



Introduction of the Arab Section of AOAC INTERNATIONAL

*Activities of Standardization of Analytical
Methods in the Region*



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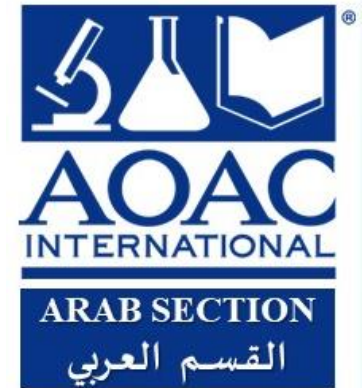
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INTRODUCTION

Creation of the Arab Section

The 15th regional section



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ICYMI: The AOAC Board approved the Arab Section as AOAC's newest Regional Section earlier this week! #AOAC2022MYM attendees can tune in at 3 PM EDT today for a presentation on the creation of and goals for this new section.

NEW AOAC INTERNATIONAL SECTION

Arab Section (new in 2022!)

Algeria, Bahrain, Comoros, Djibouti, Egypt, Iraq, Jordan, Kuwait, Lebanon, Libya, Mauritania, Morocco, Oman, Palestinian Territories, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Somalia, Sudan, Syria, Tunisia, the United Arab Emirates, and Yemen

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AOAC INTERNATIONAL
Board-of-Directors' meeting
March 14th, 2022

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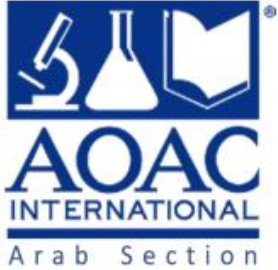


المنظمة العالمية لعلوم تشريعات الأغذية

HOST &
OPERATOR



GOVERNANCE



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Arab Section

BYLAWS

AOAC ARAB SECTION GOVERNANCE DOCUMENTS

Setting rules to govern the internal operations of the Arab Section of the AOAC INTERNATIONAL.

The Arab Section of AOAC INTERNATIONAL Bylaws



Arab Section of AOAC INTERNATIONAL ByLaws

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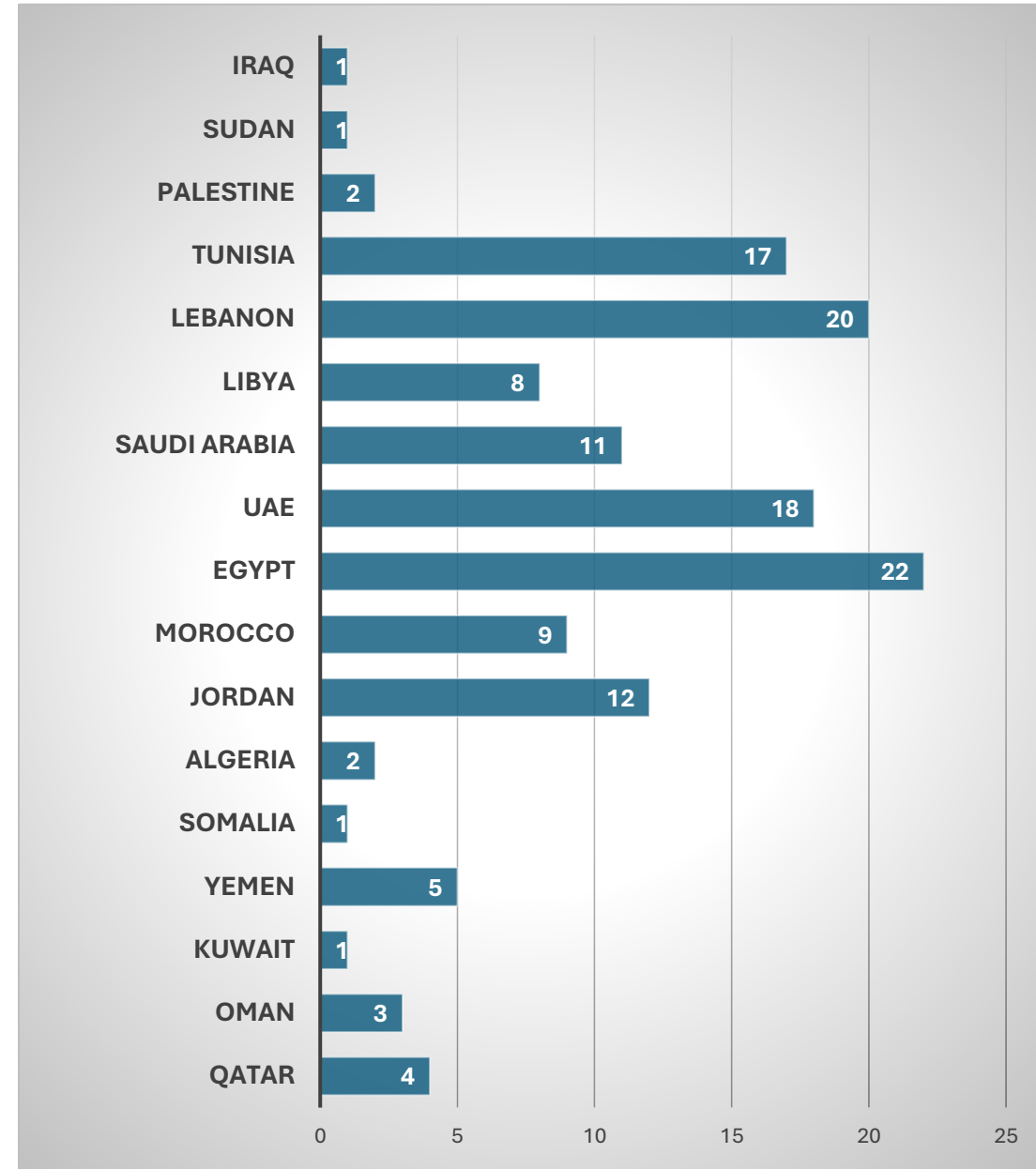
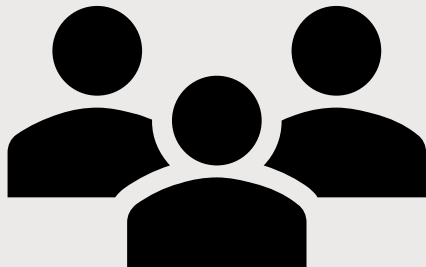
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MEMBERSHIP

17 Arab Countries
represented

137 members



MISSION & VISION

To support **ANALYTICAL EXCELLENCE** across the Arab region by :



Promoting the creation and development of the Arab Food Laboratory Network under AOAC INTERNATIONAL



Fostering collaboration between the Arab section, other AOAC regional sections and AOAC INTERNATIONAL



Supporting standardization of Official Analytical Methods in the Arab region



Creating an enabling environment for the development of accredited food and agriculture laboratories in the Arab region



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The second Annual Meeting of the Arab Section of AOAC INTERNATIONAL will take place on Tuesday, May 7 and Wednesday, May 8. The section is also conducting a survey concerning PT programs in the Arab region. The survey deadline is Tuesday, April 30. <https://lnkd.in/egGEBGZv>



You and 13 others



The Arab Food Laboratory Network under AOAC INTERNATIONAL

Interested in Becoming a Member?



2025 Annual Scientific Day of the Military Laboratories for Quality Control, 26 February 2025, Amman, Jordan

Fostering collaboration between the Arab section, other AOAC regional sections and AOAC INTERNATIONAL

Food Regulatory Science WEBINAR 2024 Series

Global Food Regulatory Science Society (GFORSS)

In collaboration with: GSO, UNIVERSITÉ LAVAL, parera

METHODS OF ANALYSIS SUPPORTING HALAL FOOD CERTIFICATION

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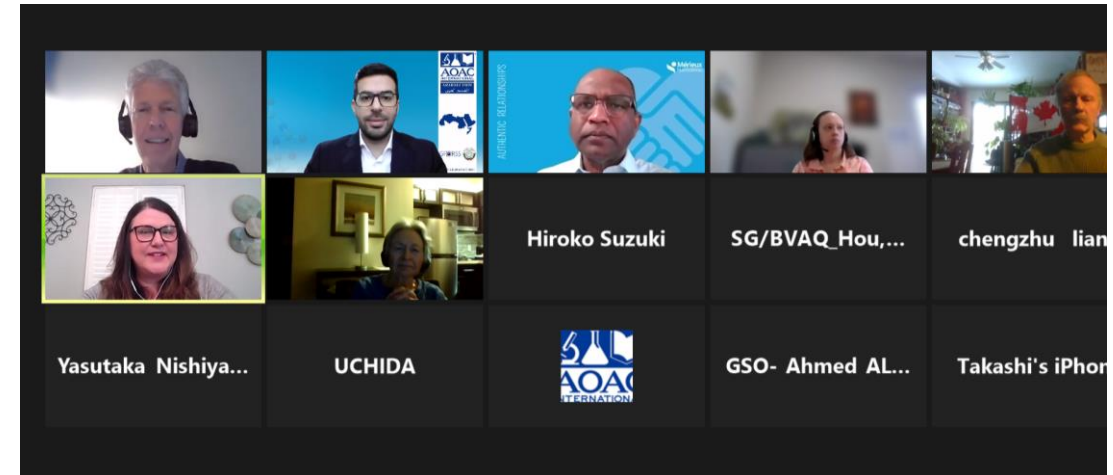
12th of November 11:00 AM (GMT)

Scan the QR-Code to register your participation

KEYNOTE SPEAKERS: Dr. Silvia Dominguez, & Dwi Yulianto Laksono, S.Si.
1 PARERA, Université Laval, Canada 2 SIG Laboratory - Indonesia

MÓDERATED BY: Dr. Ruba Goussous
Member of GFORSS and Food Safety Expert at the Jordan Food and Drug Administration (JFDA)

Methods of Analysis Supporting Halal Food Certification



Active participation in Committee on Sections meetings and activities

Working towards Standardizing Analytical Methods for Gluten Testing

- Trainings on the determination of gluten in gluten-free foods using ELISA based methods.
- AOAC International / Codex Alimentarius Driven Approach.



Determination of Gluten in Gluten-Free Food



Working towards Standardizing Analytical Methods for Gluten Testing

Development of an online training material on ELISA based approaches used to test gluten in gluten-free food



Working towards Standardizing Analytical Methods for Gluten Testing

Development of Arab
Requirements for
Acceptance of Gluten
Quantitative Methods

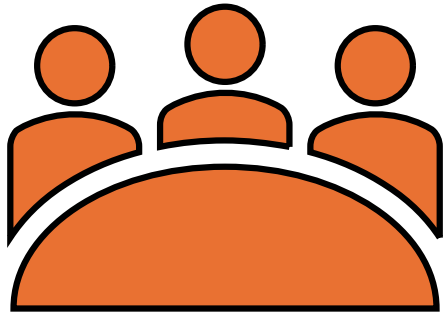


Develop a Process to
Review / Endorse
Gluten Quantitative
Methods

**Verified Gluten
Quantitative
Methods**



Advisory Working Group : Quantitative Methods for Gluten Analysis



- Endorsed by the Executive Committee of the Arab Section.
- 3 Arab analytical community representatives
- 1 External International Expert
- 2 Representatives of Arab Section leadership

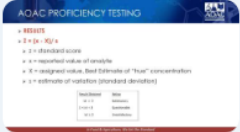
Creating an Enabling Environment for the Development of Accredited Food and Agriculture Laboratories in the Arab Region

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Introduction to the Proficiency Testing (PT) Program of AOAC INTERNATIONAL
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AOAC® / Arab Section - Laboratory Proficiency Testing Program

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As part of our ongoing commitment to enhancing food proficiency testing (PT) programs in the Arab region, we are reaching out to gather insights from the Arab food analytical community. Your input is crucial in shaping the future of PT initiatives tailored to the specific needs of the Arab region. Kindly take few minutes to share your thoughts through this survey. Your expertise will contribute significantly to the development of targeted PT programs for the region.

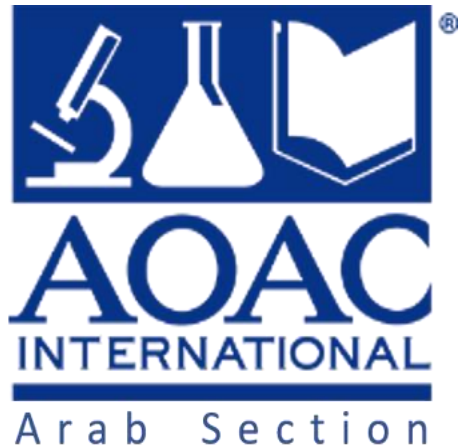
Pilot PT program focusing on infant formula

The advisory task force has been established with the following composition:

- Representative from the Saudi Food and Drug Authority (SFDA), KSA
- Representative from the Central Laboratory for Analysis of Pesticide Residues and Heavy Metals in Food (QCAP), Egypt
- Representative from Jordan Military Laboratories for Quality Control, Jordan
- Representative from the Infant Formula Industry
- Representatives from the Arab Section leadership



Summary & Future Work



- Promoting membership and networking from the region (academia, government, industry, and other institutions) within the Arab section and with AOAC INTERNATIONAL.
- Pursuing capacity building efforts in collaboration with our regional and international partners.
- Keep supporting efforts for analytical methods standardization in the Arab region.
- Keep helping the analytical laboratory community in developing their capacities in the light of the specific needs and challenges of the region.



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