

BIOCOP – NEW METHODS FOR DETECTING CONTAMINANTS PROTECTING FOOD SAFETY AND CONSUMERS' HEALTH

FOOD CONTAMINANTS WORKSHOP:

FRIDAY 12th MAY 2006, BUDAPEST

Workshop Aims:

- To provide a forum for extended discussion of food safety and contaminants within the EU, its enforcement and especially new technologies to deliver better enforcement and consumer protection.
- To learn directly from consumer representatives about their particular perspectives and experiences of food contamination issues.
- To share knowledge and expertise about BioCop, from the project team
- To establish a dialogue with consumer representatives about BioCop – progress to date and expected deliverables.

Within this workshop there will be a specific emphasis on the consumer perspective and particularly from new member states.

VENUE: Hotel Taverna Conference Centre
Vaci u. 20, Budapest

PROGRAMME:

Time		
09.00	Registration	
09.15	Formal welcome Introduction to workshop	
09.30	1st Plenary Session: Food safety and contamination – what are the problems?	CHAIR: Mr Istvan Garai Director of the National Association for Consumer Protection in Hungary
09.30 – 10.00	The European consumers' perspective	Mrs Marjana Peterman, Slovenian Consumers Association Representing BEUC - The European Consumers' Organisation
10.00 – 10.30	A perspective from consumers in new EU member states	Mrs Livia Domolki Food Officer, National Association for Consumer Protection in Hungary





10.30 - 11.00	Food contaminants – problems of detecting multiple chemical contaminants in foods	Prof. Chris Elliott BioCop Coordinator, Queen's University, Belfast
11.00 – 11.15	Coffee break	
11.15 – 11.45	BioCop – the solutions: new approaches for the determination of contaminants in foods	Mrs Sara Stead Senior Analytical Chemist Central Science Laboratories, York
11.45 – 12.00	The regulatory perspective: setting and enforcing effective health protection for consumers	EC representative: Christoph Van Holst Joint European Centre Codex representative <i>Speaker to be confirmed</i>
12.00 – 12.15	The EU perspective International considerations – trade and health protection of consumers	
12.15 – 12.45	Summing up - overview from morning, confirming breakout session discussion points	Diane McCrea BioCop, Dissemination and consumer contact
12.45 – 14.00	LUNCH	
14.00 – 15.15	Breakout Session Working group discussion	Finding effective solutions to food contaminants – discussions from different perspectives along the feed and food chain.
	Key questions for discussion/consideration	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Can consumers be assured of safe food? • Are regulations and enforcement adequate? • What are the future research needs? • If detection methods lag behind regulations how can there be effective health protection?





15.15 – 15.30	Coffee break	
15.30	2nd Plenary Session	
15.30 – 16.30	Feedback from breakout discussion session	Main points of discussion groups presented to the plenary session
16.30 – 17.15	Summing up — what are the future priorities?	Round table discussion and summing up
17.15 – 17.30	Conclusions: the way forward for BioCop - future progress and workshop events	Concluding comments: Prof. Chris Elliott, BioCop Coordinator
17.30	Close of workshop	
19.30	Workshop dinner	

CAVEAT: The workshop programme could be subject to last minute changes: the organisers will endeavour to ensure that any changes are kept to a minimum.

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