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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 3 / Webinar 3: 21 November 2021 | Workshop on Best Practices in  
Food Regulatory Management and their Enablers

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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 3 / Webinar 3 : 21 November 2021 | Workshop on Best Practices in Food Regulatory Management and their Enablers**

Co-Sponsored by: AOAC INTERNATIONAL and AOAC Sub-Saharan Africa Section, r-Biopharm AG.

This workshop is dedicated to discussing recent updates in food regulatory management, with a focus on enablers such food and feed testing capacity. It will offer updates on Capacity Building Initiatives in food laboratory science carried out recently in Africa and the Arab region, with future opportunities of investments taking stock of achievements in other regions. The workshop will also allow to discuss the opportunity of setting up a new Section of AOAC INTERNATIONAL in the Arab region.

**Session 1: Updates on Key Food Regulatory Developments – Regulatory Solutions to Address Food Innovation**

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| <b>9:00 – 9:30</b>   | <b>Latest Developments in the European Food Regulatory Landscape</b><br><i>Pamela Byrne, CEO Food Safety Authority of Ireland</i>   |
| <b>9:30-9:50</b>     | <b>Latest Developments in the Activities and Future Directions of China's National Centre of Food Safety Risk Assessment</b><br><i>Yongxiang Fan, Deputy Director General, China National Centre of Food Safety Risk Assessment</i>   |
| <b>9:50 – 10:10</b>  | <b>Updates on the Management and Standards Development Associated with Special Foods and Portion Control as a Regulatory Risk Management Instrument for Bioactive Substances in Food</b><br><i>Rasha Galal, Head Special Foods Division, National Food Safety Authority of Egypt (NFSA)</i> |
| <b>10:10 – 10:20</b> | <b>Updates on Efforts of Harmonization of Food Regulatory Systems in the Arab Region</b><br><i>Bahgat Abounasr, Economic and Social Affairs Directorate, League of Arab States</i>  |
| <b>10:20 – 10:30</b> | <b>Moderated Discussion and Questions and Answers</b><br><i>Question and Answer Session</i>   |

**Session 2: AOAC INTERNATIONAL Supporting Standardization of Food Analytical Methods**

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| <b>10:30 – 11:00</b> | <b>Introducing AOAC International and its leadership in fostering food laboratory community supporting regulatory decision-making worldwide</b><br><i>David Schmidt, Executive Director, AOAC International / Erin Crowley, Chief Scientific Officer Q Laboratories, Past President AOAC International, Tony Lupo, Serio Director Technical Neogen Corporation, President AOAC International</i> |
| <b>11:00 – 11:30</b> | <b>Setting the Stage for the Creation of the Arab Section of AOAC INTERNATIONAL</b><br><i>Elie Bou Yazbeck, Food Science Expert, GFORSS.</i>   |

**11:30 – 13:00 Health Break and Prayers**



**Session 3: Updates in Food Laboratory Applications and Capacity Building in Africa and the Middle East**

<b>13:00 – 13:30</b>	<b>PCR-Based Techniques Applied to Detection of Meat Species as Part of Halal Compliance verification systems</b> <i>Martin Mehl, r-Biopharm AG, Germany</i>
<b>13:30 – 14:00</b>	<b>Method Validation and Verification Approaches for Mycotoxin Rapid Determination Tools</b> <i>Marco Oteman, r-Biopharm AG, Germany</i>
<b>14:00 – 14:30</b>	<b>Tandem Quads Approaches to Ensure Food Safety</b> <i>Jesús Gómez Mares, Waters Corporation – Middle East Branch Office</i>
<b>14:30 – 15:00 Health Break and Prayers</b>	
<b>15:00 – 15:30</b>	<b>Introduction of the Activities of the AOAC SSA and its support to the food laboratory community in Africa</b> <i>Owen Fraser, President, AOAC Sub-Saharan Africa</i>
<b>15:30 – 16:15</b>	<b>Reviewing the Outcomes of Food Laboratory Capacity Building Program in Africa, supported by the US Department of Agriculture, the US International Development Agency, implemented in Partnership with AOAC SSA, the African Union, GForSS and the International Food Safety Training Laboratory (IFSTL), Laval University, Waters Corporation and Virtual Ceremony to Award Certificates for the Completion of the Training Program</b> <i>Speakers from US DA, US AID, African Union, IFSTL-PARERA, GForSS</i>
<b>16:15 – 16:45</b>	<b>Discussing Future Perspectives in Structuring the Food Laboratory Community in Africa and the Arab Region</b> <i>Samuel Godefroy, Professor in Food Risk Analysis and Regulatory Policies, Université Laval, President and Chief Operating Officer, Global Food Regulatory Science Society (GForSS)</i>
<b>16:45 – 17:15</b>	<b>Reviewing GForSS' initiatives in Supporting Capacity Building in Food Regulatory Science Regionally and Globally</b> <i>Wiem Guissouma, Director Regulated Products, National Agency of Safety of Products, ANCSEP, Tunisia – Founding Member and Member of the Board of GForSS</i>
<b>17:15-17:30</b>	<b>Launching the Journal of the Global Food Regulatory Science Society (JGForSS)</b> <i>Amine Kassouf, Research Scientist, GForSS</i>

