

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

Cc: EURLs contaminants

Dear NRLs,

We hope you and your loved ones are all well and we hope for a full recovery for those who suffer from COVID-19. We hope you will enjoy some quiet and happy days with Christmas.

Please find Newsletter no 3 with information on the 2021 work programme. Thank you for your input. It was decided to start 2021 with a one year program that will be extended with a work programme for 2022 in the course of the year. The work programme will be placed on the website soon.

Proficiency tests	
EURLPT-MP02 PA	Final report expected in January 2021.
EURLPT-MP04 TA	Final report expected in March 2021.
EURLPT-MP05 SCL	Final report expected in February 2021.
EURLPT-MP06 MULTIMYCO (2021)	A PT will be organised on analysis of multi-mycotoxins in food and feed. Samples are expected to be shipped by April 2021.
EURLPT-MP07 Opium alkaloids (2021)	A PT is planned on opium alkaloids with emphasis on bakery products, such as poppy seed containing bread rolls. In January 2021 the NRLs will receive a questionnaire on the available permits and methods.
EURLPT-MP08 PA (2022)	A PT is planned for pyrrolizidine alkaloids and possible tropane alkaloids (same method) early in 2022. Samples are expected to be shipped by January 2022.

Training 2021		
EURLTR-MP05 DONconj	Postponed until autumn 2021.	Hands-on training
EURLTR-MP07 AQC	Following the on-line EURLTR-MP06 training on AQC issues, a series of 4 short (1 hour) colloquium style sessions will be organised in Q1 and Q2 of 2021 to discuss one subject per session. An inventory for subjects will be made in January.	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 take up to a year. Please include at least the analytical standards of morphine, codeine, tetrahydrocannabinol (THC) and tetrahydrocannabinolic acid (THCA), in the respective methods.

With kind regards,

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