



# SELAMAT: international cooperation on Food Safety



**SELAMAT is a network organisation that brings together stakeholders dealing with food safety from all over the world to share methodology, expertise, knowledge and policy developments related to food production with emphasis on food safety, food quality and related issues.**

Subjects of mutual interest in relation to research, development, training and trade in this area are:

1. Certification & Normalisation (i.e. open exchange of methods, new detection methods, risk assessment)
2. Sustainable production systems for food safety (i.e. unintended effects, public perception, transparency)
3. Trade issues (i.e. market stability, traceability)

SELAMAT, which was established in 2004, represents a new way of working together and provides an international framework for food safety and food quality. It transcends governments, academia, industry and consumers and enables them to work together to maximize resources, integrate programs and improve food safety and food quality.

The emphasis of the network is on food safety and food quality and associated issues such as food security, climate change and new technology developments.

## Aims

- ✓ Promote collaboration among members
- ✓ Stimulate exchange of information and expertise (workshops, training)
- ✓ Contribute to opening up the European Research Area
- ✓ Develop a common research agenda and initiate joint activities

## SELAMAT members

The SELAMAT platform consists of the SELAMAT consortium (IBET and RIKILT) and its members, the overall coordinator is Dr. H.J.P. Marvin (RIKILT):

### *The Netherlands*

RIKILT - Wageningen UR

### *Portugal*

IBET - Instituto de Biologia Experimental e Tecnológica

### *Malaysia*

UPM - Universiti Putra Malaysia

ABI - Agro- Biotechnology Institute

### *Thailand*

CLT - Central Laboratory Thailand

NFI - National Food Institute

KU - Kasetsart University

### *China*

IPP-CAAS - Institute of Plant Protection, Chinese Academy of Agriculture Science

ASTT: Institute for Agri-food Standards and Testing Technology, Shanghai Academy of Agricultural Sciences

GDAAS-Plant protection research institute Guangdong academy of agricultural sciences

### *South Korea*

RDA-Rural Development Administration

### *Brazil:*

LANAGRO - Laboratório Nacional Agropecuário

### *Russia*

INBI - The A.N. Bakh Institute of Biochemistry





## Membership

The SELAMAT network has shown its members to give the following benefits:

- ✓ Direct access to top experts on many expertise fields
- ✓ Influence in research agenda setting
- ✓ Easy access to outcomes of research programs
- ✓ Means to extend the existing network
- ✓ Discuss "sensitive information" informally
- ✓ Joint research projects

The network is expanding with new members. Membership is limited to organisations dealing with food safety such as research organisations, universities, food safety authorities and ministries.

## Products

### *Global Food Safety Legislation portal*

A tool to find up to date national MRLs and related legislation of contaminants, feed and food additives and veterinary drug residues. The portal is accessible via the SELAMAT website.

### *Training and workshops*

SELAMAT has developed a successful format for training courses which includes workshops as well as hands-on laboratory training. Having access to a large group of highly experienced trainers and well equipped laboratories within the network, we can offer courses in the field of Contaminants, Authenticity, Emerging risk, Microbiology and GMOs, Veterinary drugs, Quantitative Risk assessment & HACCP and Proficiency testing.



### *Research agenda*

In a dedicated SELAMAT meeting held in South Korea in April 2006, topics for joint research were identified and published in an international journal.

Issues identified included among others:

- ✓ Collaboration on early warning and rapid alert
- ✓ Networking between stakeholders
- ✓ Collaboration on traceability, mycotoxin (method development), exposure assessment, nutrition and microbial risk assessment

## Upcoming events

Workshop on GMOs in global perspective - safety assessment and traceability, 16 May 2013, Wageningen, the Netherlands

International Conference on pesticide safety and residue detection technology, 4 November 2013, Shanghai, China

Food Safety: Critical Dimension of Food Security in Emerging Economies (in collaboration with UPM; 2<sup>nd</sup> IFSAC), 2-3 December 2013, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

More information on these events can be found on the SELAMAT website.



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