

**To:** NRLs mycotoxins & plant toxins in food and feed  
Mr. F. Verstraete (EC)

**Cc:** EURLs contaminants

Dear colleagues of the NRLs,

I hope you, your families and colleagues are well. Many of us are struggling to get the work done since many personnel is quarantined. I hope all persons recover soon without lasting symptoms.

I want to welcome the new colleagues of the NRLs. We carried out the yearly inventory on contact persons last month. Many new contact persons were introduced and we adjusted the mailing list and CIRCABC accordingly. This also means that quite a few persons are no longer part of the NRL community. I want to ask you to pay extra attention to sharing all information.

Please find Newsletter no 1 with information on the 2022 work programme (also on the website).

- The upcoming 2 PTs are scheduled. Thank you for your response to the questionnaire.
- We plan to organise one hands-on training and the workshop on-site in Wageningen.

<b>Proficiency tests 2022</b>	
EURLPT-MP06 MULTIMY	Reporting ongoing
EURLPT-MP07 PA	Samples shipped 2nd week of January.
EURLPT-MP08 EA	Aim is to send the samples for the PT on ergot alkaloids in cereals just before summer 2022
EURLPT-MP09 OA	Aim is to send the samples for the PT on opium alkaloids in poppy seed and bakery products in autumn 2022

<b>EURL-NRL Workshop 2022</b>	October 4-5, 2022	<b>On-site</b>
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<b>Training 2022</b>	Aim is to organise the hands-on training EURLTR-MP05 on DON and related conjugates in September 2022. We will contact the participants that applied in 2020.
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<b>Symposia 2022</b>	
World Mycotoxin Forum, May 16-18, Parma, Italy	<a href="#">WMF</a>
43 <sup>rd</sup> Mycotoxin Workshop, May 30-June 1, Toulouse, France	<a href="#">Mycotoxins</a>
RAFA, September 6-9 September 2022, Prague, Check Republic	<a href="#">RAFA</a>

### **Upcoming legislation – plant toxins**

Due to upcoming legislation we ask the NRLs to prepare methods for analysis of opium alkaloids and tetrahydrocannabinol in food. Obtaining the necessary permits and the analytical standards can be challenging. Please include at least the analytical standards of morphine, codeine, tetrahydrocannabinol (THC) and tetrahydrocannabinolic acid (THCA) in the respective methods.

With kind regards,

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