

## **First announcement**

### **10<sup>th</sup> Symposium of the Scientific Committee of the Belgian Food Safety Agency**

#### **IMPROVING THE SAFETY OF THE FOOD CHAIN THROUGH RISK PREVENTION IN PLANT AND ANIMAL PRODUCTION**

##### **Preliminary program**

**Friday 28 November 2014**

Auditorium Pacheco  
Pacheco Center – Finance Tower  
Pachecolaan 13  
1000 Brussels

Dear Madam, Dear Sir,

It is with great pleasure that the Scientific Committee of the Belgian Federal Agency for the Safety of the Food Chain announces its upcoming 10<sup>th</sup> symposium which will focus on '**Improving the safety of the food chain through risk prevention in plant and animal production**'. The symposium will take place on the **28<sup>th</sup> of November 2014** in **Brussels** (Auditorium Pacheco, Pachecolaan 13, 1000 Brussels).

Starting from the application of a similar risk assessment approach in the plant and animal production sectors, the symposium will tackle the importance of an effective risk prevention strategy in order to improve the safety of the food chain (and in particular food safety). The program of the symposium is specially designed to attract food chain risk assessors, risk managers, decision makers, stakeholders and consumers. Hereafter you can find the preliminary program.

More practical information on registration will be provided later. Persons who wish to be informed on registration opening and program updates can communicate their e-mail address to [s5.pccb@favv-afsca.be](mailto:s5.pccb@favv-afsca.be).

Do feel free to circulate this information to your colleagues or other professional contacts. We are looking forward to welcome you at the symposium!

Sincerely,

Prof. Dr. E. THIRY

Chair Scientific Committee

9:00	RECEPTION
9:30	<p><b>Welcome</b></p> <p><b>Etienne THIRY</b> Professor Université de Liège – FASFC Scientific Committee Chair</p>
9:40	<p><b>Introduction</b></p> <p>Scope of the symposium. Why this subject? How to relate risk prevention with risk assessment and safety of the food chain?</p> <p><b>Anne LEGREVE and Jeroen DEWULF</b> Professor Université catholique de Louvain – FASFC Scientific Committee Member Professor Universiteit Gent – FASFC Scientific Committee Member</p>
	<p><b>Session 1. Setting the scene: food safety risks related to primary production</b></p>
<b>Chairs:</b>	<p><b>Anne LEGREVE (Professor Université catholique de Louvain – FASFC Scientific Committee Member)</b></p> <p><b>Jeroen DEWULF (Professor Universiteit Gent – FASFC Scientific Committee Member)</b></p>
10:00	<p><b>Changes in plant production and associated phytosanitary and food safety risks: a retrospective look and challenges for the future.</b></p> <p><b>Martin WARD</b> Director-General, European and Mediterranean Plant Protection Organization, Paris (FR)</p>
10:30	<p><b>Changes in animal production and associated animal health and food safety risks: a retrospective look and challenges for the future.</b></p> <p><b>Preben WILLEBERG</b> Adjunct Professor, National Veterinary Institute, Technical University of Denmark, Copenhagen (DK)</p>
11:00	COFFEE BREAK
11:20	<p><b>Trends in resistance against phytopharmaceuticals in plant production. What are the consequences for food safety?</b></p> <p><b>Gert KEMA</b> Dr Ir ing., Plant Research International, Biointeractions &amp; Plant Health, Wageningen UR (NL)</p> <p><b>Comparison with animal production: Jeroen DEWULF</b> Professor Universiteit Gent – FASFC Scientific Committee Member</p>
11:50	<p><b>Invasive species influencing animal health and food safety.</b></p> <p><b>Marius GILBERT</b> FNRS Research Associate Université libre de Bruxelles, Biological Control and Spatial Ecology Unit (ULB-LUBIES)</p> <p><b>Comparison with plant health: Jean-Claude GREGOIRE</b></p>

	Professor Université libre de Bruxelles, Biological Control and Spatial Ecology Unit (ULB-LUBIES)
12:20	RECEPTION + WALKING DINNER
<b>Chairs:</b>	<p><b>Session 2. Vigilance for emerging risks and risk prevention : keystones for success</b></p> <p><b>Claude SAEGERMAN (Professor Université de Liège – FASFC Scientific Committee Member)</b></p> <p><b>Monica HÖFTE (Professor Universiteit Gent)</b></p>
<b>14:00</b>	<p><b>Vigilance for emerging risks in animal health.</b></p> <p><b>Gwenaëlle DAUPHIN</b></p> <p>EMPRES Lab Unit Coordinator, Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations? Roma (IT)</p>
<b>14:30</b>	<p><b>Prevention of introduction and spread of emerging plant pests and diseases.</b></p> <p><b>Michael J JEGER</b></p> <p>Senior Research Investigator, Faculty of Natural Sciences, Centre for Environmental Policy, Imperial College, London (UK)</p>
<b>15:00</b>	COFFEE BREAK
<b>15:30</b>	<p><b>Stakeholders attitudes/perceptions towards risk prevention.</b></p> <p><b>Coralie LUPO</b></p> <p>Veterinary epidemiologist, IFREMER, Laboratoire de Génétique et Pathologie des Mollusques Marins, La Tremblade (FR)</p>
<b>16:00-45</b>	<p><b>Session 3. Round table discussion about risk prevention in the food chain with stakeholders</b></p> <p><b>Frank VAN OSS</b></p> <p>Frank Van Oss Communication and Coaching</p>