

SEAFOOD SAFETY NEW FINDINGS & INNOVATION CHALLENGES INTERNATIONAL STAKEHOLDER EVENT & OPEN SCIENCE CONFERENCE

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Seafood has been recognised as a nutritious, healthy and safe food type and is one of the most important food commodities consumed worldwide. However, seafood, like other food, can also be a source of harmful environmental contaminants with the potential to impact human health.

‘Seafood Safety: New Findings & Innovation Challenges’ is a unique event which marks the end of the European Union-funded **ECsafeSEAFOOD** research project. **ECsafeSEAFOOD** assessed food safety issues related to non-regulated contaminants present in seafood as a result of environmental contamination. Its results play an important role in ensuring consumer confidence and addressing public concern in relation to the availability of safe and high-quality food.

ECsafeSEAFOOD’s results are of particular interest to national and international policy makers in the fields of food safety, environment and public health, food safety authorities, the seafood industry and consumer organisations. The event therefore includes a dedicated half-day International Stakeholder Event addressing these stakeholder groups. Following the International Stakeholder Event, a one and a half day Open Science Conference will focus on presenting the latest scientific data on **ECsafeSEAFOOD** topics to a broad audience.

TOPICS

Consumer needs and concerns • Marine toxins in seafood and the environment • Toxicity and modelling of seafood contaminants • Evaluation of seafood monitoring data • Rapid detection tools for environmental contaminants • The future of seafood safety

EVENT OBJECTIVES

- Exchange the latest knowledge on seafood safety
- Identify the key issues associated with seafood safety in Europe
- Discuss strategies to mitigate seafood safety risks
- Present the latest developments in toxin detection tools
- Network with seafood safety experts and other stakeholders in the field

IMPORTANT DEADLINES

Abstract submission:	29 Oct 2016
Early bird registration:	25 Nov 2016
Registration:	15 Jan 2017

REGISTRATION FEES early bird/late bird

International Stakeholder Event (0.5 day):	€50
Open Science Conference (1.5 days):	€150 / €200
Full Event (2 days):	€200 / €250

SPECIAL ISSUE CONFERENCE PROCEEDINGS

Environmental Research will publish the proceedings of the conference in a Special Issue featuring high-quality and innovative articles based on a selection of presentations given at the conference.



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Preliminary Programme

Day 1: Wednesday, 25 January 2017, AM, International Stakeholder Event

09.00	Opening Ceremony: ECsafeSEAFOOD main achievements	Dr A. Marques, Instituto Português do Mar e da Atmosfera (IPMA), Portugal; Dr H. Verhagen, European Food Safety Authority (EFSA) and a European Commission representative
09.30	Dedicated International Stakeholder Event addressing national and international policy makers in the field of food safety, environment and public health, food safety authorities, the seafood industry and consumer organisations	Facilitator: M. Reuver, AquaTT, Ireland
12.00	End of International Stakeholder Event	

Day 1: Wednesday, 25 January 2017, PM, Open Science Conference

13.00	Open Science Conference Registration	
13.20	Welcome	Dr A. Marques, IPMA, Portugal; Dr H. Verhagen, EFSA and Dr W. Verbeke, Gent University (UGent), Belgium
13.30	Safe seafood the consumers can trust: protection in the new Era Keynote: Seafood quality, safety perception, and communication, seen from the consumers' point of view Speaker sessions: TBA	Dr W. Verbeke, UGent, Belgium Prof K. Brunso, Aarhus University, Denmark
15.00	Coffee break and poster session	
15.30	Marine toxins in seafood and the environment: developments in detection and prediction Keynote: Human health, marine toxins and seafood: the known & unknown Speaker sessions: TBA	Dr J. Diogene, Institut de Recerca i Tecnologia Agroalimentaries (IRTA), Spain Dr L. Fleming, University of Exeter, UK
17.00	Science slam session	Dr T. Langerholc, University of Maribor (UM), Slovenia
18.00	End of day 1	
20.00	Conference dinner (optional)	

Day 2: Thursday, 26 January 2017, Open Science Conference

09.00	Toxicity and modelling: tools and limitations Keynote: EUToxRisk and development of integrated testing strategies for chemical safety assessment Speaker sessions: TBA	Dr T. Langerholc, UM, Slovenia Prof B. van de Water, Leiden University, the Netherlands
10.30	Coffee break and poster session	
11.00	Rapid detection tools for seafood safety Keynote: Nanobiotechnology for InVitro diagnostics in food safety Speaker sessions: TBA	Dr A. Barranco, Fundacion AZTI (AZTI), Spain Prof. M-Pilar Marco, The Institute of Advanced Chemistry of Catalonia (IQAC-CSIC), Spain
12.30	Lunch	
13.30	Quality assurance of seafood monitoring data Keynote: Contaminants in seafood, their analysis and potential trends Speaker sessions: TBA	Dr M. Kotterman, Wageningen Marine Research, Wageningen University and Research (WUR), the Netherlands Dr R. Hoogenboom, RIKILT Institute for Food Safety, WUR, the Netherlands
15.00	Coffee break and poster session	
15.30	Emerging approaches for future seafood safety Keynote: Emerging approaches for future seafood safety Speaker sessions: TBA	Associate Prof K. Granby, Technical University of Denmark (DTU), Denmark Prof J. de Boer, Institute for Environmental Studies (IVM), University Amsterdam, the Netherlands
17.00	Closing ceremony	

