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President's message

Dear Readers,

Regrettable the Covid-19 pandemic is not over yet and it looks like it may take quite some time before the world will be a little bit normal again. It will probably never be completely as before the pandemic; we shall have to get used to the presence of the SARS-Cov-2 virus and its mutations and probably more new viruses. For the shorter term it still means fewer life global events. The next GHI Congress is postponed until an unknown date, as there are just too many uncertainties. It looks like the annual EFFoST conference will take place, this year probably live and it is the intention that GHI make its presence felt, as usual. Regrettably many GHI members from outside Europe who intended to participate are either not allowed to travel to Europe yet or do not yet want to risk traveling in planes as long as the pandemic is not under control. Therefore, regrettably it will largely be only Europeans this time.

In this issue of GHI Matters, you will read a bit more about the anonymous whistle blower's page that the WG Global Incident Alert Network developed and that has attracted quite some media attention. Translations of the webpage are arriving and shortly the webpage will be available in many languages. The same applies to the press release (PR) of 9 August, 2021 and you are encouraged to distribute the PR in the language(s) most suitable for where you live to local food related magazines.

It is my hope that all of you remain free from Covid-19 and if you got the virus, that you will recover quickly and completely. I look forward to see many of you sometime soon again, somewhere.

Take care and kind regards,

Huub Lelieveld, GHI President, August, 2021.

Editor's message

Dear Readers,

It is yet another important opportunity to touch base with all of you our esteemed readers through the August, 2021's Issue of GHI Matters.

I truly do hope that you are keeping well. In this current Issue we share an interesting opportunity to become a pioneering member of the proposed GHI Working Group on Risk Assessment. Please do get in touch with the respective leaders through the contacts provided should you be interested in joining this working group.

There is also an exciting report about the publicity for GHI whistle-blower food safety incident report site which is generating positive ripples in several parts of the world. The translations of the information to over 20 different languages is currently on-going and updates will be given as soon as they become available.

Don't forget to visit the events section for updates on various events of significance to you happening across the globe.

You will note that due to the pandemic some events have been postponed to the next year hoping that the travel restrictions will have been lifted by then. Others, like the annual EFFoST conference is likely to continue although the attendance may be restricted to largely those living in the European Union. I wish you a delightful reading and good health until next time.

Warm regards,

Benard Oloo, Editor -GHI Matters August, 2021

Proposed GHI Working Group on Risk Assessment

Following several meetings / discussions with, e.g., EFSA about specific emerging risks it has emerged that a GHI working group on Risk Assessment would be well suited to define what risks are emerging that would affect food security and what can be done to reduce the risks. Members of GHI interested in joining the WG and in preparation of draft objectives for such a group and for approval of the Board should get in touch with Dr. Diana Bogueva as soon as possible on her email: diana.bogueva@globalharmonization.net and a copy to Prof. Huub Lelieveld on his email: huub.lelieveld@globalharmonization.net

Books

Many members have contributed to GHI books and sometimes finalizing a book takes more time than expected and we receive message about when the book, with their chapter in it, will be published. Reasons for the delay are many, some of them totally unexpected, such as authors who died, before completing their chapter. In other cases, the pandemic caused by the SARS-Cov-2 virus caused significant delays. Some authors suddenly were almost literally sucked into the pandemic because they had to join a project team working on vaccines. Many others had to switch to online teaching and although some had done so or were doing so for some time, for others it was the first time.

Food safety management: A practical guide for the food industry, 2nd edition

Editors: Yasmine Motarjemi, Veslemøy Andersen and Huub Lelieveld.

We are approaching the end and soon Elsevier may start the production process. Authors will find out when they receive the proofs from Elsevier for eventual corrections and then approval. The planning of Elsevier is publication by the end of this year. However, it may be a little later.

Food safety stories

Editors: Peter Overbosch, Veslemøy Andersen and Huub Lelieveld.

This book will present a series of real food safety incidents, experienced by food safety professionals. The stories may help with teaching food safety, showing what unexpected incidents may happen and why an open mind is always important, to see failures that may not be explicitly in any book. The book may serve as a teaching tool and complement other existing books such as the Food safety management book discussed above, or the Handbook of hygiene control in the food industry (Elsevier 2016).

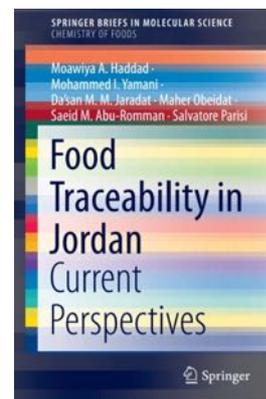
Nutrition and health aspects of traditional and ethnic food of Eastern Europe

Editors: Tetiana Golikova, Mark Shamtsyan, Diana Bogueva, Ida Jakobsone and Maris Jakobsons.

This volume of the "Nutrition and health aspects of traditional and ethnic food" series is now in production and will be published before the end of this year. It can be pre-ordered [here](#). Remember: When ordering, use the code GHI30 for a 30% discount!

Food traceability in Jordan

The GHI ambassador in Jordan, Moawiya A. Haddad, is the lead author of the book "Food traceability in Jordan". Co-authors are: Mohammed I. Yamani, Dasan M.M. Jaradat, Maher Obeidat, Saeid Abu-Romman and Salvatore Parisi. Chapter 1 of the book presents a clear introduction into traceability. That chapter may be downloaded from the GHI Library. The other chapters in the book present many interesting examples and you will definitely find it an intriguing addition to your reading list on the subject of food traceability. For details and ordering, click [here](#).



EFSA publishes the Stakeholders News

EFSA has recently published a Stakeholders News Update for July 2021. Since, GHI is an official stakeholder of EFFoST; we thought this information will be most relevant to you. Please click [here](#) to access the full newsletter.

The European Commission (EC) and GHI

GHI frequently receives announcements of EC public consultations. This enables everyone to provide comments on proposals for (amendments of) regulations or changes. Those on food safety can be found [here](#). If it does not work, copy the link below and paste in your browser. Currently there are 19 consultations, including ones on food labelling and food contact materials.

Link: https://ec.europa.eu/info/law/better-regulation/have-your-say/initiatives_en?topic=FOOD&frontEndStage=OPC_LAUNCHED

Food laws and regulations around the world

If you want information about food safety regulations in your own or any other country, chances are increasing that you can find a starting point or more on the GHI webpage "[Food Laws and Regulations](#)", where you will find an ever growing list of websites dealing with food laws and regulation. If the link does not work, copy and paste in your browser: <https://www.globalharmonization.net/food-laws-and-regulations>.

Whistleblower food safety incident report site



We are pleased to announce that after the launch of the GHI Whistleblower food safety incident report site we had a great success. Our PR campaign is now underway that focuses on dissemination in around 20 languages and a media presence. After the initial site launch, in English on 9th August, we received considerable media, scientific and industry attention. Thank you to all the GHI Ambassadors busy making translations and setting up local awareness campaigns. Over the next few weeks, we will start to see local language versions of the site launched. We have shared some of the media mentions received so far (e.g., Food Safety News, Food Safety Magazine, New Food, QA Magazine, Food Technology Magazine, EFFoST News) on the GHI social media channels - Twitter, Facebook and LinkedIn. If you are not yet connected, please join to follow the GHI updates. A number of media outlets have contacted us to hear more about the story behind the site, including offers to include GHI representatives in LIVE interviews and discussions. Watch this space! The Whistleblower food safety incident report site can be reached directly [here](#)

Project participation

Updates from FoodSafety4EU (<https://foodsafety4.eu>)

On May 2021 the organizers of the FoodSafety4EU asked many questions in their survey to the general public. Now they are giving the public an opportunity to share their questions and concerns about food safety with the experts of the FoodSafety4EU network: To do so effectively, the public can go to FoodSafety4EU website or social networks and comment on the posts of the #AskTheExpert campaign! The organization will collect all questions and identify the most recurrent topics and/or concerns. Then, on a regular basis, they will release short responses in the form of articles, #FoodSafetyFacts or videos from recognized experts in the field. FoodSafety4EU has also created a new channel for Foodsafety4eu. For more additional information regarding this project visit their news channel [here](#).

Events

EFFoST Annual Conference 2021



As announced earlier, the 35th EFFoST Conference 2021 will take place in Lausanne, Switzerland on the 1-4th of November 2021 with the theme 'Healthy Individuals, Resilient Communities, and Global Food Security'. Click [here](#) for additional information.

The 35th EFFoST Conference Committee is collaborating with the GHI leadership on a proposed session on "Novel food technologies in relation to food security, safety, sustainability and consumer acceptance". If you would like to give a presentation in the GHI session, contact Diana Bogueva (diana.bogueva@globalharmonization.net).

IFW 2020 | 3rd International Conference: Insects to Feed the World 2020



Originally there would have been a conference "Insects to feed the world", in Quebec, Canada, in November, 2020. As with many events, this one could not take place as intended. Now the conference will instead be held in 2022. Because insects will certainly play an increasing role in food security, you may be interested in accessing the information on the website [here](#)

Food BioTech Conference 2021



The International Food BioTech Conference was held online on August 23-24. The event was hosted by the School of Biotechnology and Cryogenic Systems of ITMO University – the best university in St. Petersburg. The conference attracted well-known world-famous scientists and provided an excellent opportunity to share academic and clinical research and to find

new scientific and industrial partners in several fields. If you missed this event or would like to see outcomes click [here](#)

MiFFI 2021 Conference - Microbial Food and Feed Ingredients



The 2nd International Conference on Microbial Food and Feed Ingredients (MiFFI) which was to be held in 2020 in Copenhagen will now take place on 16-18 November this year. For details, see [here](#).

[GHI](#) is an initiative of the European Federation of Food Science and Technology ([EFFoST](#)), which is the European part of the International Union of Food Science and Technology ([IUFoST](#)) and the International Division of the Institute of Food Technologists ([IFT](#)). GHI is supported by the European Engineering and Design Group ([EHEDG](#)). The goal of GHI is "Achieving consensus on the science of food regulations and legislations to ensure the global availability of safe and wholesome food products for all consumers".

GHI has legal non-profit entity status, registered in Austria as "GHI-Association - Globale Harmonisierungs Initiative für Gesetze und Verordnungen im Bereich Lebensmittel", ZVR number 453446383.