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LUXEMBOURGISH EFSA FOCAL POINT NEWSLETTER

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Calls for tenders and proposals

Upcoming calls (Horizon 2020 - next deadline: 22/01/2020)

Find a regularly updated list of upcoming calls on the EFSA website. This list includes also calls from the Horizon 2020 Programme:

<https://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/engage/upcoming-calls>

Events

SAVE THE DATE | Modern technologies to enable response to crises: Next Generation Sequencing to tackle food-borne diseases in the EU | March, 10 2020

We are pleased to inform you that the working group on Next Generation Sequencing (NGS) of the EURLs biorisks (Anti-Microbial Resistance, Campylobacter, E. coli, Foodborne viruses, Listeria, Parasite, Salmonella and Staphylococci) coordinated by Stefano Morabito (EURL E. coli, ISS, Rome, Italy) is organising a **“Science meets policy” conference** with the support of the Med-Vet-Net association.

This event entitled **“Modern technologies to enable response to crises: Next Generation Sequencing to tackle food-borne diseases in the EU”** will take place at the **Istituto Superiore di Sanità in Rome on 10 March 2020.**

It aims to discuss the vision and challenges of the NGS technology in its adoption at the EU level as well as in its use for multi country outbreaks. This would be the place to highlight possible hindrances to endorse NGS at country level, the need for a legal framework but also to consider possible solutions.

For more details please find attached a flyer describing the initiative and the provisional agenda.

Online registration: <https://w3.iss.it/site/sanvevent>

Training

REGISTRATION OPEN - 9th BfR-Summer Academy on Risk Assessment and Risk Communication in Food Safety

The BfR is pleased to announce that the registration for the **9th BfR-Summer Academy on Risk Assessment and Risk Communication in Food Safety in Berlin** is now open!

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.

Please apply until March 15, 2020. More details can be found [here](#) and in the attached flyer.

Please contact summeracademy@bfr.bund.de in case of questions or for further details.

Publications

ANSES (Agence nationale de sécurité sanitaire) annual report and work programme

The ANSES annual report for 2018 in English is available *via* this link :

<https://www.anses.fr/en/content/anses-annual-reports> .

The ANSES work programme for 2020 is available *via* this link:

<https://www.anses.fr/en/content/anses-publishes-its-work-programme-2020>

ANSES work programme sets the course for its actions in all its areas of expertise: food, animal health and welfare, environmental health, plant health and protection, and occupational health.

Rabbit cages: EFSA identifies welfare issues

New EFSA publication : The welfare of adult rabbits kept in conventional cage systems is worse than that of those housed in other systems used in the EU, EFSA has concluded. The main welfare issue they experience is restricted movement. The findings are part of a comprehensive comparison of the different rabbit housing systems used in the EU.

News : [Rabbit cages: EFSA identifies welfare issues](#)

Scientific Opinions on welfare issues associated with farming of rabbits:

- [Scientific opinion on health and welfare of rabbits farmed in different production systems](#)
- [Scientific opinion concerning stunning methods and slaughter of rabbits for human consumption](#)
- [Scientific opinion concerning killing of rabbits for reasons other than slaughter](#)

Recruitment

Project coordinator

ANSES recruits a **project coordinator for the new European Reference Centre for the welfare of poultry and other small farmed animals (EURCAW)**.

In 2019, ANSES was designated to coordinate the Center with partners from Spain (Irta), Italy (Izslar) and Denmark (Aarhus university). The center is covering the welfare of poultry and other small farmed animals from farm to transportation and slaughter.

More information in the attached PDF.

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

We would like to remind you that **EFSA's Fellowship Programme is open to applications!**

The **EU FORA Programme** is looking for early to mid-career scientists to get a hands-on experience at leading European organisations in the food safety area.

The **12-month paid Programme** is a unique opportunity for young professionals who will start a challenging journey in different hosting sites across the EU.

With the "learning-by doing" approach of the Fellowship Programme, the Fellows will gain extensive knowledge of various scientific aspects related to Food Safety Risk Assessment.

They will also benefit from several high-level trainings including a 3-week induction training at EFSA and further training modules spread over the 12 months of the Fellowship at several leading European Food Safety Institutions.

The candidates should:

- be nationals of a Member State of the European Union or EFTA state;
- have a good knowledge of English language (at least B2 level according to CEFR);
- have a full university degree of minimum 3 years in a field relevant to food safety;
- have less than 15 years of experience in Food Safety.

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

More information:

EFSA's CAREERS - YOUNG PROFESSIONALS : [EU-FORA – The European Food Risk Assessment Fellowship Programme: apply now for fourth round!](#)

CALL FOR EU-FORA PROGRAMME 2020: [EFSA European Food Risk Assessment Fellowship Programme 2020](#)