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# 1<sup>ST</sup> GLOBAL FOOD REGULATORY SCIENCE SYMPOSIUM

Le Méridien Dubai Hotel Conference Centre, Airport Road – Dubai, United Arab Emirates

17 and 20 – 22 November 2021

Day 2 / Webinar 2: 20 November 2021 | Food Risk Analysis Workshop

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SUSTAINABLE FOOD SYSTEMS

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## Introduction

The Global Food Regulatory Science Society (GFORSS) is partnering with the Platform of Food Risk Analysis and Regulatory Excellence (PARERA), co-sponsor R-Biopharm and co-conveners: Dubai Municipality, AOAC International, GCC Standardization Organization (GSO) and the Arab Industrial Development, Standardization & Mining Organization (AIDSMO) to organize the 1<sup>st</sup> Global Food Regulatory Science Symposium in Dubai, UAE.

The Symposium is an integral part of the 15<sup>th</sup> Dubai International Food Safety Conference (DIFSC) and will be held in two parts:

- **17 November 2021:** Arab Food Regulatory Science Workshop – Supporting Food Regulatory Harmonization in the Arab Region
- **20-22 November 2021:** Developments in Food Regulatory Science Globally.

The Symposium will be conducted taking advantage of a hybrid methodology coordinating both physical and virtual platforms.

Support to the organization of this event is offered by Public and Private Sponsors, as part of the Dubai International Food Safety Conference.

The Symposium will include several workshops that cover various areas of food regulatory scientific disciplines – i.e. disciplines that underpin food regulatory programs and decisions – in line with the objectives of GFORSS to support knowledge dissemination and transfer, as well as, competency enhancement, in the various relevant disciplines, globally.

The Symposium is open to all stakeholders working in areas related to Food Regulatory Science and is free of charge for participants joining Virtually. Participation in person, is managed through the registration system of the Dubai International Food Safety Conference.

## PROPOSED AGENDA

### Day 2 / Webinar 2: 20 November 2021 | Food Risk Analysis Workshop

*Sponsored by: PARERA, GForSS, the Dubai Municipality. Other private sponsors are welcome.*

*This Workshop will offer updates in current efforts to develop risk assessment capacities in developing countries, with emphasis on the Middle East and North Africa region. The Workshop will focus on risk assessment, practices, availability of data from the Arab / MENA region and how risk assessment can be used to support decision-making.*

#### Session 1: Opening the Workshop

##### Official Opening and Introductory Remarks

**9:00 – 9:15** *Junshi Chen, Senior Science Advisor China National Center of Food Safety Risk Assessment, Member of the National Academy of Science, People's Republic of China, Honorary President and Founding Member of GForSS*

##### Importance of Risk Analysis as a Foundation for Robust Food Regulatory Decision-Making

**9:15 – 9:45** *Karima Zouine, Head of Risk Assessment, National Office of Food Safety (ONSSA), Morocco*

#### Session 2: Technical Session on Food Consumption and Occurrence Data and their Crucial Role in Food Risk Assessment

##### Use of Household Survey as a Surrogate to Access Food Consumption

**9:45 – 10:15** *Methodology, Advantages and Pitfalls*  
*Silvia Dominguez, Senior Research Associate, Global Food Regulatory Science Society (GForSS), PARERA Laval University*

##### Towards a Common Methodology for Consumption Data Collection in the Arab Region

**10:15 – 10:45** *Noura Braham, Clinical Epidemiology Department Habib Thameur University Hospital, Ministry of Public Health– Tunisia and Éliane Picard-Deland, PARERA, Institute of Nutrition and Functional Foods, Quebec, QC, Canada*

##### Food Monitoring and Surveillance Systems - the Jordanian Experience

**10:45 – 11:15** *Ruba Ghousous, Assistant General Manager for Technical Issues, Jordan Food and Drug Administration*

**11:15 – 13:00 Health Break and Prayers**

#### Session 3: Data Availability Supporting Food Risk Analysis - Addressing Gaps in the Arab Region

##### A Proposed Approach to Address Data Gaps Through Data Mining Initiatives

**13:00 – 13:30** *Amine Kassouf, Scientist, Global Food Regulatory Science Society (GForSS) and Joyce Haddad, GForSS, Ministry of Public Health, Lebanon*



**Priorities of Capacity Development Identified through the Arab Codex Initiative**

**13:30 – 14:00**

*Samuel Godefroy, Professor in Food Risk Analysis and Regulatory Policies, Université Laval, President and Chief Operating Officer, Global Food Regulatory Science Society (GFoRSS)*

**Enhancing Contribution in International Standard Setting,**

**14:00-14:30**

*Oday Albuhamad, Director of Standards and Metrology, Gulf Standardization Organization (GSO)*

**Addressing A Follow-up Action from the Arab Codex Community: Introducing Food Allergen Management**

**14:30 – 16:00**

- Introduction of Foundations of Food Allergen Management and Current Codex Activities

*Samuel Godefroy, Professor in Food Risk Analysis and Regulatory Policies, Université Laval, President and Chief Operating Officer, Global Food Regulatory Science Society (GFoRSS)*

- Reports on Research related to Allergen Occurrence in Food in the Arab Region: Case study for Sesame in Food

*Joseph Touma, PARERA, ULaval*

- Introduction to Food Allergen Testing and its Application for Food Allergen Management

*Ronald Niemeijer, r-Biopharm AG, Germany*

**Importance of Food Control Systems Assessment and their Implementation**

**16:00 – 16:15**

*Cornelia Bosch and Saber Mansour, Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO)*

**16:15 – 16:30 Day 2 Workshop Wrap-Up**

