ISEKI-Food Workshop

“RISK COMMUNICATION - strategies to implement the interaction among stakeholders for safer food products and the benefit of consumers”
26th February 2013, Budapest, Hungary

The communication of the safety risks along the food production chain is an interactive process of exchange of information and opinion among risk assessors, risk managers, and other interested parties. It implies the involvement of all the stakeholders of the food processing sector that are involved in a continuous process of transfer of information. Research organisations, governmental bodies and authorities, as well as industry have to act in a synergic way to promote constructive strategies to communicate on risks associated with the food chain and deliver the proper information for the benefit of the consumers. During the workshop, eminent representatives of public organisations, research institutes and industry will present strategies and actions aimed to favour a constructive dialog among the stakeholders and to improve the correct delivery of the information about safety risks to the consumers. A discussion will be promoted with all participants who will also have the chance to contribute with case studies. The workshop, organised by the ISEKI-Food Association, will be held prior to the 4th MoniQA International Conference (http://budapest2013.moniqa.org/).

For further information on the programme and registration, please visit https://www.iseki-food.net/WS-Risk-Communication

ISEKI-Food Workshop

3rd SCHOOL OF NANOTECHNOLOGY: APPLICATIONS IN THE FOOD CHAIN,
30-31 May 2013, Skiathos Island, Greece

With nanoscale science and technologies the food industry has gained a whole new set of tools to improve certain properties of food and associated processes that are necessary for food production. Scientists are exploring their potential for example to enhance flavor and other sensory characteristics of foods, to introduce antibacterial nanostructures into food packaging and to encapsulate and deliver nutrients directly into targeted tissues. The new tools also provide opportunities to better monitor and control food quality processes during production, transport and storage. Applications of nanotechnology will improve our food in many ways. However, developing nanotechnology into a safe, effective tool for use in Food Science and Technology will require addressing also consumer confidence.

Organised by the ISEKI-Food Association (IFA), this one and a half day workshop will be held prior to the FABE 2013 International Conference on Food and Biosystems Engineering to further explore the use of nanotechnology in food. This school is organized in lectures describing the most updated research in the field plus a half-day of practical work in which the participants can learn some techniques applied to the development and characterization of food grade nanomaterial.

For further information on the programme and registration, please visit https://www.iseki-food.net/nanoworkshop_skiathos
Christmas Message for the National Representatives (NR) of IFA

The IFA Secretariat would like to thank all NR for their valuable contribution and initiatives in 2012. Many of you have built up the basis for a national IFA Secretariat, have recruited new members and with your activities you have contributed to the further success of the Association. Thank you so much.

In some countries the NR has been less active, but the secretariat is ready to assist you. Please inform us regarding how we can help.

We know also that in some former “ISEKI_Mundus” countries the situation for NR of IFA is more difficult following the conclusion of the ISEKI_Mundus project. Nevertheless we hope for your further interest in IFA and we would like to offer you special help and assistance in fulfilling your tasks and objectives. Please inform us about your expectations and wishes.

Please don’t forget: IFA is a unique international network between academia and the food industry, for example:

- in promoting synergies between research, education and industry (i.e. support in stimulating the development of joint projects)
- in training (e-learning courses, web seminars, workshops, tailor made onsite training)
- in quality assurance in education and training.

In general we would like to remind all NR to visit the IFA web page (www.iseki-food.net) periodically, where you can find up-to-date information about the Association and the benefits of being a member. In particular, we would like to draw your attention to:

- dissemination materials (https://www.iseki-food.net/dissemination%20materials when you are logged in)
- the possibility to organize webseminars in your national language (https://www.iseki-food.net/IFA-Webinars)
- the possibility to participate and/or create SIGs (Special Interest Groups, https://www.iseki-food.net/sigs)
- to get support for organizing events: e.g. development of flyers, mailings (~10,000 subscribers), announcements (https://www.iseki-food.net/upcoming_ifa_events_all), setting up of a conference website, online registration, venue search, book of abstracts, ...etc.

We know that all of you are overloaded with work in your professional life, but don’t forget that without your help IFA is not able to achieve its aims and support your professional activities. The Secretariat would be very thankful to receive a short report about your activities in 2012 and a summary of planned activities for 2013. A a small token of appreciation will be given to all active NRs after a 3 year term in recognition of their work.

Season’s greetings and our best wishes for the New Year filled with success, healthy and happiness!

Richard Marshall (President)
Helmut Glattes  (Coordinator of NR)
Gerhard Schleining  (Secretary General)
**NEW!! The ISEKI-Food Association is offering new Services**

- **Event Organisation**: Organisation and management of food related scientific events (conferences, meetings, workshops) – includes scientific and administrative support on a modular basis, like finding speakers and venue, negotiations with venue, contract preparation, maintenance of (online) registrations, preparation of book of abstracts, maintenance of on-site registration desk, etc.). **IFA institutional/company members will get discount.**

- **Design of promotion material** (leaflets, roll-ups, posters, etc.). **IFA members will get discount.**

- **ISEKI Food Association Endorsement**: conference/workshop promotion by 3 special mailings to more than **10.000 subscribers of our enews**, by including the event in our event calendar, allowing to use the IFA logo on the conference website and by providing assistance in the conference organisation. **For IFA company members this service is free of charge.**

- **Announcements**: job offers, job applications, business opportunities can be placed on our website for free. **Special mailings** to more than **10.000 subscribers of our enews** can be done against small fees. **For IFA members special mailings in periodical enews is free of charge.**

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