

To: NRLs mycotoxins & plant toxins in food and feed
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Cc: EURLs contaminants

Dear NRLs,

Please find the Newsletter no 2 with information on the workshop and training that will be on-line events in 2020. The Wageningen University & Research does not allow to organise trainings, or meetings with more than 30 persons on Wageningen Campus until January 2021.

We also ask you for your input for the working program for 2021 and 2022. Please send your suggestions on research and proficiency tests before September 1, 2020.

Proficiency tests 2020		
PT number	Registration opens (expected)	Shipment of samples (expected)
EURLPT-MP04 TA <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Atropine and scopolamine • Cereals food and feed • Target LOQ: 0.5 µg/kg 	Invitations were sent in week 27	End of August 2020
EURLPT-MP05 SCL <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ergot sclerotia (visual inspection) • Cereals food and feed • Target LOQ: not relevant 	Invitations will be sent in week 30	End of September 2020

Training 2020		
EURLTR-MP05 DONconj <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hands-on training • Registration closed 	Postponed until 2021	
EURTR-MP06 AQC <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Desk training • Registration closed 	October 7-8, 2020	On-line event

Workshop 2020	October 6-7, 2020	On-line event
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Website	EURL-MP-method_006 Determination of ergot sclerotia (<i>Claviceps purpurea</i> Tul.) in whole kernel cereals by visual screening is available on the website
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Upcoming legislation – plant toxins

Due to upcoming legislation we ask the NRLs to prepare methods for analysis of opium alkaloids and tetrahydrocannabinol in food. Obtaining the necessary permits and the analytical standards can be challenging and may take up to a year. Please include at least the analytical standards of tetrahydrocannabinol (THC), tetrahydrocannabinolic acid (THCA), morphine and codeine in the respective methods.

With kind regards,

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