

## International Association of Feedstuff Analysis (IAG) – Section Feedstuff Microscopy

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Dear colleagues,

It is with pleasure that I am sending you the “End of Year Greetings” in the name of the IAG board, and I hope to find you in good health and reaching a point when COVID19 is not too much of a concern anymore.

Our association has “survived” this crisis, we could resume our activities and we even managed to organize -and for a majority of us attend to- a wonderful workshop and meeting in The Netherlands in 2022.

The Annual Meeting and workshop, from 7 to 9 June, was hosted in Masterlab from Nutreco in Boxmeer. We thank Jos Zegers, our very long term and active member, his colleagues, and Dr. Peter Bom for the perfect organization. It offered the opportunity for almost 40 participants to exchange opinions and experiences face to face, and to enjoy a nice social program in Nijmegen as well.

Leo van Raamsdonk (packaging material in bakery by-products), Tommy Stojkovski and Ivon van Lankveld (Boiling Method / cell structure of boiled material) and Pascal Veys (comments and video on double sedimentation PE / TCE for insect meal detection) supervised the half-day practical Workshop in Masterlab’s facilities.

Following topics of some of the presentations during the Annual Meeting (to be found on our homepage) show the broad diversity of our field:

- Proficiency Tests on Animal Proteins (AP), Packaging Material (PM) and Composition
- Unusual matrices as gelatin
- Interlaboratory test about identification of poisonous plants in hay
- E-support: training and micrograph platforms at the EURL-AP
- Update on quality Guidelines

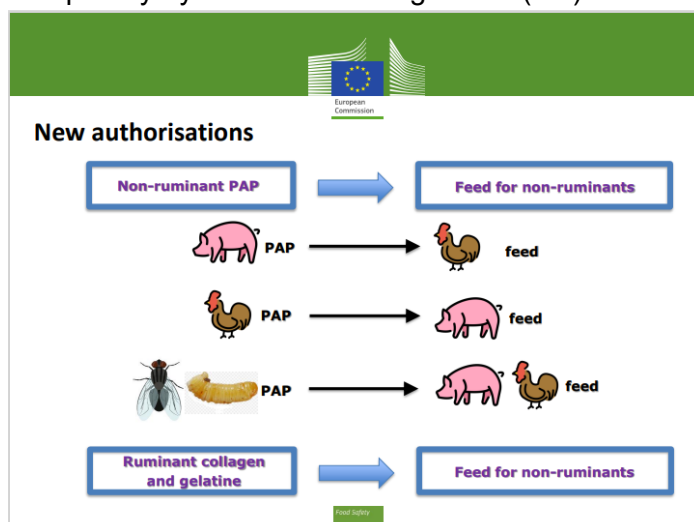
Concerning the regulation changes on Animal Proteins in the past year:

The use of processed animal protein derived from farmed insects has been authorized in the feed of aquaculture animals by Commission Regulation (EU) 2017/893, and in the feed of porcine animals and poultry by Commission Regulation (EU) 2021/1372, but is still prohibited under Regulation (EC)

No 999/2001 of the European Parliament and of the Council in certain feed, notably in the feed of ruminants.

As a consequence, (EU) 2022/893 of 7 June 2022 amended Annex VI to Regulation (EC) No 152/2009 and the protocol was adjusted in order to include a double sedimentation step for the preparation of samples to be tested for detecting constituents of terrestrial invertebrates.

At the same time, new authorizations for pig and poultry PAPs were released.



For most participants in the Annual Conference, these changes did not have much consequence on the monitoring of samples yet. But our network will be prepared and we are pleased to announce that the PT on constituents of animal origin, organized in future by CRA-W Gembloux, will address these subjects. Thank you to the team of Pascal Veys!

We will be confronted with the worry about the future of our other PTs, especially on Composition and Undesirable substances. The 2022 PT on impurities in seed mixes is ready to be sent, with a little delay, in January 2023. But we will still need organizers for the composition PT and the Packaging Material.

Because of the importance of circular economy and the fact that there does not exist an EURL on physical hazards, we want to continue the work on PM. In the Newsletter to come, you will find a questionnaire on the monitoring of PM in the different European countries and an offer to contribute to a review publication on the subject (monitoring in the past few years, method, tolerance limit).

The work on Methods should not be forgotten, a small working group will continue preparing tools for our daily work: -PM (WFSR method has to be completed with a method for pelleted material); - Botanical impurities (In different matrices such as hay); -Composition (introduction of the boiling method).

New members of the board offered to continue the work on the Newsletter and we will be sending the next one on February 2023. We will welcome any contribution from IAG members; they are to be sent to Manuela Zadavec: [zadavec@veinst.hr](mailto:zadavec@veinst.hr).

We hope to maintain the IAG website as updated as possible and we encourage you to register, fill in and verify your personal data (<https://www.iag-micro.org/>).

With the retirement of Leo van Raamsdonk, we lose a very active member of our association. I take the opportunity to thank him for all the energy, time, inputs and work he has devoted to our informal group, and wish him, in name of all members, a very good time in pension. We have no doubts that he will stay very active and open to news concerning visual methods.

We are pleased to announce the next Annual Meeting, which will take place in Kassel, hosted by Landesbetrieb Hessisches Landeslabor, and which will take place on 13-15 June 2023.

With these good news and perspectives, I want to end this short letter and send all the best wishes for good start in 2023 !

Yours sincerely

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