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Calls

EFSA grant - Call for proposals - GP/EFSA/ALPHA/2020/02 - Reduce risk assessment uncertainties: data collection on antibiotics for control of plant pathogenic bacteria | DL 30/10/2020

We would like you to support EFSA in promoting the call for proposals “**Reduce risk assessment uncertainties: data collection on antibiotics for control of plant pathogenic bacteria**” - reference: GP/EFSA/ALPHA/2020/02.

This call for proposals aims to reduce the uncertainties related to assessment of risk reduction options for plant pathogenic bacteria causing systemic plant diseases.

Please note that the deadline for submission of proposals is **30 October 2020**.

In case of any queries related to this Call, please do not hesitate to address them to EFSAProcurement@efsa.europa.eu by indicating the Call reference.

Call for proposals : [GP/EFSA/ALPHA/2020/02 - Reduce risk assessment uncertainties: data collection on antibiotics for control of plant pathogenic bacteria](#)

Public Consultations

REMINDER: Public Consultation on draft EFSA Statement on the derivation of Health-Based Guidance Values (HBGVs) for regulated products that are also nutrients

We would like to inform you that EFSA's Scientific Committee has launched an open consultation on its draft EFSA Statement on the derivation of Health-Based Guidance Values (HBGVs) for regulated products that are also nutrients.

This draft approach aims to harmonise assessments of the intake of these nutrients, the potentially hazardous properties of excessive intakes, and the overall risks for consumers. EFSA is holding a public consultation on the draft so that other scientific experts, organisations with an interest in the food chain, and members of the public can submit their views on the Scientific Committee's proposal.

Please note that the deadline for interested parties to submit written comments is **15 September 2020**.

In case of any questions or enquiries on the consultation, please contact the scientific unit's functional mailbox SCER.PublicConsult.EUS.008@efsa.europa.eu.

NEWS : [Have your say - public consultation on harmonised approach for nutrients in regulated products](#)

PUBLIC CONSULTATION : [Public Consultation on draft EFSA Statement on the derivation of Health-Based Guidance Values \(HBGVs\) for regulated products that are also nutrients](#)

Events

Info session on "Climate change as a driver of emerging risks for food and feed safety, plant, animal health and nutritional quality"

We would like to inform you that an EFSA-led international team has developed a method to identify and define climate-related emerging risks for food and feed, nutrition, plant and animal health. A new report, accessible under [this link](#), details the CLEFSA approach.

Please note that an **online info session** will be held on **8 October 2020, 9:00-12:00 CET** and the **registration is now open** [on the website](#).

The registration may close once the maximum number of 500 participants is reached or, at the latest, by 30 September 2020.

In case of any questions or enquiries on the event, please contact events@efsa.europa.eu

Webinar: The EFSA host plant database of Xylella spp | 25 September 2020

We would like to invite you to participate to the webinar "**The EFSA host plant database of Xylella spp**".

This webinar will explain the structure and features of the EFSA database on *Xylella* spp host plants. The webinar is also part of EFSA's contribution to the [International Year of Plant Health](#).

For your information, the webinar is scheduled on **Friday 25th September 2020 from 13:30 to 14:30 (CET)** and [the registration to attend is open](#).

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

WEBINAR : [Webinar: The EFSA host plant database of Xylella spp](#)

SIOtoSYS lecture by Prof. Xavier DE BOLLE : "Brucella abortus, a polarized bacterial pathogen with a peculiar envelope"

It is our pleasure to invite you to join us for an online SIOtoSYS (From Single Organisms to Systems Ecology and Evolution) Lecture given by Prof. Xavier DE BOLLE on Wednesday, Oct 07, 2020 11:45 AM.

TOPIC: "Brucella abortus, a polarized bacterial pathogen with a peculiar envelope"

The online meeting opens a bit earlier so that the audience can join before the talk starts at 12:00.

The link to join is

<https://unilu.webex.com/unilu/onstage/g.php?MTID=e77fec309072c324318d5d3a6d0b14118>

Please find further information in the attached flyer

Publications

EFSA scientific opinion "Risk assessment of glycoalkaloids in feed and food, in particular in potatoes and potato-derived products"

We would like to inform you that today 11 August 2020 EFSA published the scientific opinion "**Risk assessment of glycoalkaloids in feed and food, in particular in potatoes and potato-derived products**".

EFSA has in fact assessed the risks to human and animal health related to the presence of glycoalkaloids in food and feed, particularly in potatoes and products derived from potatoes, identifying a health concern for infants and toddlers, considering both mean and high consumers.

For any further questions on the scientific opinion, please contact contam@efsa.europa.eu.

NEWS: [Glycoalkaloids in potatoes: public health risks assessed](#)

SCIENTIFIC OPINION: [Risk assessment of glycoalkaloids in feed and food, in particular in potatoes and potato-derived products](#)

EFSA publications: Guidance on epidemiological studies

We are pleased to inform you that a **draft guidance on appraising and integrating evidence from epidemiological studies for use in EFSA's scientific assessments** has been published for a trial phase of one year. The document is available here: <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/efsajournal/pub/6221>

The respective guidance has been developed by EFSA's Scientific Committee. Considerable effort has been put by a Scientific Committee working group in the development of three chapters providing an introduction on epidemiological studies, on key epidemiological concepts relevant for evidence appraisal and on appraising and integrating evidence from epidemiological studies, respectively.

The Scientific Committee agreed at its June 2020 plenary to publish a draft of its Guidance on appraising and integrating evidence from epidemiological studies for a trial phase of one year.

The finalisation of the guidance is envisaged after the trial phase in 2021.

INFOSAN Resource Spotlight: Whole genome sequencing for foodborne disease Surveillance

[Whole genome sequencing for foodborne disease Surveillance](#)

COVID and Food safety

We would like to share with you a new Opinion (published on 3 Sept 2020) produced by the ICMSF (International Commission on Microbiological Specifications for Foods)

ICMSF opinion on SARS-CoV-2 and its relationship to food safety (document attached)

It very much concurs with the views already expressed by EFSA and by a number of national food authorities.