SELAMAT is a network organisation that brings together stakeholders dealing with food safety from Europe and Asia to share methodology and policy developments related to food quality and safety.

Subjects of mutual interest in relation to research, development, training and trade in this area are:
1. Certification & Normalisation (i.e. open exchange of methods, new detection methods, risk assessment)
2. Sustainable production systems for food safety (i.e. unintended effects, public perception transparency)
3. Trade issues (i.e. market stability, traceability)

SELAMAT, which was established in 2004, represents a new way of working together between Europe and ASEM and provides an international framework for food safety. It transcends governments, academia, industry and consumers and enables them to work together to maximize resources, integrate programmes and improve food safety in the regions.

Aims
- Promote European and Asian collaboration
- Contribute to opening up the European Research Area
- Mobilize the European and Asian Research Communities to support Communities and Asian foreign and development policies
- Develop a common research agenda and initiate joint activities

Founding members
The SELAMAT platform consists of the SELAMAT consortium (IBET and RIKILT) and its members, the overall coordinator is Dr. H. Marvin (RIKILT):

RIKILT - Institute of food safety, Wageningen UR
The Netherlands
IBET - Instituto de Biologia Experimental e Tecnológica
Portugal
UPM - Universiti Putra Malaysia
Malaysia
CLT - Central Laboratory Thailand
NFI - National Food Institute
Thailand
NA-DFC - National Agency for Drug and Food Control
Indonesia
IPP-CAAS - Institute of Plant Protection, Chinese Academy of Agriculture Science
China

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Membership
The SELAMAT network has shown its members to give the following benefits:

- Direct access to top experts on many expertise fields in EU and Asia
- Influence in research agenda setting
- Easy access to outcomes of programs of the EU frame work and ASEM counterpart
- Means to extend the existing network
- Discuss "sensitive information" informally

The network is expanding with new members. Membership is limited to organisations dealing with food safety such as research organisations, universities, food safety authorities and ministries in Asia and in the EU.

Products
Global Food Safety Legislation portal
A tool to find up to date national MRLs and related legislation of contaminants, feed and food additives and veterinary drug residues. The portal is accessible via the SELAMAT website.

Training and workshops
SELAMAT has developed a successful format for training courses which includes workshops as well as hands-on laboratory training. Having access to a large group of highly experienced trainers and well equipped laboratories in EU and Asia, we can offer courses in the field of Contaminants, Microbiology and GMOs, Veterinary drugs, Quantitative Risk assessment & HACCP and Proficiency testing.

Research agenda
In a dedicated SELAMAT meeting held in Republic of Korea in April 2006, topics for joint research were identified and published in an international journal. Issues identified included among others:

- Collaboration on early warning and rapid alert between EU and ASEM
- Networking between stakeholders of both regions
- Collaboration on traceability, mycotoxin (method development), exposure assessment, nutrition and microbial risk assessment

Upcoming events
The 1st Seminar of the SELAMAT Sustainable Network (SS-NW) will be held on November 25, 2009 in Bangkok, Thailand and is titled: *Potential Impacts of Climate Change on Food Safety and Strategic Identification of Emerging Risks.*

For more information on this event, see the SELAMAT website. The SELAMAT programmes for 2010 will be published early 2010 on this site.

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