

# FSA Scientific Advisory Committees welcome 20 new members

The Science Council and SACs, supported by Joint Expert Groups (JEGs), provide independent expert advice and challenge on FSA science strategy, risk assessment and in ensuring that policy decisions are based on the most up-to-date science and evidence. They cover issues such as novel foods, toxicity, animal feed, pathogens, pesticides and Social Science.

Professor Susan Jebb, Chair of the FSA said: "I am pleased to welcome so many esteemed experts to the FSA's independent Science Advisory Committees. Our work is grounded in science and the committees play a vital role in helping us to give the public confidence and trust in the work of the FSA. I know that there are many demands on their time, and we are grateful to them for sharing their valuable skills and expertise with us so that together we can make sure food is safe and is what it says it is."

Professor Robin May, Chief Scientific Adviser at the FSA, commented: "Robust scientific analysis is essential to ensure safety within a complex food system. The FSA's Scientific Advisory Committees play a vital role in this process, providing expert advice on food safety and standards, as well as horizon scanning for emerging risks in the future. We are delighted to welcome these new members, who bring with them an exceptional range of expertise, and I very much look forward to working with all of them."

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The new appointments are:?

## **Advisory Committee on Microbiological Safety of Food?**

- Andrew MacLeod – Lead (Specialist) Environmental Health Officer - Food Control – Argyll & Bute Council
- Ms Claire Tomaso – Food Safety Team Manager – Enfield Council

## **Advisory Committee on Novel Foods and Processes?**

- Dr Lynn McIntyre – Senior Lecturer Microbiology and Food Safety – Harper Adams University
- Dr Sophie Foley – Associate Professor in Microbiology – Edinburgh Napier University
- Dr Isabel Skypala – Consultant Allergy Dietitian – Royal Brompton & Harefield Hospitals
- Dr Meera Cush – Senior Managing Consultant – Ramboll UK Limited

## **Committee on Toxicity??**

- Dr Christopher Morris – Senior Lecturer – Newcastle University
- Dr Meera Cush – Senior Managing Consultant – Ramboll UK Limited
- Mr Nick Richardson – Science and Technology Assurance Principal – Defence Science Technology Laboratories
- Mr Gordon Burton – Director – Gordon Burton Consulting Ltd

- Dr Alison Yeates – Lecturer in Biomedical Sciences – Ulster University
- Dr Andreas Kolb – Senior Research Fellow – Rowett Institute – University of Aberdeen

### **Advisory Committee on Animal Feedingstuffs**

- Mrs Christel Luise Wake – Global Residue Scientist – Corteva Agriscience

### **Science Council**

- Chair – Prof. John O'Brien – Director – Food Observatory
- Prof. Tom Oliver – Research Dean for Environment – University of Reading
- Prof. Emily Burton – Professor of Sustainable Food Production – Nottingham Trent University
- Mrs Jacqueline Ann Healing – Director of Consulting, Training and Technical services UK and North America – NSF International
- Prof. Richard Smith – Deputy Pro Vice Chancellor & Professor of Public Health Economics – University of Exeter

### **Joint Expert Group on Additives, Enzymes and Other Regulated Products**

- Dr Andrew Collins – Professor of Nutrition Biology – University of Oslo, Norway
- Dr Carol Beevers – Regulatory Toxicology – Corteva Agriscience

The recruitment exercise was conducted through open competition. New members have been appointed for initial terms of three years.

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