

MoniQA Follow-Up Meeting Allergen Reference Materials

Vienna, Austria
13 June 2013

Venue of Meeting: ICC Headquarters, Marxergasse 2, A-1030 Vienna

Date and Time: 13 June 2013, 14:00-18:00

During GF13 – the 3rd International Symposium on Gluten-Free Foods and Beverages, Vienna, Austria, 12-14 June 2013.

Agenda:

- 1) **Welcome and introduction, aim and goal of the meeting, Roland Poms (Chair), MoniQA, Austria**
- 2) **Summary and report from Kick-Off Meeting in Washington, MO, USA, 18+19 February 2013, Roland Poms, MoniQA, Austria**
- 3) **Potential collaboration with the iFAAM EU funded FP7 project, coordinated by Clare Mills, University of Manchester, UK, Sabine Baumgärtner, BOKU, IFA-Tulln, Austria**
- 4) **Update on progress of action points: 1) definitions, 2) opinion paper, 3) enquiries for purchase/donation of various commodities/materials identified as first priority items: gluten, milk, egg, peanut, hazelnut, and soy (100-200 kg each).**
- 5) **Production Procedure, updated work flow and examples of materials, Peter Köhler, Prolamin WG, Germany, and Carrie Moun, Trilogy, USA**
- 6) **Organisation of working groups - members, plans and timelines: gluten: Peter Köhler; milk: Roland Poms; egg: Kurt Johnson; peanut: Ulrike Immer; hazelnut: Roland Poms, soy: to be decided at a later time).**
- 7) **Structuring of opinion paper and Guidance Document, Roland Poms, MoniQA, Austria**
- 8) **Next steps**
- 9) **Who else needs to be involved?**
- 10) **Next meeting and/or tele-conference**

Aim and Expected Outcomes:

The aim of the meeting is to follow-up on decisions and plans made at the kick-off meeting in Washington, MO, USA, earlier this year (please see minutes and resolutions). Priorities and main requirements for design, production and validation of Reference Materials for food allergen analysis have been discussed and a list of priority materials has been identified. A first skeleton of a guidance document for the production of such materials (concentrations, matrices, validation criteria, etc.) will be discussed at this meeting, which shall be generally applicable and generally used as guidance for the production and availing of allergen testing materials/Reference Materials. This follow-up meeting shall offer a wider group of experts, method providers and validation bodies the opportunity to interact and support the planned activities.

Goal:

Publication of a Guidance Document on the special requirements and production of allergen reference materials in a peer-reviewed journal (similar to Abbott et al. (2010): Validation Procedures for Quantitative Food Allergen ELISA Methods: Community Guidance and Best Practices, Journal of AOAC INTERNATIONAL, VOL. 93, NO. 2, 442-450).

This document shall allow everyone who is able to fulfil the described requirements to produce and to offer reference material. This material shall receive a certain “certification or labelling” which identifies the material as such, produced according to this “Guidance Paper” (in effect a practical guide to implement ISO Guide 35 applied to the special issue of allergens and gluten). The plan is to establish a working group/committee/task force under the guidance of MoniQA to achieve this goal within an acceptable time frame.

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