

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

Dear NRLs,

Please find Newsletter 2021 no 1 with information on the activities of the EURL.

Proficiency tests	
EURLPT-MP02 PA	Final report WFRS report 2021.006 is on the website.
EURLPT-MP04 TA	Final report WFRS report 2021.005 is on the website.
EURLPT-MP05 SCL	Final report WFRS report 2021.002 is on the website.
EURLPT-MP06 MULTIMYCO (2021)	The invitation for this PT was sent on May 31.
EURLPT-MP07 PA (2022)	A PT is planned for pyrrolizidine alkaloids and possibly tropane alkaloids early in 2022.
EURLPT-MP Opium alkaloids (2021)	The questionnaires showed that 8 NRLS will have a validated method in September 2021. It was decided to postpone this PT due to other priorities and time required for the necessary permits for this PT.

Methods	
Opium alkaloids in food	EURL-MP-method_007 opium alkaloids in food by LC-MS/MS v1 is available on the website.

Training 2021		
EURLTR-MP05 DONconj	Postponed	Hands-on training
EURLTR-MP07 AQC	Four on-line training sessions were held on method validation plant toxins (2), quality aspects method validation and analysis (1) and sampling and sample preparation (1). Report are placed on CIRCABC.	On-line event

Workshop 2021	October 5-6, 2021	Place to be decided
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Upcoming legislation – plant toxins

Due to upcoming PTs and 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 some time. Please include at least the analytical standards of morphine, codeine, tetrahydrocannabinol (THC) and tetrahydrocannabinolic acid (THCA), in the respective methods.

In the course of 2021 we will work on the permits for PT on opium alkaloids.

With kind regards,

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