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In the spotlight

3rd International Feed Safety International Conference 2009 Methods and Challenges

The Feed Safety Platform coordination team is pleased to invite you to the 3rd International FEED SAFETY Conference which will be held on 6-7 October, 2009 in Wageningen, The Netherlands. During the past decade, due to the BSE and dioxin crises and other feed related incidents, the crucial role of feed safety in food safety has become more and more apparent. This has led to enforcement of regulations, increased activities of the feed sector to safeguard feed safety, establishment of risk assessment systems and international cooperation to improve detection capabilities. The 3rd International FEED SAFETY Conference is organised to present the state of the art and to discuss future challenges. The conference is organised in the framework of the EC supported project "Detection of presence of species-specific processed animal proteins in animal feed" (SAFEED-PAP). The conference is organized in collaboration with the COST action [Feed for Health](#) (FA 0802), Working group 2 – Feed Safety and Working group 3 – Feed Supply. Former FEED SAFETY conferences were organised in Namur, Belgium in 2004 and 2007. We hope to welcome you in October 2009 in Wageningen.

Piet Stouten, Chair Organizing Committee
Dr. Jacob de Jong, Chair Scientific Committee



More information is available on <http://safeedpap.feedssafety.org/fs2009/>

An overview of the 2nd SAFEED-PAP Workshop



Image taken at the entrance of the Huanhai Gloria Inn Qingdao during the International workshop

In the frame of the SAFEED-PAP project an international workshop was organised in China on the 21st – 26th of April entitled ‘PAP Detection: Europe-Asia Exchange of experiences’. The aim of this workshop was to bring together European and Asian experts to discuss on the problematic of PAP detection in feedingstuff. Participants to the workshop came from nine different countries (Austria, Belgium, China, Denmark, Italy, Japan, Lithuania, The Netherlands and UK) and in total more than 45 persons have participated. During the five-day workshop, issues related to the differences and complementarities of the various methods for PAP detection in terms of their targets to develop and validate methods that will allow reaching the scientific conditions for the amendment of the total feed ban were explored. This included the development of suitable validated methods for the species specific detection of animal protein in compound feed in order to allow the amendment of the extended total ban, the development of tools and analytical kits for the correct implementation of the methods in the labs and the set up of the appropriate environment for the optimum application of the methods.

The first part of the workshop was organised by the team of Prof. Jiansan Wu and took place in Qingdao (Hotel Gloria Inn, 21st – 23rd April). After a short introduction of the SAFEED-PAP project by the project co-ordinator, Dr. Vincent Baeten, the workshop was divided into two different sessions entitled “Feed safety: context and specificity” and “Analytical methods for the detection of banned meat and bone meal (MBM)”. The lectures are available on <http://safeedpap.feedsafety.org>. During those 3 days, different activities were organised as the visit of the CEAD (China Animal Health and Epidemiology Center) as well as the Liu He laboratories near Qingdao. These laboratories perform analytical methods for some feed companies.

The second part of the workshop (24th – 26th April) took place in Beijing and it was organised by the team of Prof. Lujia Han at the China Agricultural University (CAU). This part of the workshop consisted mainly in the visits of the CAU facilities as well as the feed company Beijing Sanyuan Hefeng (www.wellhope-ag.com), one of the top 10 biggest feed companies in China. The workshop was participatory in nature with interesting questions and discussions. Evaluation of the workshop by participants was very positive and it can be concluded that it was a great success, mainly due to the high quality of the lectures as well as to the excellent

arrangement and social activities in both locations. The discussions between the SAFEED-PAP partners and the other participants were very interesting and progress over the next years concerning new contacts between the different countries will indicate the impact of this workshop.



Image taken at the feed Company Beijing Sanyuan Hefeng during the International workshop

More on <http://safeedpap.feedsafety.org>

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Proceedings of the 2nd Feed Safety International Conference 2007



In the framework of the SAFEED-PAP project, the second Feed Safety international conference has been organised in Namur on 27-28 November 2007. This symposium was dedicated to feed safety topics in general with the purpose to give an overview of the latest legislative, scientific achievements and industrial progresses. The present proceedings provide a reference book reporting the state of the art of some of the key research issues. It is published on BASE and is now on-line.

More on <http://www.pressesagro.be/base/content/v13ns.html>



News from other projects

CONFIDENCE: 1st Annual meeting in Barcelona



This first annual meeting, hosted by Consejo Superior de Investigaciones Cientificas (CSIC), was held on the 5th and 6th of March 2009 in Barcelona. The Plenary meeting of the Consortium was held on Thursday 5th of March 2009 and was chaired by the Coordinator of the project, Dr. Jacob de Jong (RIKILT). It was attended by more than 45 researchers from all 17 CONFIDENCE partners. During this meeting the Work Package (WP) leaders presented the first year activities and achievements in the nine RTD Work packages for organic pollutants, veterinary pharmaceuticals, heavy metals and biotoxins.

[Read more about this meeting](#)

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3rd CRL-AP workshop in Gembloux.

The 3rd CRL-AP annual workshop was organised on 11-12 March 2009 in Gembloux at the hotel "3clés". It was once again a good opportunity to highlight the importance of communication as a key of improvement of the dissemination of information within the NRL network. During the last two years the CRL-AP and the NRLs have worked together in order to improve the network performances. The good results obtained for the last interlaboratory study (proficiency test 2008) show its high level quality. During the workshop, alternative methods were also presented by CRAW searchers. These methods could be used for the CRL-AP future purposes; hydrolysed proteins by HPLC and by electrophoresis and the Reveal kit for ruminant immunoassay.



The main communication tool is the CRL-AP intranet platform as it contains all NRL's profiles, the micrographs collection and all useful documents in matter of research. A request for more training sessions has been made by some NRLs. Indeed these reveal to be necessary for keeping up the level of knowledge. The CRL-AP encourages the NRLs representatives to transmit all pertinent information in order to reinforce the network.

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COST Action FA0802: Feed for health: 1st Plenary meeting in Milan



The plenary kick off meeting of the COST Action Feed for Health held on 16-17 March in Milan was a great success. More than 120 participants from almost 30 countries were participating in the meeting. All the scientific presentations were divided over the four working group sessions of Feed for Health and one miscellaneous session at the end of the meeting. The chairs of the WGS gave a short introduction to the objectives of the WGs. The presentations are available on

<http://www.feedforhealth.org/default.asp?ZNT=S0T1O701>

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Final FEED-SEG Symposium in Parma



The final FEED-SEG Symposium was held on 30-31 March in Parma, Italy where EFSA is located. More than 100 experts coming from science, research, regulatory affairs, companies and EU Projects took the advantage of intensive discussion on the following topics:

- Policy recommendations established by the FEED-SEG working groups
- Identification of new research topics for the future and results of the FEED-SEG working groups
- Dissemination of results of selected EU-funded research projects in feed quality and safety
- Initiating and discussion of new research cooperation and projects

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FEED-SEG Network Initiation

The EU funded project FEED-SEG (www.feed-seg.net) is organised to bring together experts from academia, industry and decision-makers to exchange know-how and to discuss and prepare for the future policy development but also to identify the most promising research fields in feed and food safety.

The objective is to bridge the research results of these and other existing EU projects with the identification of new research topics, policies and tendencies in future. Safety of feed plays an important and central role in the food, feed and research policy of the European Union, which needs support coming from structured expert groups from all over Europe.

The FEED-SEG EU Project will be finalised at the end of September 2009 and the main deliverables will be available then on the FEED-SEG Website. During the activities within the project a close network of experts from science, companies and the legal sector has been established. More than 200 experts have met and exchange know-how but also project ideas. In addition, about 10 EU project proposals have been established with participation of FEED-SEG experts. After the two FEED-SEG Symposia held in Hungary and Italy which were very successful, an ongoing FEED-SEG strategy has been developed.

The idea is to set up a **FEED-SEG Network** where its members pay a small amount in order to get the following advantages:

- Access to a yearly held Symposium in the field of „Plant derived feed additives“
- Regular information on relevant funding possibilities in the field
- Contact point for support in searching for partners and experts in the field
- Access to a yearly held workshop in EU Project Development and Management

Further information will be available on the following website www.matchmaking.at/feedseg from **August 2009** on.

The next FEED-SEG Symposium will be held in Vienna around May 2010. A fixed date will be available soon and being communicated on the above mentioned website.

Please, get in contact with Mr. Andreas Moser (*RTD Services*) if you are interested to join the FEED-SEG Network. Membership fees will be between 200 and 500 Euros per year depending on organisation type.

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Upcoming Events



24 Sep 2009 - 25 Sep 2009

8th International Symposium of Animal Nutrition and Biology
Bucharest - Romania

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06 Oct 2009 - 07 Oct 2009

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Wageningen - The Netherlands

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