point of EFSA „Climate changes – a global threat for the food chain”** that will be held on **25th of October 2019** at Grand Hotel Sofia, Sofia.

The Program of the Conference will be send to you on later stage.

The registration for the event shall be made in advance on-line on the Bulgarian focal point website at the following link: <http://www.focalpointbg.com/?event=5> not later than **06th of September 2019**.

The participation in the Conference is free of charge. All the other expenses of the participants have to be covered by their organization.

More information: see attached document.

1st RAWC Scientific Conference 2020 "BETTER SCIENCE FOR BETTER ANIMAL WELFARE", 10-11.03.2020 in Thessaloniki, Greece

The Greek Focal Point would like to invite you to 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.

Main topics are as follows:

- **Animals in communities** (*companion animals, stray animals, backyard and traditional farming, One Health,...*)
- **Animals in food production** (*on farm, transport, slaughter,...*)
- **Human-animal relationship** (*socio-economic and ethical context,...*)
- **Animals and the environment** (*ZOO, climate impact, protection of habitats, wildlife population management, ecology modeling, One Welfare,...*)
- **Animals in research and education** (*3R, harm/benefit analysis, humane endpoints,...*)

Deadline for abstract submission is **1st of November**, and selected abstracts will have the opportunity to publish full papers in Journal Veterinarski Arhiv (SCI EXP) free of charge.

More details can be found on the official website of the conference: <https://mikustomislav.wixsite.com/rawconference2020>, the website of RAWC - www.rawc.eu, and in the attached document.

To register for participation please visit <https://conference.rawc.eu/>. There are registration fees

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.

More information: see attached document

Publications

Special issue of the EFSA Journal on the EFSA Conference 2018 - Science, Food, Society

We are glad to inform you that the special issue of the **EFSA Journal on the EFSA Conference 2018 - Science, Food, Society** is now available for consultation and download.

Link to the dedicated EFSA Journal webpage: [Special Issue: Proceedings of the Third EFSA Scientific Conference: Science, Food and Society Guest](#)

EFSA GMO Network meeting documents published

We are glad to inform you that the **minutes of the 10th GMO Network** meeting which took place in Parma, Italy from 18 to 19 June 2019 have been published on the EFSA website and shared with the GMO Network members.

Link to the minutes and to the given presentations: [10th Meeting of the GMO Network](#)

Minutes of 4th Advisory Forum Task Force on Data Collection Data Monitoring

We would like to inform you that the **minutes of the last Advisory Forum Task Force on Data Collection Data Monitoring** which was held in Reykjavik, Iceland on 2 July 2019 have been published on the EFSA website.

Minutes: [4th Meeting of Advisory Forum Task Force on Data Collection and Data Modelling](#)

Other

REMINDER: Survey on data visualisation products - Chemical Mixtures Interactive Infographic

We would like to remind you that EFSA has developed several tools to graphically display data. One of these is the **interactive tool explaining the main issues and concepts within chemical mixtures** through graphics and animations. The tool complements the guidance on harmonised methods for assessing risks from combined exposure to multiple chemicals for humans, animals and the environment.

Link to the tool: [Chemical Mixtures Interactive Infographic](#)

We would like to ask for your valuable feedback on EFSA different visual tools through a **short 5-minute survey**. Input from users helps ensuring that data visualisation products such as the Dietary Reference Values finder or interactive tool for Antimicrobial Resistance are continuously improved upon.

Link to the survey: [Data visualisation products survey](#)