



## EUROPEAN ASSOCIATION FOR INTEGRATING FOOD SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING KNOWLEDGE INTO THE FOOD CHAIN (IFA)

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### Short Guideline for IFA National Representatives and Deputies

Dear National Representatives and Deputies,

By becoming your country's IFA national Representative or Deputy, you will be able to significantly support the association's mission for:

- **lifelong learning in the food sector**, encompassing both **academia & industry**;
- improving efficacy of teaching for **Teachers and Trainers** ;
- **facilitation** of knowledge acquisition for **Students**;
- **enabling Industry staff / Food professionals** to use research results; and
- facilitation of **collaboration** between **researchers**

Especially now that after so many successful years the thematic network projects **ISEKI\_Food 1 to 4** has ended, it is vital to keep the international **ISEKI\_Food family** together.

The following information contains some useful steps to help guide you to start to function as IFA National Representative or Deputy:

- 1) Fill in the word document "**input form for country site**" (it will be sent to you by the IFA secretariat). This questionnaire asks for information on your country, such as general demographic information, food studies programmes, company/industry orientated training, food industries and other such information. You may find that other countries' entries are good as examples to guide you to fill in this information. If this information already exists on your country page, please have a closer look at the information listed to update, correct or add some other useful bits of information. Please send this document to the IFA secretariat so that it can be uploaded to your country page on the IFA website
- 2) Twice a year, a **virtual meeting of all IFA national Representatives and Deputies** will be scheduled. It is the only present possibility for meeting albeit virtually with other National Representatives and an excellent way of strengthening our network.
- 3) The IFA Team for National Representatives/Deputies (NR Team) will provide a **short IFA presentation** on your request which can be given to your colleagues, to inform them about the aims of the association and related activities and services. If you are an Individual IFA member you could benefit by upgrading to an Institutional membership which has many advantages.
- 4) The IFA NR team ([office@iseki-food.net](mailto:office@iseki-food.net)) is always available for any questions you may have. Contact us by e-mail and we can arrange for a virtual meeting anytime.

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