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Calls

EFSA grant - Call for proposals - GP/EFSA/SCER/2020/03 - Use of New Approach Methodologies (NAMs) for the hazard assessment of nanofibers | DL 03/11/2020

We would like you to support EFSA in promoting the call for proposals “**Use of New Approach Methodologies (NAMs) for the hazard assessment of nanofibers**” – reference: **GP/EFSA/SCER/2020/03**

- **Lot 1:** nanocellulose oral exposure: gastrointestinal digestion, nanofibers uptake and local effects
- **Lot 2:** exploring the use of gut-on-a-chip models

This call for proposals aims to design and conduct a set of NAM-based studies for addressing the current data gaps and to offer a proposal for including the results in the regulatory hazard assessment of nanocellulose for consumers exposed via food. You can find more specifics on the main objective in the call documents.

Please note that the deadline for submission of proposals is **Tuesday 3rd November 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/SCER/2020/03 - Use of New Approach Methodologies \(NAMs\) for the hazard assessment of nanofibers. Lot 1: nanocellulose oral exposure: gastrointestinal digestion, nanofibers uptake and local effects. Lot 2: exploring the use of gut-on-a-chip models for risk assessments of nanofibers](#)

Call for proposals reference: GP/EFSA/AMU/2020/03 - Automating some specific steps of Systematic Review process using Artificial Intelligence – DL: 15/01/2021

We would like you to support EFSA in promoting the call for proposals (grant) “**Automating some specific steps of Systematic Review process using Artificial Intelligence**” – reference: **GP/EFSA/AMU/2020/03**

This call for proposals is divided in two lots:

- **Lot 1** aims to support EFSA in its collaboration with ICASR (International Collaboration for the Automation of Systematic Reviews)
- **Lot 2** aims to increase level of automation in data extraction phase.

Please find more specifics on the main objective in the call documents.

Please note that the deadline for submission of proposals is **15 January 2021**

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/AMU/2020/03 - Support for Automating some specific steps of Systematic Review process using Artificial Intelligence](#)

Publication of the Horizon 2020 Green Deal Call

We are pleased to announce the **publication of the Horizon 2020 Green Deal Call**.

This new H2020 call will offer opportunities to foster the contribution of R&I to EU Green Deal objectives, such as those related to the Farm to fork Strategy, the Biodiversity Strategy or to the zero-pollution ambition for a toxic-free environment.

You will find online **details on the topics** of this Horizon 2020 call by [clicking here](#), including opening date and deadline for submitting proposals (PDF text [here](#)).

Please note also that relevant calls in EFSA's remit are directly accessible through EFSA's Research Platform: <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/engage/research-platform>

For questions or clarifications on this call or other Horizon 2020 activities you may approach the dedicated Research Enquire Service of the Commission ([link](#)) and/or the network of National Contact Points ([link](#)).

Public Consultations

PUBLIC CONSULTATION: draft scientific opinion as regards maximum levels of cross-contamination for 24 antimicrobial | 18 November 2020

Dear Focal Points,

EFSA's Panel on Biological Hazards (BIOHAZ) has launched an open consultation on several sections of the draft scientific opinion on "maximum levels of cross-contamination for 24 antimicrobial active substances in non-target feed". These sections include the description of the methodology proposed to answer the term of reference 1 of the mandate, which is related to antimicrobial resistance development, the uncertainties associated with it, and the data gaps/other considerations identified.

Additional sections of the draft opinion are shared to provide the background, contextualize the methodology, and to provide an example of the assessment if the methodology would be used (e.g. tetracyclines). These additional sections are provided only for information and are not submitted for consultation.

Please note that the deadline for interested parties to submit written comments is **18 November 2020**.

Please find [here](#) the link to the dedicated EFSA webpage where you will find all relevant information and documents. https://ec.europa.eu/eusurvey/runner/Public_consultation_AMR_GP_feed

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

Public consultation on the draft scientific guidance for the preparation of applications on smoke flavouring primary products - 16 November 2020.

We would like to inform you that EFSA has published a **public consultation on the draft scientific guidance for the preparation of applications on smoke flavouring primary products**.

This document provides guidance to applicants on the data to be included in applications for the authorisation of new smoke flavouring primary products, as well as for the modification or for the renewal of existing authorisations, submitted under Articles 7, 11 and 12 of Regulation (EC) No 2065/2003.

Please note that the deadline for interested parties to submit written comments is **16 November 2020**.

We would like to draw your kind attention also to the advertised **Technical hearing on the draft scientific guidance on smoke flavouring primary products** scheduled on **5 November** (during the public consultation period) as a virtual meeting.

This event is aimed at exchanging views on the content of the draft guidance document and to discuss the comments raised during the public consultation. An on-line registration form will be made available within the next few days on the EFSA website to allow the registration of interested participants. For your convenience, we anticipate you that the technical hearing will be open to all interested stakeholders up to a maximum of 100 participants. Please consult the EFSA website on a regular basis for more information on the subject.

In case of any questions or enquiries on the consultation, please contact the scientific unit's functional mailbox FIP.PublicConsul.EUS.003@efsa.europa.eu

PUBLIC CONSULTATION : [Public consultation on the draft scientific guidance for the preparation of applications on smoke flavouring primary products](#)

Events

Webinar | Detect your pests: practical statistical framework | 21 October 2020

We would like to invite you to participate to the webinar “**Detect your pests: practical statistical framework**”.

This webinar will guide participants through the process of designing a detection survey in a statistically sound and risk-based framework. The webinar is part of EFSA's contribution to the [International Year of Plant Health](#).

For your information, the webinar is scheduled on **Wednesday 21 October 2020, from 15.00 to 16.00 (CEST)** and [the registration to attend is open](#).

Please find more information about agenda and registration on the link at the bottom of this email.

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

WEBINAR: [Detect your pests: practical statistical framework](#)

Upcoming EFSA's open plenary meetings, October - November 2020

We would like to remind you that during the months of October and November it will be possible to **observe upcoming EFSA's open plenary meetings** by registering online from the dedicated [webpage](#).

[141st plenary meeting of the BIOHAZ Panel - open for observers](#)

21 October 2020 to 22 October 2020 - [Registration open](#)

[150th Plenary meeting of the FEEDAP Panel - open for observers](#)

18 November 2020 to 19 November 2020 - [Registration open](#)

[108th Plenary meeting of the NDA Panel - open for observers](#)

24 November 2020 to 26 November 2020 - Registration available soon

[113th Plenary meeting of the Panel on Plant Protection Products and their Residues \(PPR\) - open for observers](#)

10 November 2021 to 11 November 2021 - Registration available soon

Invitation | "The fragility of trust in regulatory science: challenges, opportunities and future prospects" | 20/10/2020

The European Food Safety Authority (EFSA) and the US Food and Drug Administration (FDA) have the pleasure to invite you to the "The fragility of trust in regulatory science: challenges, opportunities and future prospects". The event will take place online on the 28th of October 2020 at 14:30 CET.

Attached herewith you will find the official invitation announcement. **Please confirm your participation at the following [link](#) by October 20th at 12:00.**

Participation to the event is limited to no more than 3 participants per organisation. We suggest participation of senior level communication experts who will bring their direct experience on the Agency's food safety communication activities and interaction with stakeholders and general public. EFSA and FDA reserve the right to screen registrations and prioritise requests in case this number is exceeded.

We will share the event agenda with confirmed participants in the coming weeks. Should you have any questions do not hesitate to contact the EFSA secretariat (Mr Mihai Popa, mihai.popa@ext.efsa.europa.eu).

Online conference of the Polish Institute of Plant Protection - NRI: "New plant protection strategies", 10-12 February 2021

The Polish EFSA Focal Point would like to kindly invite you to the Plant Protection Conference – 61st Scientific Session of the Institute of Plant Protection – NRL, which will take place on 10 -12 February 2021. Due to the epidemiological situation this will be held online.

The subject of the event will deal with the two European Commission strategies: „From farm to fork” and „For biodiversity”.

Please find enclosed the 1st Statement with the relevant details.

An online registration is available here: <https://www.snior.pl/?lang=en>

Publications

EFSA's scientific opinion "Risk to human health related to the presence of PFAS in food"

We are pleased to inform you that EFSA published today a **scientific opinion on the risks to human health arising from the presence of perfluoroalkyl substances, or PFAS, in food.**

Experts set a new safety threshold for the main PFAS, that accumulate in the body, a group tolerable weekly intake (TWI) of 4.4 nanogram per kilogram of body weight per week.

The scientific opinion addresses the feedback received from scientific organisations, citizens, and competent authorities in Member States during a two-month consultation period between February 2020 and April 2020.

SCIENTIFIC OPINION

PFAS in food: EFSA assesses risks and sets tolerable intake

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news in German	https://bit.ly/2GWbEuV
news in Italian	https://bit.ly/3kg1L9L
news in Spanish	https://bit.ly/32tkMQ9

Final Report of the AF TF on Data Collection and Data Modelling -published online

We are pleased to inform you that the [final report of the Advisory Forum Task Force on Data Collection and Data Modelling](#) has been published under EFSA Supporting publications on Wiley Online.

During the 67th AF meeting (February 2018) a **Task Force on data-related issues** was agreed to be created. The Task Force was composed by AF members (or their representatives), chaired by Hungary and supported by EFSA. The main objectives of the Task Force were to review, from a strategic perspective, the data collection and reporting processes, the data model and IT infrastructure that are used in the sharing of data between data providers and EFSA, and to formulate recommendations at a strategic level. The objectives of the Task Force were in connection to EFSA's data-related activities and are presented in the final report of the Task Force.

The final report and the recommendations of the Task Force are the result of discussions at 14 meetings over the period of September 2018 to July 2020. The report also contains the resulting vision of a future ideal food safety system, as well as conclusions and recommendations for identified quick wins, short- to medium-term and long-term actions.

[Report of the AF TF on Data Collection and Data Modelling](#)

OPINION of the French Agency for Food, Environmental and Occupational Health & Safety on two cases of severe acute life-threatening hepatitis associated with consumption of the food supplement Chewable Hair Vitamins®

We are pleased to announce that the ANSES opinion is available now in English via the following link <https://www.anses.fr/en/system/files/NUT2019SA0212EN.pdf>.

Report on the World Food Safety Day 2020

Infosan is delighted to share with you the report of the *World Food Safety Day 2020: Overview of an inspiring virtual celebration*. The document was presented at the opening of the Codex Alimentarius Commission by the WHO Director-General Dr Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus. "Under the theme 'Food safety, everyone's business', the WHO-led event focused on building and maintaining safe food in

marketplaces,” he said, referring to the UN Day while holding up a copy of the report for participants to see.

The report, *World Food Safety Day 2020 - Overview of an inspiring virtual celebration*, offers a glimpse of the more than 100 different activities, events and campaigns that were held in more than 60 countries.

Report:

[Journée internationale de la sécurité sanitaire des aliments 2020 – Tour d’horizon d’une célébration virtuelle emplie d’inspiration, 7 juin 2020](#)

[World Food Safety Day 2020 – Overview of an inspiring virtual celebration, 7 June 2020](#)