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From theory to practice

Since 2016, the EFSA Advisory Forum and EFSA have been discussing how education, advanced training and vocational training in risk assessment can be expanded. The German EFSA Focal Point at the BfR is now working with representatives from eight other member states to develop a quality seal for training courses. The aim is to make high-quality training courses more visible and boost risk assessment worldwide.

Greater food safety in Tunisia

BfR President Professor Dr Dr Andreas Hensel chaired the first meeting of the steering committee with the Health Minister of Tunisia (in photo left) in May 2023 as part of the cooperation for greater food safety and consumer health protection in Tunisia. Representatives from Tunisian institutions and German

federal authorities discussed the second half of the project. The aim is to involve public administration, science, business and civil society more closely in future.

More information



BfR press release
"German-Tunisian cooperation for increased food safety"



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Excellence

Professor Dr Peter FÜRST has been a BfR Maria Sibylla Merian fellow since April 2023. The internationally renowned food chemist has been advising the BfR for many years with a wealth of valuable expertise. As part of the fellowship, Professor FÜRST is researching the behaviour of undesirable substances and their transformation products along the food chain. These include the development of new chemical analytical methods as well as replacement and supplementary methods for animal feed experiments.

More information



Press release
"How are impurities modified during the food production process?" (pdf)

From the BfR to the EU Commission

Dr Jasmina Vandrich was delegated to the EU Commission's Directorate-General for Research and Innovation food systems unit as part of the professional development programme for public-sector employees. She was involved in the publication on the transformation of the urban food system, which will be incorporated into the new "Food 2030 Pathways for Action" following the EU's "Food 2030" conference in December 2023. One focus will be future food safety systems.

More information



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A visit to Morocco

BfR Vice President Professor Dr Tanja Schwerdtle (centre photo) attended the agricultural fair in Meknès, Morocco in May 2023 and met with representatives from the Moroccan Food Safety Authority (ONSSA). In addition to a laboratory visit, the meeting focused on the cooperation's strategic direction. The BfR and ONSSA have been cooperating on consumer health protection since 2019.

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Young scientists wanted

At the annual meeting of the German Academic International Network (GAIN) in Boston in August 2023, the BfR joined together with the Federal Institute for Materials Research and Testing (BAM) to recruit new talent. Departmental research institutions like the BfR need scientists at the highest international level for research and work in risk assessment and policy advice. At the same time, they offer young scientists practical and interdisciplinary research at the interface with politics, business and society.



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