



## **The Global Food Safety Network**

providing expertise and services for  
effective food safety management

# The MoniQA Association

Monitoring and Quality Assurance in the total food supply chain

The MoniQA Association is an international group of organisations dedicated to international collaboration and research aimed at promoting a more secure and safer food supply.

## Why join?

- Be a part of an international network of 60 organisations and over 500 experts working together to advance food safety
- Get access to new knowledge and infrastructure
- Establish links to reference laboratories, policy makers and international organisations around the globe
- Network and exchange experience with researchers, industry representatives and policy makers
- Access new markets
- Build your career with MoniQA Continuing Professional Development, MoniQA Food Scientist Training and industrial knowledge transfer events
- Obtain a free subscription to 'Quality Assurance and Safety of Crops & Foods' (QAS) the joint ICC/MoniQA Journal
- Receive a free licence for the MoniQA-FC-24 database

**Join now – a unique opportunity to expand your reach!**

Research

Industry

Consumers

Policy  
Makers

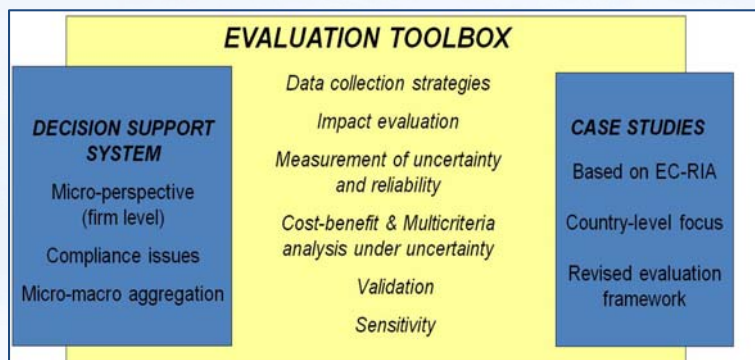
More information: [www.moniqua.org/association](http://www.moniqua.org/association)

## MoniQA Achievements – Some Examples

### Validation Studies and Reference Materials

MoniQA manages international ring trials validating methods for regulatory and surveillance, supporting SDOs (Standardisation Organisations) around the globe, primarily CEN, ISO, and Codex Alimentarius. MoniQA validation studies/ ring trials follow the requirements of the IUPAC/ AOAC/ ISO international protocol for collaborative trials. However, MoniQA protocols also take into account issues discussed recently at the Codex Alimentarius level, namely recovery, recovery correction, measurement uncertainty, etc.

<https://www.moniqa.org/Validationstudies>



### Working for better regulation

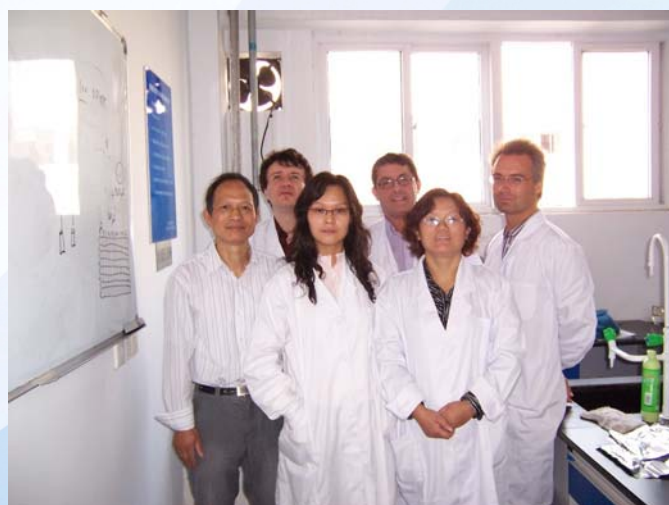
MoniQA has developed a toolbox for the systematic assessment of changing or new regulations, which will better predict their socio-economic impact at the various levels in the area of food safety. The aim is to better understand the impact of new or amended regulations within the industry and whether they are cost-effective for consumers.

<http://www.moniqa.org/socioeconomics>

### MoniQA FST - Food Scientist Training

MoniQA Food Scientists' Training (FSTs) workshops are part of a module-based training programme developed by MoniQA and administered by BOKU. FSTs are tailor-made to the needs of the consortium, and lecturers are provided by MoniQA partners with competences in a range of food- and soft-skills (e.g. project management) and experts from the wider food safety community, both practice and research. The workshops are targeted at MoniQA members and stakeholders from the food industry, SMEs, food research and development centres, food control agencies and laboratories, and authorities and policy makers, consumer representatives and retailers, respectively

<http://www.moniqa.org/training>





## More about the MoniQA Association

### What has the MoniQA Network of Excellence done and how is it contributing to food safety and quality research?

MoniQA focuses on validation of and setting performance criteria/requirements for methods used to analyse foods and food products for safety and quality. The main emphasis is on rapid methods and emerging new testing technologies, and their applicability and reliability in routine testing. The consortium has committed its knowledge, international relations, and communication resources to providing reliable information, globally agreed standards and tools to ensure safe foods, to support regulatory bodies in drafting better future regulations, food manufacturers in achieving legal compliance and producing high quality foods, and finally avoiding remedial, legal or re-call costs, and improving the quality of life for consumers. For more information take a look at our FAQ document or go to [www.moniqa.org/keyresults](http://www.moniqa.org/keyresults)

### What are other people saying about MoniQA?

“MoniQA has had a significant impact on our institution in terms of continuous professional development. The project has allowed us to raise our personal and corporate profile and has given us access to new regions and new organisations” (Anton Aldrick, Campden BRI, UK)

“My personal involvement in the MoniQA project has allowed me to increase my visibility at international level” (Linda Monaci, ISPA-CNR, Italy )

“Our collaboration with food industry has improved significantly, especially via the training programmes of MoniQA” (Hamit Koxsel, HCTU, Turkey)

For more comments go to [www.moniqa.org/testimonials](http://www.moniqa.org/testimonials)

### How is the MoniQA Association governed, what is its legal form?

The MoniQA Association is registered as a non-profit distributing association (*Verein*) established in Vienna, Austria and subject to the laws of that jurisdiction. Its governing principles are described in the statutes. For more information take a look at our FAQ document or go to [www.moniqa.org/association](http://www.moniqa.org/association)

### I have some more questions/comments. How can I contact MoniQA?

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## MoniQA Global Food Safety Network for

### Research and Analysis

- **Get networked**
  - MoniQA Food Scientist Training programme and Continuous Professional Development (CPD)
  - Opportunities for continuous professional development
  - Knowledge transfer events
  - New project proposals and consortia, better impact
- **Go global**
  - Trans-continental bi-lateral and multi-lateral agreements and cooperation
- **Access new expertise and infrastructure**
  - Free subscription to “Quality Assurance and Safety of Crops & Foods” (QAS), the Joint ICC/MoniQA Journal
  - Discounted access to MoniQA Conferences and courses
  - One free licence for the MoniQA-FC-24 database
  - MoniQA laboratory accreditation support tool
  - Reliable rapid methods for food safety and quality analysis and international standards
    - LC-MS-MS for mycotoxins and other chemical contaminants, food allergens, quantitative gluten/gliadin ELISAs
    - MoniQA validation studies
    - Joint IUPAC/ MoniQA protocol for validation on qualitative methods, ISO International Workshop Agreement on harmonizing bulk sampling procedures, First harmonized AOAC/ MoniQA protocol for food allergy ELISA validation, Method validation criteria at Codex Alimentarius (CCMAS)...

## MoniQA Global Food Safety Network for

### Industry

**Get informed about and keep up to date with**

- **... Continuous Professional Development**
  - Bespoke training opportunities
  - MoniQA Food Scientist Training Workshop (MoniQA FST)
- **... Regional, National, European and Global Developments in Food Safety**
  - Industry wide knowledge transfer events
  - Awareness of developments in new markets and different regions of the world
  - Access to the MoniQA-FC-24 database with search functionality for any commodity/contaminant and related enforcement actions as well as relevant legislation
- **... Food Safety Management**
  - The role of analysis in modern food safety management (regulatory and commercial)
- **...Regulatory impact assessment**
  - Toolbox to better predict the socio-economic impact at various levels (EU and national administration, manufacturing and trading sectors, individual industries, companies and SMEs, and consumers) when regulations are changed or new regulations introduced in the area of food safety

## A Global Food Safety Network for

### Policy Makers

- **Achieving Better Future Regulation**
  - Toolbox to better predict the socio-economic impact at various levels (EU and national administration, manufacturing and trading sectors, individual industries, companies and SMEs, and consumers) when regulations are changed or new regulations introduced in the area of food safety
- **Information about Case Studies to assess socio-economic impact of regulation and food hazards**
  - Dioxins and PCBs, T-2 and HT-2 (myco)toxins in cereals and cereal products, aflatoxins in hazelnuts etc
- **Input to Expert Summits and Events**
  - Data and advice for science-based policy making (Global-European-Asia/ Pacific, e.g., at EXPO Shanghai, European Food Science Day, KBBE 2020 Conference, 3 MoniQA International Conferences [Rome 2008, Krakow 2010, Varna 2011])
- **Contributing to International Standards**
  - For international trading agreements, regulations and directives; providing scientific support and information to DG SANCO, DG Enterprise, CEN, ISO, IAM- Inter Agency Meeting and Codex Alimentarius, EFSA and SDOs

## MoniQA Global Food Safety Network for

### Consumers

- **Clear, reliable and easy to understand information for the consumer**
  - Food trade is now global – dialogue with the public is necessary and information about mechanisms to protect the public from danger needs to be provided
- **Easy access on the web: [www.moniqa.org](http://www.moniqa.org)**
  - Knowledge repository for all stakeholders, including easy to understand description of the project and its activities for the consumer
- **Two page factsheets**
  - written in a reader-friendly style
- **Public Events**
  - British Science Festival 2008, Euroscience Open Forum 2008 (Barcelona), Euroscience Open Forum 2010 (Turin), International Food-Technology Exhibition 2010 (Athens), Science Communication Conference 2009 & 2010 (Vienna)
- **Information in your mother tongue from Arabic to Vietnamese**
- **Cooperation with Communication Managers from other EU funded Food Projects**
  - CommNet Network of Science Communicators