



PROPOSED SESSIONS OF THE THIRD GLOBAL FOOD REGULATORY SCIENCE SYMPOSIUM*

21-24 October 2024 • Dubai World Trade Centre, Dubai, UAE

*The online broadcast of select sessions is indicated in the event program below. **Registration is mandatory** to participate in these sessions, please scan / click on the QR code for more information.



Organized as part of the 18th Dubai International Food Safety Conference (DIFSC)



DAY 1 • 21 OCTOBER 2024

8:00-14:00 Participation in DIFSC Opening Ceremony and Morning Session

Session Not Broadcasted by GForSS

Session 1: Performance Criteria for Acceptance of Quantitative Gluten Methods – Development of Arab Analytical Method Standards for the Determination of Gluten in Gluten Free Foods

14:00-16:30 • Room: DUBAI F • Session Broadcasted by GForSS

CHAIR: Dr. Amine Kassouf, President of the Arab Section of AOAC INTERNATIONAL

14:00-14:30 Introduction to Food Allergens and Gluten Management from a Regulatory Perspective

Prof. Samuel Godefroy, Professor, Food Risk Analysis and Regulatory Policies, Université Laval, Canada; President International Union of Food Science and Technology (IUFoST); President and COO, Global Food Regulatory Science Society (GForSS)

14:30-15:00 Introduction to the AOAC Guidelines for Validation of Quantitative Gluten Methods

AOAC INTERNATIONAL, Gluten & Food Allergens (GFA) Program

15:00-15:30 Performance of ELISA-based Analytical Methods Supporting Compliance with Gluten-Free Regulations

R-Biopharm

15:30-16:00 The Arab Food Allergen Management Initiative: Summary of Achievements and Future Perspectives

Dr. Amine Kassouf, Research Manager, Global Food Regulatory Science Society (GForSS); President of Arab Section of AOAC INTERNATIONAL

16:00-16:30 Round-table Discussion

Development of Arab Analytical Method Standards for the Determination of Gluten in Gluten Free Foods

MODERATORS

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16:30-18:00 Arab Codex Contact Points Coordination Meeting – CCFL47 (Hybrid)

18:30-20:00 Group Dinner

DAY 2 • 22 OCTOBER 2024

Session 2: Current and Emerging Issues in Food Risk Assessment Affecting the Arab region and Beyond

9:00-11:00 • Room: Dubai F • **Session Broadcasted by GForSS**

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9:00-9:10 Session Introduction

Importance of Risk Assessment to Guide Robust Food Regulatory Decisions

Prof. Samuel Godefroy, Professor, Food Risk Analysis and Regulatory Policies, Université Laval, Canada; President International Union of Food Science and Technology (IUFoST); President and COO, Global Food Regulatory Science Society (GForSS)

9:10-9:30 How Can Risk Assessment Support to Alleviate Food-Related Concerns?

Stochastic Health Risk Assessment of Aflatoxin M1 in Cow's Milk among the Lebanese Population

Dr. Jérémie Theolier and **Dr. Silvia Dominguez**, PARERA, Laval University, Quebec, Canada

9:30-10:00 Applying Evidence-Based Approaches to Manage Titanium Dioxide as a Food Additive

Review of the international context and next steps

Dr. Wiem Guissouma, GForSS Expert, National Agency for Risk Assessment, Tunisia

10:00-10:30 Egypt's Approach to Develop Risk-Based Management Approaches for Energy Drinks in Food

Dr. Rasha Galal, National Food Safety Authority (NFSA) – Egypt

10:30-11:00 Reviewing Emerging Issues in Risk Assessment Impacting the Arab Region and Beyond

Facilitated Discussion with Speakers and the Audience

Session 3: Harmonization of Food Regulatory Frameworks

11:00-13:00 • Room: Dubai F • **Session Broadcasted by GForSS**

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This session will be structured in the form of G2B discussions aiming to review current food regulatory challenges in the region and internationally and the importance of the development and sustainability of food regulatory convergence forums

11:00-11:20 Current Efforts to Develop Harmonized Standards Among Country Members of the Gulf Cooperation Council Standardization Organization (GSO)

Eng. Ahmad Al-Basha, GSO

11:20-11:40 Introduction of the African Food Regulators Forum – Current Status and Future Activities

Dr. Tareq El-Houby, Chairman of the Board, National Food Safety Authority (NFSA), Egypt

11:40-12:00 Introducing the Concept of the Arab Food Regulators Network (Arab FoRNet)

Prof. Hussein Masroori, Director General, Center of Food Safety and Quality, Sultanate of Oman

Dr. Tareq El-Houby, Chairman of the Board, National Food Safety Authority (NFSA), Egypt

12:00-12:20 Harnessing Technology to Support G2B and G2G Collaborations

Dr. Brendan Ring, *Crème Global Science Ireland*

12:20-13:00 Open Dialogue G2B

- Current food safety regulatory irritants regionally and globally
- Lessons Learnt and Best practices in G2G and G2B Collaborations
- Codex Agenda and Perspectives of G2G Collaborations
- Managing Emerging Issues and Preventing Food Regulatory Divergence

Session 4: Enhancing the Regulatory Framework for Food Imports and Inspection to Facilitate Regional Trade

14:00-16:00 • Room: Cheikh Rashed C • Session Not Broadcasted by GForSS

CHAIR: Rola Arab, *Consultant, GCC Harmonization Initiative*

16:00 -18:00 Student Symposium

DAY 3 • 23 OCTOBER 2024

International Perspectives on Food Safety

8:30-10:30 • Room: SRH C • Session Not Broadcasted by GForSS

CHAIR: Prof. Samuel Godefroy, *Professor, Food Risk Analysis and Regulatory Policies, Université Laval, Canada; President International Union of Food Science and Technology (IUFoST); President and COO, Global Food Regulatory Science Society (GForSS)*

Session 5: Data-Based / Decision-Making Workshop: Supporting the Arab Codex Community in Accessing and Providing Data to Codex Proceedings – DAY 1

14:00-16:30 • Room: Dubai F • Session Broadcasted by GForSS

14:00-14:15 Objective of the Workshop and Introduction of Participants

14:15-15:15 Exposure Assessment

- General principles
- Contaminants in Food - Veterinary Drug Residues in Food

Dr. Moez Sanaa, *HQ-WHO*

Dr. Luc Ingenbleek, *HQ-WHO*

15:15-15:30 Coffee Break

15:30-16:30 GEMS Food Database

- Data base interface and connection
- Data extraction
- Data submission

Dr. Luc Ingenbleek, *HQ-WHO*

16:30-17:00 Closing Ceremony – Global Food Regulatory Science Symposium

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DAY 4 • 24 October 2024 • 9:00-16:30

Session 5: Data-Based / Decision-Making Workshop: Supporting the Arab Codex Community in Accessing and Providing Data to Codex Proceedings – DAY 2

14:00-16:30 • Room: Dubai F • **Session Broadcasted by GForSS**

9:00-9:15 Day 1 Key Take-Home Messages and Day 2 Objectives

9:15-10:30 **The Importance of Metadata**

- Data vs Metadata
- How metadata are used

Dr. Luc Ingenbleek, HQ-WHO

10:30-11:00 **Coffee Break**

11:00-12:30 **Food Consumption Data**

- Existing databases
- Food consumption survey: data collection tools
- Food consumption survey: sampling frame
- Food consumption survey: data analysis

Dr. Luc Ingenbleek, HQ-WHO

Dr. Elie Bouyazbeck, GForSS

12:30-13:30 **Lunch and Networking Break**

13:30-15:00 **Maximum Levels of Contaminants in Food**

- Development of Maximum Level for a contaminant in a food or feed commodity: General principles
- Case study

Dr. Moez Sanaa, HQ-WHO

15:00-15:15 **Coffee Break**

15:15-16:15 **Group Discussions**

Contaminants Management Initiatives in the Arab Region – Prioritization for Data Generation and Collection Initiatives

Dr. Amine Kassouf, GForSS

16:15-16:30 **Wrap-Up and Future Directions**