



## **New Food Safety Association successfully launched – join now!**

(Vienna, September 5, 2011) **The EU funded MoniQA project is a very successful Network of Excellence which involves experts from around the globe working for safer foods by harmonising worldwide food quality and safety monitoring and control strategies. With EU funding ending on 31 January 2012, the work will continue through the newly set-up MoniQA Association, membership of which is open to all organisations with a commitment to food safety and security.**

The MoniQA Association is dedicated to international collaboration and research aimed at promoting a more secure and safer food supply, its activities include:

- Promoting the harmonisation of analytical approaches involved in food safety and quality
- Improving the knowledge-based bio economy through participation in relevant research programmes and facilitating bilateral/ multinational research collaboration agreements
- Providing the infrastructure for and establishing an international network for inter-laboratory validation trials for analytical methods and reference materials
- Disseminating and providing access to validated and robust data and information for food safety through, for example, online databases
- Sharing expertise and understanding through training courses, scientific conferences and symposia, international exchanges of researchers, technologists, engineers etc, expert consultancy,
- Publication especially but not exclusively through *Quality Assurance of Crops & Food*, which is jointly offered by ICC, the MoniQA Association and Wiley-Blackwell

## **The Next Generation - Join Now!**

**Already over two thirds of the original consortium of 33 members and several MoniQA associate members have joined and we are delighted to invite all interested stakeholders to participate in our growing community as well (membership fee: 1000 € / year) If you are interested in becoming a member, visit <http://association.moniqua.org/>.**

Membership includes the following benefits:

- Access to new expertise
- Insight into new markets
- Networking and interest representation
- Training and CPD
- Robust and validated information

We look forward to welcoming you becoming part of the next MoniQA Generation!

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### **Questions and comments?**

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