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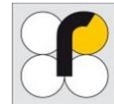
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ARAB SECTION OF AOAC INTERNATIONAL 1ST ANNUAL MEETING 2022

Hybrid Event - World Trade Center – Sharjah D - Dubai, United Arab Emirates

31 October 2022 | Towards Building a Food Analytical Community in the Arab Region

Registration Link

https://us06web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_EHL5HDluSlymXKjWRMnk3Q

Introduction

The [Arab Section of AOAC INTERNATIONAL](#) in partnership with the Global Food Regulatory Science Society ([GFORSS](#)), [AOAC INTERNATIONAL](#), the Arab Industrial Development, Standardization & Mining Organization ([AIDSMO](#)), the GCC Standardization Organization ([GSO](#)) and the [Dubai Municipality](#) is organizing its 1st Annual Meeting at the World Trade Center, Dubai, United Arab Emirates (UAE). The Meeting will be conducted in a hybrid format, coordinating both physical and virtual platforms.

The 1st Annual Meeting is an integral part of the 16th Dubai International Food Safety Conference (DIFSC). Support to the organization of this event is offered by Public and Private Sponsors. The Meeting is open to all stakeholders working in areas related to Food Analytical Sciences 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.

The creation of the Arab Section was approved by the Board of Directors of AOAC INTERNATIONAL on March 2022. This 19th regional section aims to strengthen the contribution of Arab Countries in food conformity assessment activities, through active participation in the development, validation, and harmonization of standard analytical methods.

The 1st Annual Meeting will witness the official launch of the section, with the aim to promote networking within the analytical science community, by bringing together scientists from government, industry, and academia to establish standard methods of analysis that ensure the safety and integrity of foods and other products that impact the public health and trade agenda in the Arab Region.



AGENDA

Session 1: Inaugural Session

- 9:00 – 9:15** **Introductory Remarks and Welcome Address**
Dr. Amine Kassouf, President of the Arab Section of AOAC INTERNATIONAL
- 9:15 – 9:30** **Opening Remarks – from the Operating Organization: The Global Food Regulatory Science Society (GFoRSS)**
Prof. Samuel Godefroy, President and Chief Operating Officer, Global Food Regulatory Science Society (GFoRSS)
- 9:30 – 9:45** **Opening Remarks – from AOAC INTERNATIONAL Leadership**
Mr. David Schmidt, Executive Director at AOAC INTERNATIONAL
- 9:45 – 10:00** **Opening Remarks – from the Host Organization – The Dubai Municipality**
Eng. Abdulrahman Mohammed Abdulla Al Ali, Dubai Central Laboratory Department Deputy Director

10:00 – 10:30

Health Break

Session 2: Introduction to AOAC INTERNATIONAL Mission and Programs

- 10:30 – 11:00** **Importance of Standardization of Analytical Methods and the Role of AOAC INTERNATIONAL**
Dr. DeAnn Benesh, Member of the Board of Directors of AOAC INTERNATIONAL, 3M Food Safety – Neogen
- 11:00 – 11:15** **Showcasing an Example of Food Analytical Method Standardization to Address Emerging Food Safety Issues**
Dr. Erin Crowley, Past President of the AOAC Board of Directors, Q Laboratories, Inc.
- 11:15 – 12:15** **AOAC INTERNATIONAL Programs Support Food Method Standardization**
- The Official Methods of Analysis Program (OMA)
 - The Performance Tested Methods Program (PTM) and the Reviewed and Recognized Program (R²)
 - The Laboratory Proficiency Testing Program (LPTP)
- Mrs. Deborah McKenzie, Senior Director, Standards and Official Methods, AOAC INTERNATIONAL*
Mr. Scott Coates, Senior Director, AOAC Research Institute, AOAC INTERNATIONAL
Mr. Shane Flynn, Senior Director of Proficiency Testing, AOAC INTERNATIONAL
- 12:15 – 12:30** **Qs & As – Interactive Session**
Moderated by Mr. David Schmidt, Executive Director at AOAC INTERNATIONAL

12:30 – 13:30

Lunch Break



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Session 3: Needs and Challenges of the Arab Region in terms of Analytical Sciences Capabilities

- 13:30 – 14:00** Introduction of the Arab Section of AOAC INTERNATIONAL
Dr. Amine Kassouf, President of the Arab Section of AOAC INTERNATIONAL
- 14:00 – 14:15** Needs and Challenges of Food Testing Laboratories: Experience of the Dubai Central Laboratory (DCL) – Dubai / United Arab Emirates
Ms. Shaima Mohammad Askar, Senior Chemical Analyst, DCL - UAE
- 14:15 – 14:30** Needs and Challenges of Food Testing Laboratories: Experience of the Central Laboratory of Residue Analysis of Pesticides & Heavy Metals in Food (QCAP) - Egypt
Prof. Hend Abdellah Mahmoud Abdelaal, Laboratory Director of QCAP - Egypt
- 14:30 – 14:45** Needs and Challenges of Food Testing Laboratories: Experience of the Industrial Research Institute (IRI) - Lebanon
Prof. Joseph Matta, Head of Laboratories Division, IRI - Lebanon
- 14:45 – 15:00** Needs and Challenges of Food Testing Laboratories: Experience of the *Office National de la Sécurité Sanitaire des Produits Alimentaires (ONSSA) – Morocco*
Dr. Nabil Abouchoaib, Directeur des Intrants et des Laboratoires, ONSSA – Morocco
- 15:00 – 15:30** Panel Discussion
Towards an Official Compendium of Analytical Methods for the Arab Region
Moderator: Prof. Samuel Godefroy, President and Chief Operating Officer, Global Food Regulatory Science Society (GFoRSS)

15:30 – 16:00

Health Break

Session 4: Arab Section - Roadmap to Future Activities

- 16:00 – 16:15** Assessment of Food Laboratory Systems in the Arab Region – The Arab Food Laboratory Database
Dr. Moustapha Nabeel Mohamed, National Food Safety Authority, Egypt
- 16:15 – 16:30** Roadmap of the Arab Section to Future Activities
Dr. Amine Kassouf, President of the Arab Section of AOAC INTERNATIONAL
- 16:30 – 17:00** Annual Meeting Closing Ceremony



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