

To: NRLs mycotoxins & plant toxins in food and feed
Mr. F. Verstraete (EC)

Cc: EURLs contaminants

Dear NRLs,

Please find Newsletter 2021 no 2 with information on the activities of the EURL.

Proficiency tests	
EURLPT-MP02 PA	Follow-up on going
EURLPT-MP04 TA	Follow-up report on CIRCABC
EURLPT-MP05 SCL	Follow-up report on CIRCABC
EURLPT-MP06 MULTMY	On going
EURLPT-MP07 PA (2022)	A PT for pyrrolizidine alkaloids and possibly tropane alkaloids, early in 2022

Workshop 2021	October 5-6, 2021. It was decided to organise the Workshop on-line.	On-line
NRL network	Updated list of NRLs mycotoxins & plant toxins in food and feed (and food of animal origin) is available on the website	

Symposia	
42 nd Mycotoxin Workshop, May 31-June 2, 2021 on-line	Report on CIRCABC
<i>Upcoming</i>	
RAFA November 3-4, 2021	RAFA. 2021 on-line
43 rd Mycotoxin Workshop, May 30-June 1, 2022, Toulouse, France.	Mycotoxin
World Mycotoxin Forum, May 16-18, 2022, Parma, Italy.	WMF
On-line preconference meetings: 12 Oct. 2021 - Human exposome 30 Nov. 2021 - Animal health 1 Feb. 2022 - Analysis	
RAFA November, 2022	

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. 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 additional permits that are necessary for shipping samples to the NRLs for a PT on opium alkaloids.

With kind regards,

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