



International Life
Sciences Institute

WORKSHOP

Holistic Approaches to Develop Alternative Strategies for Animal Testing

6th -7th September 2018 – Brussels, Belgium



Organised by the ILSI Europe
Alternatives to Animal Testing Task Force

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WORKSHOP 2018

Background

During the last decade, a shift in the mind-set of experts in toxicology and related sciences has been noticeable towards a science which is no longer only based on deterministic whole-animal approaches. The different stakeholders in nutrition and food safety are however currently not aligned on when animal studies are mandatory or when they can be replaced by alternative approaches.

Objectives

To bring together key stakeholders from academia, industry, regulatory authorities and control laboratories involved in animal testing and to discuss the best approach(es) for alternatives and find consensus where necessary. The following subjects will be discussed during the workshop:

- Emerging scientific tools and methodologies as alternatives to animal experimentation;
- Regulations governing data requirements for animal testing in nutrition and food safety.

Expected Outcome

The workshop aims to discuss a draft guidance manuscript in which an overview of current regulations are provided, as well as tools and methodologies considered as potential alternatives to animal testing. A peer-reviewed publication covering the discussions will be produced soon after the workshop.

Organising Committee

Dr Paul Hepburn: Chair – Unilever, UK

Dr Markus Fehr – DSM, CH

Dr Maria Tabernero Urbieto – IMDEA, ES

Dr Matthieu Flourakis – ILSI Europe, BE

Dr Lucie Geurts – ILSI Europe, BE

Working Groups

Additives, Flavourings, Enzymes & Toxicology of Supplements

Moderator: Dr Paul Hepburn, Unilever (UK)

Rapporteur: Dr Maria Tabernero Urbieto, IMDEA (ES)

Health Claims, Infant Formula, Food for Special Medical Purposes & Supplements

Moderator: Dr Vassilis Triantis, FrieslandCampina (NL)

Rapporteur: Dr Markus Fehr, DSM (CH)

GMOs

Moderator: Ms Laura Caneva, Monsanto Europe (BE)

Rapporteur: Dr Johanneke van der Harst, Danone (NL)

PROGRAMME

Overall Chair: *Dr Maria Taberbero Urbieta, IMDEA (ES)*

Overall Co-Chair: *Dr Paul Hepburn, Unilever (UK)*

Overall Rapporteur: *Dr Lucie Geurts, ILSI Europe (BE)*

Day 1 Thursday, 6th September 2018

08.30 – 09.30 Registration

Session 1 09.30 – 10.45 Introduction & Background

09.30 – 09.40 Welcome *Dr Maria Taberbero Urbieta, IMDEA (ES)*
09.40 – 10.00 Introduction to ILSI Europe *Prof. Dr Diána Bánáti, ILSI Europe (BE)*
10.00 – 10.45 Introduction & Background of the Expert Group *Dr Paul Hepburn, Unilever (UK)*

10.45 – 11.15 Coffee Break

Session 2 11.15 – 13.00 Presentation of the Manuscript

11.15 – 11.30 Introduction *Dr Katrin Schütte, European Commission (BE)*
11.30 – 11.50 Tools and Methodologies *Dr Maria Taberbero Urbieta, IMDEA (ES)*
11.50 – 12.10 Regulations: Additives, Flavourings, Enzymes & Toxicology of Supplements *Dr Paul Hepburn, Unilever (UK)*
12.10 – 12.30 Regulations: Health Claims, Infant Formula, Food for Special Medical Purposes & Supplements *Dr Vassilis Triantis, FrieslandCampina (NL)*
12.30 – 12.50 GMOs *Ms Laura Caneva, Monsanto Europe (BE)*
12.50 – 13.00 Discussion and Q&A *Dr Maria Taberbero Urbieta, IMDEA (ES)*

13.00 – 14.00 Lunch

Session 3 14.00 – 18.00 Working Groups Focusing on 'Tools and Methodologies'

14.00 – 14.30 Introduction *Dr Maria Taberbero Urbieta, IMDEA (ES)*
14.30 – 16.30 Parallel Working Groups

16.30 – 17.00 Coffee Break

17.00 – 17.30 Reporting Back *Moderators of the Working Groups*
17.30 – 18.00 Panel Discussion *Dr Maria Taberbero Urbieta, IMDEA (ES)*

19.00 Dinner

Day 2 Friday, 7th September 2018

Session 4 9.00 – 12.00 Working Groups Focusing on 'Regulations'

09.00 – 9.10 Introduction *Dr Paul Hepburn, Unilever (UK)*
09.10 – 10.30 Parallel Working Groups

10.30 – 11.00 Coffee Break

11.00 – 12.00 Reporting Back *Moderators of the Working Groups*

Session 5 12.00 – 13.00 Summing-Up and Closing Remarks

12.00 – 12.45 Panel Discussion *Dr Paul Hepburn, Unilever (UK)*
12.45 – 13.00 Sum-up and Closing Remarks *Dr Maria Taberbero Urbieta, IMDEA (ES)*

13.00 – 14.00 Lunch

Registration and Payment

Attendance at this 2-day workshop is upon invitation only and registrations should be made by **1st August 2018**.

A few seats have been reserved for interested experts subject to a registration fee.

- Academia and public sector: €350
- Industry: €450

Requests should be sent to Dr Matthieu Flourakis (mflourakis@ilsieurope.be)

The registration covers:

- Admission to the 2-day workshop
- Abstract booklet
- Buffet lunch and refreshments on 6th and 7th September 2018
- Welcome dinner on 6th September 2018

Registration and payment of registration fee should be made by credit card prior to the event, preferably by 1st August 2018.

Cancellation Policy

For registrations, all cancellations should be made in writing to Ms Ruth Marquet (rmarquet@ilsieurope.be). Cancellations received before 15th July 2018 will be refunded minus €50 handling charges. Cancellations received after 15th July will not be refunded.

For hotel reservations, cancellations of hotel reservations received after 15th July 2018 will be charged in full.

Substitutions of hotel reservations or registration are accepted if made in writing to Ms Ruth Marquet.

Important dates

15th July 2018
cut-off date for hotel reservations and hotel cancellation

15th July 2018
cut-off date for registration cancellations

1st August 2018
cut-off date for registrations and payments

Venue and Accommodation

The event will be held at:

The Crowne Plaza Brussels – Le Palace
3 Rue Gineste
BE – 1210 Brussels
Tel : +32 2 203 62 00

The Crowne Plaza Brussels – Le Palace is a 4-star hotel ideally located at the Place Rogier in the centre of Brussels, next to the North Railway Station.

A number of standard guestrooms have been pre-booked at special rates in the Crowne Plaza Brussels – Le Palace.

Rate Single Room: €143.24/night
Rate Double Room: €158.24/night

Rates include buffet breakfast, free access to WiFi and to the fitness centre, €4.24 city tax and 6% VAT.

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