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RISK ASSESSMENT
SYMPOSIUM

1st Latin American Risk Assessment Symposium

Building-up a Regional Approach

August 27th–29th, 2019

Agenda



Latin American Risk Assessment Symposium

From August 27th to 29th, 2019, we will discuss current activities and future issues in Food Safety on regional and international levels. In an ever more interconnected world, cooperation is becoming increasingly important. The event provides therefore the opportunity to meet regional colleagues, exchange ideas and jointly shape the future and development of Risk Assessment in Latin America. The programme includes lectures from highly qualified and experienced regional and European experts on the topics of Microbiological Risk Assessment (MRA), Chemical Risk Assessment (CRA) and Antimicrobial Resistance (AMR). Interactive workshops will address current challenges in Risk Assessment and will provide an ideal opportunity for active engagement, collaboration and networking.

The bilingual Symposium is jointly organised by the **Uruguayan Ministry of Livestock, Agriculture and Fisheries (MGAP) and the German Federal Institute for Risk Assessment (BfR)** with the support of the Inter-American Institute for Cooperation on Agriculture (IICA), the Pan American Health Organisation (PAHO), the European Food Safety Authority (EFSA), the Portuguese Economic and Food Safety Authority (ASAE), the Spanish Agency for Food Safety and Nutrition (AESAN) and the Spanish Agency of Medicines and Medical Devices (AEMPS).

Venue

Laboratorio Tecnológico de Uruguay (LATU) – Av. Italia 6201, 11500, Montevideo, Uruguay

Information

For further information please refer to the website of the BfR Academy:
<https://www.bfr-akademie.de/english/events/laras.html>

Language

The symposium will be translated simultaneously into English or Spanish, according to the speaker.

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Day 1, Tuesday 27th August 2019

09:00 am–07:15 pm

Registration and Welcoming Breakfast

09:00–09:45 am

Opening

09:45–11:30 am

Welcome and opening remarks

Ministers of the Southern Agricultural Council (CAS) and German authorities (President of BfR Institute and German Embassy in Uruguay)

Coffee break

11:30–11:45 am

Session 1: Risk analysis and its implications for global health and development

11:45 am–12:25 pm

Chair: Nuri Gras, Executive Secretary ACHIPIA, Chile

Over the past decades, human and animal health has been threatened by antimicrobial resistance, environmental pollution, and the development of multifactorial and chronic diseases. In today's complex but more-connected-than-ever world, the rising trade leads to an increased internationalisation and globalisation of health risks. Due to ongoing changes in current food systems, risk analysis becomes indispensable for health, economic and social science and policies as well as for building trust and transparency in national and international markets. A holistic approach is fundamental for protecting public, animal and plant health as well as the environment.

The increasing complexity of understanding and managing risks leads to unforeseen needs for new and more diverse types of data and larger volumes of evidence to be assessed. In the 21st century knowledge is part of a continuum. The revolution in information technology, better access to scientific information, the ongoing trend towards open access of published research, has sped up and increased the requirements for global research work. New approaches for scientific assessments, reduction of risks, effective communication, as well as an in-depth understanding of the societal context are needed to better address the internationalisation and globalisation of health.

Keynote: Risk assessment on global health and development

Dr Marta Hugas, EFSA Chief Scientist

Session 2: Risk analysis in Latin America

12:25–01:25 pm

Chair: Dr Pedro Portugal Gaspar, Inspector General ASAE, Portugal

Risk Analysis in Latin America, its obstacles and challenges

The Latin American perspective on risk analysis

Dr. Horrys Friaça Silva, Representative of IICA in the USA

12:25–12:55 pm

Risk based management – MGAP experience

P. C. Mariela Mauro Rettich, MGAP, Uruguay

12:55–01:25 pm

Lunch time

01:25–02:30 pm

Session 3: Microbiological risk assessment and its role in foodborne disease outbreaks

02:30–03:45 pm

Chair: *Britt Maestroni, Scientific Officer, IAEA*

A food safety crisis and its lessons learned – EHEC 2011 in Europe: An overview by experts from the two mainly affected European countries – Germany and Spain

EHEC crisis in Europe 2011

Dr Anja Buschulte, BfR, Germany and Dr Milagros Nieto, AESAN, Spain

Session 4: Antimicrobial resistance (AMR) and veterinary drug residues

03:45–07:15 pm

Chair: *Nicole Gollnick, Deputy Head of the Executive Office, BfR, Germany*

AMR as a global public health concern; European and Latin American overview and initiatives; Challenges. Veterinary drug residues in food of animal origin: European overview. Risk assessment of AMR and veterinary drug residues.

AMR as a global public health concern: Latin-American perspective

Dr Simone Raszl, PAHO

03:45–04:15 pm

Coffee break

04:15–04:30 pm

AMR as a global public health concern: European perspective

Case study

Dr Cristina Muñoz and Dr Antonio López, AEMPS, Spain

04:30–05:30 pm

Risk assessment of AMR

Dr Anja Buschulte, BfR, Germany

05:30–05:45 pm

Veterinary drug residues and food safety

Dr David Schumacher, BfR Germany

05:45–06:15 pm

Networking dinner

Starting 06:15 pm

Day 2, Wednesday 28th August 2019

09:00 am–05:30 pm

Chair: *Nicole Gollnick, Deputy Head of the Executive Office, BfR, Germany*

Day 2 will be the interactive part of the symposium. During three workshops the participants will have the opportunity to learn from and with each other while developing ideas and strategies on how to deal with a presented fictional foodborne disease crisis.

The scenarios will demonstrate how a scientific risk assessment can be conducted; both, the European and Latin American perspective will be included. While developing ideas and strategies on how to deal with the presented fictional crises, participants will gain a deeper understanding of the key elements of food safety structures within Latin America. Through the exercises, possible gaps in the current regional food safety structures, but also processes and tools that are already working well (best-practice examples) will be identified.

Introduction

Dr Nicole Gollnick, BfR, Germany

09:00–09:10 am

Session 5: Microbiological risk assessment regarding Shiga toxin-producing *Escherichia coli* (STEC)

Dr Anja Buschulte, BfR, Germany and Dr Ana Canals Caballero, AESAN, Spain
09:10–10:20 am

Session 6: Press conference exercise and risk communication

10:20 am–12:15 pm

Risk communication I

Dr Frederic Müller, BfR, Germany
10:20–10:45 am

Coffee break and preparation for press conference

10:45–11:15 am

Press conference

11:15 am–12:00 pm

Risk communication II

Dr Frederic Müller, BfR, Germany
12:00–12:15 pm

Session 7: Chemical risk assessment regarding veterinary drug residues

Dr David Schumacher, BfR, Germany, Professor Eloisa Dutra Caldas, University of Brasilia, Brazil, Dr Susanne Rath, University of Campinas, Brazil
12:15–01:15 pm

Introduction to workshops

Dr Nicole Gollnick, BfR, Germany
01:15–01:30 pm

Lunch time

01:30–02:30 pm

Workshops, gap analysis and best practices

02:30–05:30 pm

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Coffee break

04:00–04:15 pm

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04:15–05:30 pm

Day 3, Thursday 29th August 2019

09:00 am–12:30 pm

Chair: Dr Simone Raszl, PAHO

Presentation of workshop results and discussion

09:00–10:30 am

Coffee break

10:30–10:45 am

Panel discussion of ministers, executive directors and international key scientists in risk assessment

10:45–11:30 am

Closing and press conference

11:30 am–12:30 pm