

ILSI Europe's Activity on **GuIDEA** (Guidance for Dietary Intake Exposure Assessment)

Organised by the ILSI Europe Food Intake Methodology Task Force

Objective:

The task force is developing a practical guide for planning, conducting, reporting and interpreting exposure assessments. The purpose is to provide the user with answers to the following questions:

- What type of assessment is appropriate for which purpose?
- How should the assessment be conducted?
- How should the assessment be reported?

The guidance will be maintained as a 'living' system and will be developed over time to become an invaluable source of practical information.

TARGET GROUPS

Practitioner

- Intake/Exposure Assessor Conduct assessment according to 'best practice'

User

- Risk-benefit Assessor
- Risk Manager Understand the output of assessments & critical factors
- Risk Regulator impacting assessment methodologies.
- Risk Communicator

Expert

- Academic Understand baseline of current practices for further
research and improvement

Novice

- Student
- New Employee Learning

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

The outcome of the project will be in the form of an interactive web-based application (currently under development).

Practical guidance will be provided on standardised assessment approaches along with critical reviews of methodologies. For ease of navigating, information will be structured according to assessment types. A type of assessment is defined by the following:

- Purpose (e.g. new additive registration, versus existing contaminant check)
- Scenario (e.g. residue in animal tissue)
- Tier (detail of the calculation)

Due to the identified need for training in the field of exposure assessment in Europe, and appropriate teaching materials, it is anticipated that this project will fill an important gap (focus on e-learning tools).

This exercise will help to better communicate the broader, more technical issues impacting exposure assessment outlined by the WHO and EFSA.

Project Timeline

The preliminary demonstration of the web-based application will be done in a Workshop on Exposure assessment on 29-30th November, Geneva. The final launch of the website will be in 2012.



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