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PROJECTS

1st OVERALL MEETING OF THE ISEKI PROJECTS

Lynn McIntyre (New Zealand)

The first overall meeting of ISEKI_Food 3 and ISEKI_Mundus 2 was held in glorious sunshine at the Swedish Institute for Food and Biotechnology (SIK) in Göteborg from 1-3 July. A total of 107 partners, representing 28 ISEKI_Food 3 and 26 ISEKI_Mundus 2 countries, were in attendance including external evaluator Klaus Guthy.

After a formal welcome from Klas Hesselman, the president of SIK, project coordinator Cristina Silva gave an introductory overview of activities, followed by a presentation by the Quality Plan teams who have the task of monitoring our progress. Over the next day and a half, six joint sessions were run to progress activities in 12 work packages. Presentations were also made on specific topics including the Food4us game developed in a previous project, as well as advice on questionnaire development, E-learning, a bit of history regarding previous outputs of the ISEKI network and life after the Bologna process. These were particularly helpful for new partners and a useful refresher for the not so new partners too! On the final day, work package coordinators presented summaries of their session discussions. During the meeting, we also had a talk from Klas Hesselman outlining the activities of SIK, an ISEKI Food Association board meeting (which we thought would never end!) and fabulous dining experiences on a cruise boat and at the Opera House.

As always, it was a hard working and productive three days, and the coordinators are now in a great position to progress various project tasks, thanks to everyone's valuable input and the recruitment of yet more enthusiastic volunteers. A special "obrigado" must go to our host, Lilia Ahrné, for all her hard work organising a great meeting. The second overall meeting will be held in Wageningen, Netherlands from 7-9 June 2010. See you there!

Food Quality and Safety

A 2 week-long **Erasmus Intensive Program (IP)** was held in Nitra for food related students (BSc).

The event was coordinated by the Slovak University of Agriculture (Nitra) in partnership with Mendel University of Agriculture and Forestry, Brno, Cz; Warsaw University of Life Sciences, Pl; Fulda University of Applied Sciences, Ge; University of Szeged, Hu; and Corvinus University of Budapest, Hu.

The main objectives of the IP were:

- to encourage efficient and multinational teaching of Food Quality and Safety topics; and
- to create and benefit from learning and teaching conditions not available in a single university.

The IP was based on 6 modules (Introduction to food quality and safety; Food safety (biological, chemical); Quality management systems and quality engineering; Non-destructive quality duration; Quality aspects and control in food-chain; Genetically modified food biotechnology) and the case studies.

The ISEKI-FOOD Series was used to develop some modules (Vol.1. Food Safety) and for case studies (Vol. 6 case studies in Food Safety and Environmental Health).

1st announcement of the 2nd ISEKI_Food conference in Milan (Italy)

Following the ISEKI Gothenburg meeting the dates for the **2nd ISEKI_Food conference** were fixed from the **August 31st to September 2nd, 2011** in Milan, Italy, organized in collaboration with the University of Milan and the Food Interdepartmental Research Centre (CIRA - Centro Interdipartimentale di Ricerca sugli Alimenti), led by Prof. Saverio Mannino.

The conference is intended to promote constructive dialogue and collaboration on relevant topics in Food Science and Technology, Industry and Education, by providing an international forum for students, researchers, education scientists, technologists, food consumers and the wider community.

Two opening workshops on Education and Industry related “hot topics” will be held on the 31st August, organised in collaboration with IFA, followed by the main conference with oral and poster presentations.

ISEKI partners and newsletter readers are invited to disseminate information to colleagues and friends!!

NEWS FROM

Department of Food Science & Technology of the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki (Greece)

REMINDER: WORKSHOP ON “UNDERSTANDING, MEASURING AND PREDICTING THE SHELF LIFE OF FOODS” - Thessaloniki on 29 – 30 October 2009, organised by the Department of Food Science & Technology, Aristotle University of Thessaloniki (Greece) with the support of the ISEKI Food Association IFA.

This workshop is focused on all aspects regarding shelf life, including scientific principles and impact of shelf life assessment, case studies on selected food products, practical training on the use of predictive models and computer software for determination of shelf life.

It is addressed to R&D staff, production managers, QA personnel, distribution and logistics managers, large retailers, university staff and graduate students, research scientists, laboratory personnel and administrators in the agro-food sector.

The official language is English.

For information and registration: www.auth.gr/agro/fst or contact prof. Harris Lazarides, Department of Food Science & Technology, Thessaloniki, Greece (lazaride@agro.auth.gr).

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Each year the **Bitenc Food Technology Days**, dedicated to the memory of Prof. F. Bitenc, are organized as a thematic survey of topics in food science, technology and nutrition for postgraduate studies. Selected relevant topics are presented and discussed from various points of view. Researchers and professionals from the fields in question present their research work or review certain aspects of the subject. Professionals, entrepreneurs, teachers from secondary schools, nutritionists and students are invited.

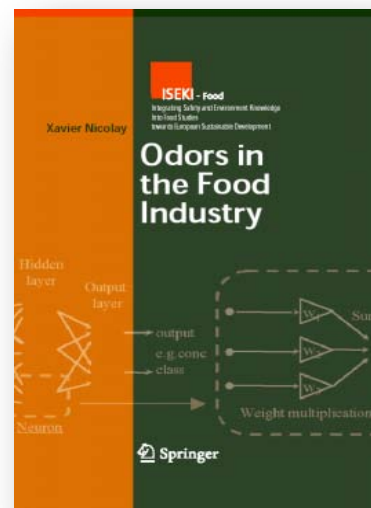
The 26th Bitenc Food Days with the topic “Role of Minerals in Food Technology and Nutrition” will take place on **November 26 and 27 in Ljubljana**.

More information is available at: www.bf.uni-lj.si/fileadmin/users/1/zivilstvo/obvestila/BZD_09.pdf

ISEKI-Food Series

We continue to introduce books in the ISEKI Food Series and now we focus on volume 2 Odors in the Food Industry edited by Xavier Nicolay from the School of Higher Education Lucia de Brouckere in Belgium.

The volume is devoted to the control of air pollution and treatment of odors in the food industry. The book is divided into eight chapters dealing with defining the problem, recent advances in analysis and methods for prevention and treatment of odors. The topic should be of special interest to industry personnel and researchers due to recent and upcoming regulations by the European Union on air pollution from food processes. Other countries will likely follow with stricter regulations on the level of odors permitted to enter the environment from food processing operations. The book is available from Springer and soon from the IFA Web page (<https://www.iseki-food.net>)



Archipelago Techno TN Forum 2009

On the 5th and 6th of June, in Brussels, 53 participants from many different European countries representing numerous Thematic Networks in Science and Engineering, discussed and made recommendations to the European Commission on the following three themes:

Theme 1: Lifelong Learning for Professors

Theme 2: Scientific/Technological Higher Education Frameworks

Theme 3: New skills for New Jobs

ISEKI_Food3 was represented by Cristina Silva, Elisabeth Dumoulin, Fahrettin Gögüs, Jesus Frias and Rui Costa.

The presentations and reports of the groups discussions can be found in the following website: <http://www.sefi.be/technotn/?p=142>.

Participating networks:

ECTN	European Chemistry Thematic Network
SEFI	Société Européenne pour la Formation des Ingénieurs
BIOTECHUNTE	Biotechnology University Formation for Enterprises Development
EIE SURVEYOR	Reference point for Electrical and Information Engineering in Europe
ENAAE	European Network for Accreditation of Engineering Education
ERABEE	Education and Research in Biosystems Engineering in Europe
ESTIA-NET	Opening up Electrical Engineering, Computer Technologies and Applied Sciences to Successful Women in Engineering
ISEKI_Food 3	Integrating Safety and Environment Knowledge In Food towards European Sustainable Development
STEPS by EUPEN	European Physics Education Network
TREE	Teaching and Research in Engineering in Europe

UPCOMING EVENTS

IDF World Dairy Summit

Date: September 20-24, 2009

More information : <http://www.wds2009.com/index.php?id=10&L=1>

Venue :Berlin, Germany

RFID Europe 2009

Date: 29-30 September, 2009

More information : www.IDTechEx.com/RFIDEurope

Venue : Cambridge, UK

6th NIZO Dairy Conference

Date: September 30 - October 2, 2009

More information : www.NIZOdairyconf.elsevier.com

Venue : Papendal, the Netherlands

NEW! 5th European Symposium on Food Safety - "Advancements in Food Safety"

Date: 7-9 October 2009

More information: <http://www.foodprotection.org/events/european-symposia/>

Venue: Estrel Convention Centre, Berlin, Germany

Delivery of Functionality in Complex Food Systems

Date: October 18-21, 2009

More information : www.delivery-of-functionality.com

Venue : Wageningen, the Netherlands

5th International and the 7th National Congress of Cereal Technologists "Flour - Bread '09"

Date: October 21-23, 2009

More information : <http://www.ptfos.hr/brasno-kruh/>

Venue : Opatija, Croatia

3rd International Immunonutrition Workshop

Date: October 21-24, 2009

More information : <http://www.immunonutritionworkshop.com/>

Venue : Girona, Spain

Understanding, measuring and predicting the shelf life of foods : Theory-Applications

Date: October 29 - 30, 2009

More information : www.auth.gr/agro/fst

Venue : Aristotle University of Thessaloniki - Greece

EFFoST Conference

Date: November 11-13, 2009

More information: www.fffostconference.com

Venue: Budapest, Hungary

NEW! Asia Pacific Symposium on Food Safety

Date: November 11 - 13, 2009

More information: <http://www.iafpkorea.co.kr/main.asp>

Venue: Seoul, Korea

NEW! Contaminants of edible fats and oils: analytical, normative issue and prevention

Date: 12 - 13 Novembre 2009

More information: workshopcontaminants.dial@uniud.it

Venue: Dipartimento di Scienze degli Alimenti, Via Sondrio 2, Udine, Italy.

NEW! 2nd International Symposium on New Research in Biotechnology

Date: 19- 20 November 2009

More information: <http://www.biotehnologii.usamv.ro/anunt-simpozioninternational-2009>

Venue: USAMV Bucharest, Romania

VIII workshop on Rapid Methods and Automation in Food Microbiology

Date: November 24-27, 2009

More information: <http://quiro.uab.cat/workshopMRAMA/>

Venue: Bellaterra (Cerdanyola del Vallès), Spain

NEW! AGORIALES 2009, FOOD FORUM INDUSTRY/RESEARCH for "NEW DOCTORS"

Date: November 27th, 2009

More information:

<http://www.uniagro.fr/images/news/premiereannonceelectro.pdf>

Venue: AGROPARISTECH-ENGREF, 19 avenue du Maine – Paris 15ème (France)

Asian Conference on Thermal Analysis and Applications 2009 (ASTA 2009)

Date: December 17-18, 2009

More information: www.mtec.or.th/asta2009

Venue: Bangkok, Thailand (Conference Venue will be announced.)

"Organic Days" : European Partnering Event on Organic Preservation

Date: Apr 23, 2010

More information: <http://www.enterprise-europe-network.ec.europa.eu>

Venue: Valence, France

NEW! ISOPOL XVII - International Symposium On Problems Of Listeriosis

Date: 5-8 May 2010

More information: <http://www.esb.ucp.pt/isopol2010/>

Venue: Porto, Portugal.

NEW! IUFOST 2010 CONGRESS: Food Science Solutions in an Evolving World

Date: 22 - 26 August 2010

More information: <http://www.iufost2010.org.za/>

Venue: Cape Town, South Africa.

MISCELLANEOUS

ESF Research Networking Programmes - 2009 Call for Proposals

An ESF Research Networking Programme is a networking activity bringing together nationally funded research activities for four to five years, to address a major scientific issue or a science-driven topic of research infrastructure, at the European level with the aim of advancing the frontiers of science.

Key objectives include:

- creating interdisciplinary fora;
- sharing knowledge and expertise;
- developing new techniques;
- training young scientists.

A successful Programme proposal must show high scientific quality and also demonstrate added value by being carried out at a European level rather than by individual research groups at the national level.

Proposals may be submitted in any scientific field. Deadline for receipt of proposals: 22 October 2009 (16:00 CET). Full details at <http://www.esf.org/programmes>.

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