



# **FOOD RESEARCH IN SUPPORT TO SCIENCE-BASED REGULATIONS:**

Challenges for producers and consumers

**21–22 April, 2009**  
**Prague Congress Centre, Czech Republic**

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# April 21, 2009

**8:00–10:00 REGISTRATION**

**9:00–9.45 OPENING CEREMONY AND WELCOME**

*Czech governmental and public representatives*

Petr Gandalovic (Minister of Agriculture of the Czech Republic), Milena Vicenova (Czech Ambassador in EU, Brussels), Josef Koubek (Rector of the Institute of Chemical Technology, Prague), Miroslav Toman (President of Federation of the Food and Drink Industries of the Czech Republic)

**EU COMMISSION**

**Paola Testori Coggi**

European Commission General Director “Health and Consumers”

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**Plenary session I (South Hall)**

**EU POSITION IN FOOD SAFETY AREA AND INTERNATIONAL COLLABORATION**

Chairwoman/chairman: Prof. Jana Hajslova (Institute of Chemical Technology, Prague, Czech Rep.) and Dr. Christian Patermann (KBBE Coordinator, Northrhine Westphalia, Germany)

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**9:45–10:15 TASTE OF A FUTURE: TOMORROW'S RESEARCH SUPPORTING HIGH QUALITY OF FOOD AT EU MARKET**

**Dr. Timothy Hall**

European Commission, DG Research, Director of Directorate E – Biotechnology, Food Processing Industry  
Head of unit of Agriculture, Forestry, Fisheries, Aquaculture Research,

**Dr. Antonio Di Giulio**

European Commission, DG Research, Directorate E–Biotechnologies, Agriculture and Food  
Head of unit of Food–Health–Well-Being

**10:15–11:15 ADVANCES IN AGRI-FOOD RESEARCH: INPUT OF CZECH UNIVERSITIES**

**University of Veterinary and Pharmaceutical Sciences Brno**

**Institute of Chemical Technology, Prague**

**Mendel University of Agriculture and Forestry in Brno**

**Czech University of Life Sciences Prague**

**University of South Bohemia in České Budějovice**

**11:15–11:45 Coffee Break**

**11:45–12:10 OVERVIEW OF RECENT AND FUTURE EU LEGISLATION RELATED TO FOOD SAFETY, WITH FOCUS ON CONTAMINANTS (Regulatory Issues and International Developments)**

**Dr. Frans Verstraete**

European Commission, DG Health and Consumers (DG SANCO)

**12:10–12:35 CODEX ALIMENTARIUS? IT'S A WASTE OF TIME, ISN'T IT?**

**Dr. Jerome Lepeintre**

European Commission, DG Health and Consumer Protection (DG SANCO), Directorate D – Animal Health and Welfare, Head of Unit of International Questions (multilateral)

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**12:35–13:00 FOODCHAIN SAFETY, USDA EXPERIENCES**

**Prof. James Lindsay**

Nutrition, Food Safety / Quality, National Program Leader, Food Safety & Health, United States  
Department of Agriculture (USDA), Agricultural Research Service (ARS), USA

**13:00–14:30 Lunch**

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**Plenary session II (South Hall)**

**FOOD QUALITY AND SAFETY CONTROL**

Chairmen: Prof. Karel Melzoch (Institute of Chemical Technology, Prague, Czech Rep.) and John Gilbert (Central Science Laboratory, York, United Kingdom)

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**14:30–14:55 THE ROLE OF EUROPEAN COMMUNITY REFERENCE LABORATORIES TO ENSURE THE IMPLEMENTATION OF LEGISLATION**

**Prof. Franz Ulberth**

European Commission, Joint Research Center, Directorate D–Institute for Reference Materials and Measurements (IRRM), Head of Unit Food Safety and Quality, Geel, Belgium

**14:55–15:20 EMERGING TECHNOLOGIES IN FOOD SAFETY CONTROL**

**Prof. Michel Nielen**

RIKILT- Institute of Food Safety, University Wageningen, The Netherlands

**15:20–15:45 SCIENTIFIC APPROACHES TO TRACEABILITY IN THE FOOD CHAIN**

**Prof. Reiner Wittkowski**

Federal Institute for Risk Assessment (BfR), Berlin, Germany

**15:45–16:15 RECENT EFSA CALLS FOR RESEARCH STUDIES THE CHALLENGES FOR SCIENTIFIC COMMUNITY**

**Prof. Jiri Ruprich**

EFSA management board / National Institute of Public Health, Czech Republic

**16:15–16:40 Coffee Break**

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**Plenary session III (South Hall)**

**CONSUMERS AND FOOD SAFETY ISSUES**

Chairmen: Prof. Jiří Ruprich (National Institute of Public Health, Brno, Czech Rep.) and Dr. Christian Patermann (KBBE Coordinator, Northrhine Westphalia, Germany)

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**16:40–17:05 EMERGING RISKS - HOW INDUSTRY RESPONDS**

**Dr. Beate Kettlitz**

Director of Department Food Policy, Science and R&D, Confederation of the Food and Drink Industries in the EU (CIAA), Brussels, Belgium

**17:05–17:30 DEVELOPING CONSUMER TRUST IN FOOD RISK ANALYSIS. IMPLICATIONS FOR FOOD CHOICE**

**Prof. Lynn Frewer**

University Wageningen, The Netherlands

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**17:30–17:55 EMERGING FOOD SAFETY ISSUES**

**Dr. Leif Busk**

Member of EFSA Advisory Forum / Scientific expert, National Food Administration, Uppsala, Sweden

**17:55–18:20 FOOD ADDITIVES: CONSUMERS' CONCERN?**

**Prof. John Gilbert**

Central Science Laboratory, York, United Kingdom

**19:00–21:00 CONFERENCE DINNER – Prague Congress Centre**

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## **April 22, 2009**

### **Plenary session IV (South Hall)**

#### **NEW TECHNOLOGIES FOR FOOD PRODUCTION**

Chairmen: Ing. Miroslav Koberna (Federation of the Food and Drink Industries of the Czech Republic) and Christophe Cottillon (ACTIA, France)

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**9:00–9:25 IMPROVED TRADITIONAL TECHNOLOGIES**

**Dr. Daniele Rossi**

Director General Federalimentare, Italy / Chairman of Food Research Expert Group of Confederation of the Food and Drink Industries in the EU (CIAA), Brussels, Belgium

**9:25–9:50 EUROPEAN TECHNOLOGY PLATFORM ON FOOD FOR LIFE?**

**Mr. Jean Martin**

President of Confederation of the Food and Drink Industries in the EU (CIAA), Brussels, Belgium

**9:50–10:15 PROCESSING CONTAMINANTS – PROGRESS AND CHALLENGES IN MITIGATION STRATEGIES**

**Dr. Richard Stadler**

Nestlé Product Technology Centre, Orbe, Switzerland

**10:15–10:45 Coffee Break**

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## PARALLEL SESSIONS (round table discussions)

### 10:45–12:40 **A – FOOD SAFETY REGULATION AND RESEARCH CHALLENGES**

#### (South Hall)

Chairwoman/chairman: Jana Hajslova (Institute of Chemical Technology, Prague, Czech Rep.) and Jiri Ruprich (National Institute of Public Health, Brno, Czech Rep.)

### 10:45–11:00 **THE POSITION OF THE CZECH REPUBLIC IN EU RESEARCH PROGRAMME FOOD, AGRICULTURE, FISHERIES, AND BIOTECHNOLOGY**

#### Dr. Nada Konicková

Head of National Information Centre for European Research, Technology Centre AS CR, Czech Republic

### 11:00–11:15 **COLLABORATION WITH COUNTRIES OUTSIDE THE EU**

#### Dr. Koos de Korte

SenterNovem / EG-Liaison, The Netherlands

### 11:15–11:40 **RESEARCH INTO POLICY – THE UK FSA EXPERIENCE**

#### Mr. Alisdair Wotherspoon

UK FSA Focal Point; Head, Research Coordination, Chief Scientist Team, Food Standards Agency, United Kingdom

### 11:40–12:40 **DISCUSSION**

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### 10:45–12:40 **B – PERSPECTIVES OF FOOD INDUSTRY – MEETING CONSUMERS' DEMANDS**

#### (Chamber Hall)

Chairmen: Ing. Miroslav Koberna (Federation of the Food and Drink Industries of the Czech Republic) and Assoc. Prof. Michal Voldrich (Institute of Chemical Technology, Prague, Czech Rep.)

### 10:45–11:00 **How consumers understand food safety?**

#### Prof. Peter Raspor

Head of Biotechnology, Biotechnical Faculty, University of Ljubljana, Slovenia / President of European Federation of Food Science and Technology (EFFoST)

### 11:00–11:15 **IMPROVEMENT OF FOOD PROCESSING TO OPTIMIZE FOOD QUALITY AND SAFETY: EXAMPLES FROM EU AND ACTIA PROJECTS**

#### Mr. Christophe Cottillon

Deputy Director, Association de Coordination Technique pour l'Industrie Alimentaire (ACTIA), France

### 11:15–11:40 **FOOD SAFETY RESEARCH – THE NL VWA POLICY**

#### Dr. Hub Noteborn

Food and Consumer Product Safety Authority (VWA) Office of Risk Assessment Coordinator Emerging Risks & Strategy / Deputy Director Building CentreCourt, The Hague, The Netherlands

### 11:40–12:40 **DISCUSSION**

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### 12:40–13:00 **CLOSING ADDRESS (South Hall)**

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### 13:00–14:30 **Lunch**

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