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The ISEKI_Food projects and network at the IUFoST 2010 conference in Cape Town– by Cristina Silva

The 15th IUFoST World conference on Food Science and Technology held in Cape Town (South Africa) on 22-26 August 2010 was an important venue to disseminate the ISEKI_Food projects and activities of the ISEKI_Food Association.

The IUFoST organising committee invited Cristina Silva and Paola Pittia to chair the session "Food Science & Technology Education Development" that started with an oral presentation of our project coordinator entitled "The ISEKI_Food Network: role in food studies and careers in an evolving world".

Thanks to the contribution of the ISEKI_Food partners, three posters based on the activities and outputs of the network were also presented ("Development of innovative food study materials by ISEKI_Food 3 and ISEKI_Mundus 2 network"; "State of the art of the food studies in Europe and in the World: the results of the ISEKI_Food network"; and "The Food4us game"). A poster focused on the main aims and activities of the TRACK_FAST project was also presented.

During the conference, the dissemination of the network was kindly supported by some ISEKI_Food partners including Elisabeth Dumoulin, Margarida Vieira, Helmut Glattes, Harris Lazarides, Marco Dalla Rosa, Stephan Drusch and Afam Israel Jideani, who recently moved from Botswana to the University of Venda and welcomed all the ISEKI_Food friends in South Africa.

More than 1700 food scientists, technologists and food industry experts from around the world, attended this international event which also hosted an exhibition of food industries and related activities.



WP7 Fostering lifelong learning in Higher Education: EMPLOYABILITY– by Rui Costa

Employability is a vital concern of the Bologna Process. Ministerial communiqués include many references to employability since this is a subject important for both the education and for the employment ministries. Employability approaches to curricula design have mainly two dimensions: knowledge of the employment market needs and the application of pedagogical approaches on the development of personal competences that are particularly valued by employers. ISEKI_Food3 wants to collect the diverse methodologies across European higher education institutions when it comes to include employability approaches to curricula design. WP7 prepared a short questionnaire to be answered by its 76 higher education institutions. An analysis of the results will be presented in a report with particular emphasis to the identification of best practices: <https://www.iseki-food.eu/drupal/node/86>

A series of questionnaires were administered to FST employers throughout Europe in order to determine the current situation of FST professionals in terms of competencies and their acquisition. The first stage results are being presented in a series of brainstorming workshops across the EU engaging FST employers in order to assess their profile of the ideal FST. **Twelve Brainstorming Workshops** had already taken place and more 4 will be hold. At www.trackfast.eu there is an agenda with the next Brainstorming Workshops that will take place in Netherlands, Hungary, Turkey and Portugal.

Track_Fast project was presented on the **2nd ISEKI_Food projects Overall Meeting**, that occurred in Wageningen (June 7th 2010), by Paola Pittia from Università di Teramo.

This project was also presented, through posters at: **IUFoST - 15th World Congress of Food Science and Technology** - in Cape Town (August 22-26) and **Food Factory 2010** - 5th International Conference on the Food Factory for the Future - in Gothenburg (June 30th to July 2nd), by Cristina L. M. Silva from College of Biotechnology - Catholic University of Portugal.

Next 29th September- 1st October 2010 the **3rd Track_Fast Meeting** will be hosted by TUB - Technical University Berlin (Department of Food Biotechnology and Food Process Engineering) in Berlin.

Many of the results already collected within Track_Fast consortia will be presented at **FoodInnova**, International Conference on Food Innovation, next 25th to 29th October 2010 in Valencia (Spain).

These project activities will contribute to a more innovative and competitive food and drink sector, which is a key area for job creation, global competition and societal benefit in Europe.

More info: www.trackfast.eu

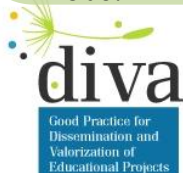
2nd overall meeting of the ISEKI projects, Wageningen, NL - by Lynn McIntyre (UK)

The second overall meeting of ISEKI_Food 3 and ISEKI_Mundus 2 was held at Wageningen University in the Netherlands from the 7th to 9th June 2010. A total of 95 partners, representing 27 ISEKI_Food 3 and 19 ISEKI_Mundus 2 countries, were in attendance including external evaluator Klaus Guthy. The meeting was timely as we had just received feedback from our EC project reports submitted in March and April. Both projects were evaluated favourably but Klaus reminded us that the success of the projects relies on the continuing support and activity of all partners, and encouraged everyone to participate as fully as possible to achieve the outcomes of the projects.

The first morning of the meeting was devoted to formal introductions by Prof Dr Martin Kropff, the rector of Wageningen University, and the meeting organiser Dr Ralf Hartemin. Project coordinator Dr Cristina Silva then provided a summary of project outputs and project administration before encouraging us as always to work hard! Over the next day and a half, various presentations were made by work package coordinators to summarise project progress, and to update partners on the 2nd ISEKI_Food Conference. A number of parallel sessions were also held on days 2 and 3 to allow partners to contribute to and progress work package activities. The meeting also included a memorable bike ride to the Wageningen Food Science Department where we toured their research facilities, a traditional dutch pancake dinner and a trip to the zoo where partners cooked their own meat on a huge revolving grill. I'm happy to report (to the best of my knowledge anyway) that no-one suffered food poisoning as a consequence of poor BBQ technique!

As always, it was an enjoyable, hard working and productive three days, and the project outputs are progressing well. Thanks go to Ralph Hartemink and the staff and students of Wageningen University, and to the invited speakers (Linze Rijswijk) and partners (Paola Pittia, Marco Dalla Rossa, Rui Costa and Ingrid Bauman) who contributed additional presentations of interest to the network. The third and final overall meeting of the ISEKI_Food 3 and ISEKI_Mundus 2 projects will be held in conjunction with the second ISEKI_Food Conference in Milan, Italy from 31st August to 2nd September 2011. There is much to be done before then so please complete your homework requests from the ISEKI secretariat and see you in Italy next year.

Ciao!



The dissemination strategies of the ISEKI_Food 3 project selected as a "Good Practice" example by the DiVA project

DiVA project (Good Practice for Dissemination and Valorisation of Educational Projects, <http://www.diva-project.eu/>) aims to collect the best dissemination and exploitation strategies for educational projects to produce guidelines, a good practice catalogue and recommendations for the European Commission.

Partnership carried out European studies about successful educational projects and evaluated them based on especially defined criteria.

Representatives of the projects selected as a good practice example are now being invited to regional round tables and/or to the final workshop in Austria. These projects will be included in the DiVA good practice catalogue, to be send in electronic version to all lifelong learning project co-coordinators and lifelong learning national agencies.

The project ISEKI_Food 3 – Innovative Developments and Sustainability of ISEKI_Food was selected by the DiVA partnership as a good practice example and Prof. Paola Pittia will participate in Lisbon on the regional round table, next 8/9 October 2010.



On behalf of the First International Conference on Food Innovation FOODINNOVA, that will be held in October 25-29, 2010 in Valencia (Spain), ISEKI_Food Network organized a workshop entitled: *"Future and Current European / World Food Science and Engineering Studies and Careers"* (<http://www.foodinnova.com/programme.html>). This workshop represents an important opportunity to disseminate and discuss both the activities of ISEKI_Food network and Track_Fast project.

It will bring together the CIAA, representing the food and drink industries' interests, gathering also partners from ISEKI_Food and ISEKI_Mundus projects.

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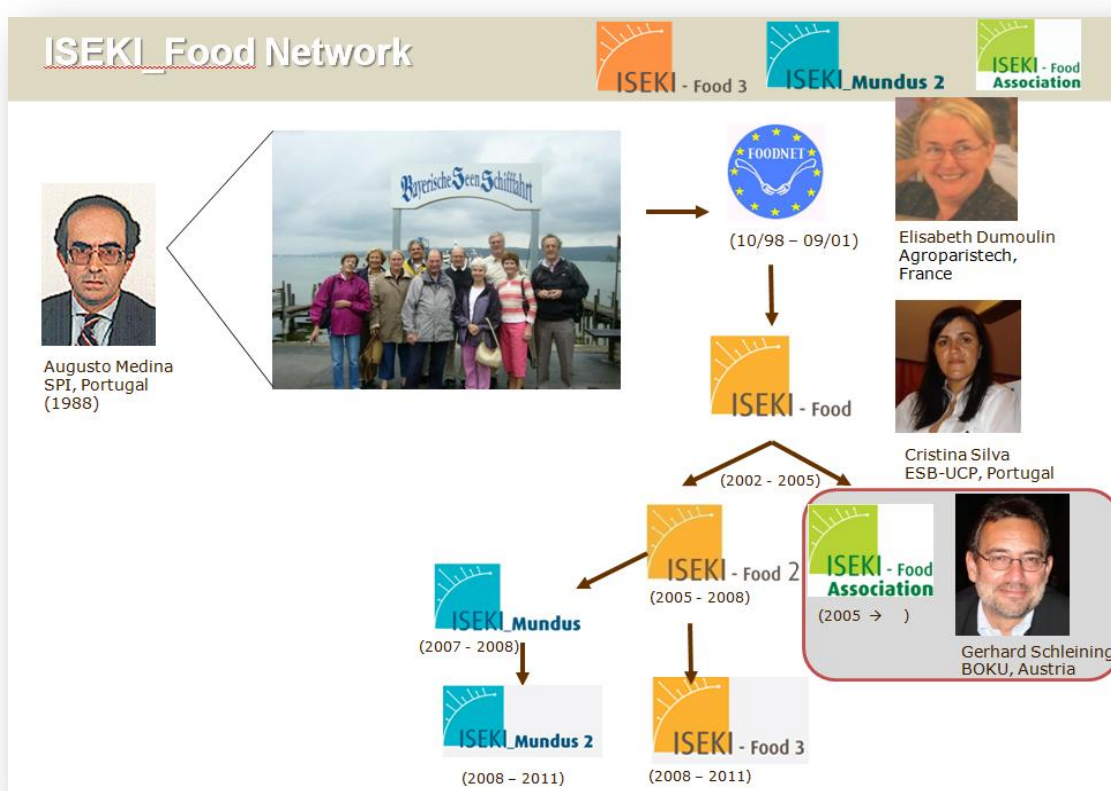
International Conference "Employability & Entrepreneurship"

The 2nd edition of the International Conference "Employability & Entrepreneurship" took place in Oporto at the Catholic University of Portugal, on the 27th and 28th September 2010 (<http://www.porto.ucp.pt/cfpee2010/>).

The evolution, structure, objectives, achievements and ideas for the future, concerning the ISEKI_Food network, were presented by Cristina Silva, through an oral communication entitled "Food Studies and Careers for a more innovative and competitive European Food Science and Technology".

International Conference "Employability & Entrepreneurship" - 2nd Edition

History of ISEKI_Food Network





Food Engineers meet every 3-4 years at ICEF, the International Congress on Engineering and Food that has been established as the major international event in the field. At ICEF10 held in Chile in 2008, the International Association of Engineering and Food (IAEF) delegates decided that ICEF 11 will take place in Athens, 22 to 26 May, 2011.

The main objectives of ICEF11 are to provide the forum for discussion of research results and new scientific knowledge, promote personal contact and synergism, advance interaction between academia and industry and facilitate exchange of information on new processes and equipment. The Theme of ICEF 11 will be "Food Process Engineering in a Changing World" and it will explore how food engineering can contribute to the solution of vital problems in a world of increasing population and complexity under severe constraints of limited resources of raw materials, energy and environment.

The Executive Committee of ICEF11 invites you to be part of the exciting process of realizing a successful Congress. Mark your calendars and submit your contributions. Important dates and information for ICEF11 is available at www.icef11.org. Abstracts are accepted till October 15, 2010.

IAEF and ICEF11 will be looking forward to welcoming the Food Engineers of the World in Athens in 2011.

More info: www.icef11.org

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The President of IAEF and ICEF11,
Professor George Saravacos

AgriFoodResults intends to answer the need for a better dissemination of results of food research. The vision is to improve the cost effectiveness of agri-food research activities by enhancing the transfer of the results to the end-users.

The project combines capacity building with the creation of sustainable services for dissemination managers. These services include websites, innovative approach to communicate scientific results and guidelines for project and dissemination managers.

The scope of AgriFoodResults is food science with an emphasis on food safety, food processing technology and nutrition & health. The focus is primary on SMEs and small research projects.

European initiative for a better use of the results of agri-food research

By Nastasia Belc

AgriFoodResults has three main objectives:

- 1** To offer innovative and sustainable services for dissemination.
- 2** To raise skills of European food scientists on dissemination practices.
- 3** To successfully disseminate recent results from agri-food research projects.

The main final results are:

- 1** Two web-sites: one on dissemination practices (for dissemination managers, with guide of good practices, directories of contacts, database of information relays) and one on food scientific results (for end-users, with a database of scientific results in food science).
- 2** An innovative and sustainable web solution for communicating project results.
- 3** Several guides of good practices:
 - i) A guide of good practices for the dissemination managers
 - ii) A guide of good practices for communication with food SMEs
 - iii) A guide of good practices for communication with policy makers
 - iv) A guide of good practices for communication with consumers
- 4** Several reports including:
 - i) A report benchmarking current practices on dissemination of scientific results in the food sector and identifying the needs of SMEs.
 - ii) A report on strategies for communication of scientific results.
 - iii) A final report (compiling the guides, database etc) on dissemination strategies.
- 5** Workshops (8) organised across Europe and presentations (18) of project results in conferences and workshops organised outside AgriFoodResults.
- 6** One European conference on dissemination practices which will include the award of prizes for the dissemination activities of projects.



European Initiative for a better use of results of agri-food research

Project FP7: GA 226927/2009



NEW! Dutch - Hungarian matchmaking AgroFood and Logistics

Date: November 03-05, 2010

More info: <http://www.enterprise-europe-network.ec.europa.eu/publicwebsite/calendar/viewdetails.cfm?EventID=2456&type=future>

Venue : Győr, Hungary

NEW! EXTREMADURA AGROFOOD MARKETPLACE 2010

Date: November 4th, 2010

More info: <http://www.enterprise-europe-network.ec.europa.eu/publicwebsite/bemt/home.cfm?EventID=2434>

Venue: Don Benito (Badajoz), Spain

International Dairy Federation (IDF) World Dairy Summit 2010

Date: November 5-11, 2010

More info: <https://www.iseki-food.net/drupal/node/292>

Venue: Auckland, New Zealand

International Scientific Conference on Gastro-Intestinal Microbial Ecology

Date: November 9-11, 2010

More info: <https://www.iseki-food.net/drupal/node/426>

Venue: Hilton Hotel Kosice, Slovakia

The 2010 EFFoST Annual Meeting

Date: 10-12 November 2010

More info: <http://www.effostconference.com/>

Venue: Dublin, Ireland

Health ingredients Europe 2010

Date: November, 16-18, 2010

More info: <http://hieurope.ingredientsnetwork.com/1>

Venue: Madrid, Spain

Equaf - 5th European Quality Assurance Forum

Date: 18-20 November 2010

More info: <https://www.iseki-food.net/drupal/node/424>

Venue: University Claude Bernard Lyon I Lyon, France

NEW! IX workshop on Rapid Methods and Automation in Food Microbiology

Date: November 23-26, 2010

More information: <http://webs2002.uab.es/workshopMRAMA/>

Venue: Bellaterra (Cerdanyola del Vallès), Spain

CIGR Confress

Date: April 18-20, 2011

More info: <https://www.iseki-food.net/drupal/node/391>

Venue : Cité Internationale des Congrès Nantes Métropole, Nantes, France

ICEF 11

Date: May 22-26, 2011

More info: www.icef11.org

Venue: Athens, Greece



ISEKI_Food 2011

Bridging Training and Research for Industry and the Wider Community 2nd International ISEKI_Food Conference

Milan, Italy; 31st August - 2nd September 2011
Great Hall of the University of Milan, Via Festa del Perdono



This is the second event organised by the **ISEKI_Food network**, through the projects **ISEKI_Food3** and **ISEKI_Mundus2** supported by the European Commission under the LLP and Erasmus Mundus programmes, in collaboration with the ISEKI_Food Association.

The general aims of the ISEKI_Food conferences are:

- ▶ to contribute to the creation of an "open" international forum for researchers, education scientists, technologists, government agencies and industry representatives and trainers, and food consumers to promote constructive dialogue and collaboration on topics relevant to Food Science and Technology, Industry and Education,
- ▶ to exchange experiences of innovative learning and teaching methodologies, and
- ▶ to present and disseminate the results of the activities developed by the ISEKI projects.

More info: <http://www.isekiconferences.com/milan2011/>



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