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17th International Akademie Fresenius Conference

Contaminants and Residues in Food

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**13 and 14 November 2025
in Dusseldorf/Germany
and via Live Stream**

Highlights

Current situation in Europe and the USA

- European Community policy on contaminants in foodstuffs
- FDA's focus on chemical contaminants – setting priorities in method development

Food contaminants

- Per- and polyfluorinated substances (PFAS) – occurrence, mitigation and challenges ahead
- BPA and related analogues
- Brominated flame retardants (BFR)

Process contaminants

- Hazards of dietary furan and alkylfurans
- Hydroxymethylfurfural (HMF) and related compounds – occurrence and health risks
- Advanced glycation end products (AGE) in food – gaps and challenges

Artificial intelligence and big data

- Digital tools for prediction and prevention of food safety risks
- Digital approaches to identify pollutant “hot spots”

Other hot topics

- Mineral oil hydrocarbons (MOSH and MOAH) – an industry perspective
- Perchlorate and chlorate: Where do we stand?
- Ethylene oxide and 2-chloroethanol: Ongoing challenges
- Nanoparticles – toxicology and movements to NAMs



The Experts

Thomas Behnke Kirchoff Institut Berlin | **Thomas Bessaire** Nestlé Research
| **Sara C. Cunha** University of Porto | **Valérie Fessard** French Agency for Food, Environment and Occupational Health and Safety (ANSES) | **Kata Héjjas** Specialised Nutrition Europe (SNE) | **Michael Hellwig** Technische Universität Dresden | **Inga Hennies H. & J. Brüggén** | **Shaun MacMahon** U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) | **Angela Mally** University of Würzburg | **Marina Nikolić** Nestlé Research | **Alexandre Panchaud** Nestlé Research | **Roland Perz** State Institute for Chemical and Veterinary Control (CVUA) Stuttgart | **Elena Rovesti** European Food Safety Authority (EFSA) | **Sina Röhrs** SGS Germany | **Dieter Schrenk** University of Kaiserslautern-Landau | **Richard Stadler** Nestlé Research | **Xanthippe Theurillat** Nestlé Research | **Floor van Meer** Wageningen Food Safety Research (WFSR) | **Veerle Vanheusden** European Commission | **Frans Verstraete** European Commission

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Thursday, 13 November 2025

Timings are in
Central European Time CET.

Morning Session | 09:30 – 13:00 CET

09:00 On-site registration and opening of the virtual meeting room

09:30 Welcoming speech by the organisers and the Chairs

Dieter Schrenk, University of Kaiserslautern, Germany

Richard Stadler, Nestlé Research, Switzerland

The presentation slots include sufficient time for questions and answers.

Current situation in Europe

09:40 Recent and future developments of EU legislation in the fields of process and environmental contaminants

Veerle Vanheusden and Frans Verstraete, European Commission, Belgium

10:40 Coffee break

Artificial intelligence and big data

11:10 Using AI with the CompreHensive European Food Safety (CHEFS) database

- Introducing the 392-million entry CHEFS database
- Using AI with CHEFS for contamination prediction

Floor van Meer, Wageningen Food Safety Research (WFSR), The Netherlands

11:45 Digital tools for prediction and prevention of food safety risks

- Enhancing food safety by the use of AI-supported databases
- Effective utilisation of food safety data by AI

Sina Röhrs, SGS Germany, Germany

12:20 Digital approaches to identify pollutant “hot spots”

Marina Nikolić, Nestlé Research, Switzerland

13:00 Lunch break

Afternoon Session | 14:00 – 18:30 CET

Current situation in Europe

14:00 Recent and future developments of EU legislation in the field of agricultural contaminants (e.g. mycotoxins, plant toxins)

Frans Verstraete, European Commission, Belgium

Food contaminants

15:00 Occurrence of beauvericin and enniatins in milling oats

- Characteristics
- Occurrence and co-occurrence
- Reduction during de-hulling

Inga Hennies, H. & J. Brüggén, Germany

15:35 BPA and related analogues

Thomas Behnke, Kirchoff Institut Berlin, a Mérieux NutriSciences company, Germany

Roland Perz, State Institute for Chemical and Veterinary Control (CVUA) Stuttgart, Germany

16:10 Coffee break

16:40 Per- and Polyfluorinated Substances (PFAS) in the food chain: How to best respond to regulatory requirements?

Xanthippe Theurillat, Nestlé Research, Switzerland

17:15 Brominated flame retardants (BFRs) in food

Sara C. Cunha, University of Porto, Portugal

Current situation in the USA

17:50 Setting priorities in method development in the FDA human foods programme

Shaun MacMahon, U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA), USA or John Callahan, formerly U.S. FDA, USA (virtually)

18:30 End of the first conference day

19:15 Joint evening event

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Friday, 14 November 2025

Timings are in
Central European Time [CET](#).



Morning Session | 08:30 – 13:15 CET

08:30 Welcoming address and opening remarks by the Chairs

Dieter Schrenk, University of Kaiserslautern, Germany

Richard Stadler, Nestlé Research, Switzerland

Process contaminants

08:40 Health risk related to furan and alkylfurans in food

- Occurrence and exposure
- Toxicity and health risks

Angela Mally, University of Würzburg, Germany

09:15 Hydroxymethylfurfural (HMF) and Advanced Glycation End Products (AGEs) in food: Occurrence, health risks and research challenges

- HMF and related compounds: Formation pathways, food sources, and toxicological concerns
- Advanced Glycation End Products (AGEs): Dietary exposure, health impacts and research gaps

Michael Hellwig, Technische Universität Dresden, Germany

Other hot topics

09:50 Mineral oil hydrocarbons (MOSH and MOAH) – an industry perspective

Alexandre Panchaud, Nestlé Research, Switzerland

10:25 Coffee break

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10:55 Updated scientific opinion on the risks for human health related to the presence of perchlorate in food

Elena Rovesti, European Food Safety Authority (EFSA), Italy

11:30 Perchlorate and chlorate: Where do we stand?

Kata Héjjas, Specialised Nutrition Europe (SNE), Belgium

12:05 Toxicology and movements to NAMs for application in risk assessment of nanoparticles

Valérie Fessard, French Agency for Food, Environmental and Occupational Health and Safety (ANSES), France

12:40 Ethylene oxide in food: Why persist in defying chemistry and biochemistry rules?

Thomas Bessaïre, Nestlé Research, Switzerland

13:15 Lunch and end of the conference

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- ☒ Food and feed industry
- ☒ Food retailing
- ☒ Food inspection offices
- ☒ Research institutes
- ☒ Authorities
- ☒ Professional associations
- ☒ Contract laboratories

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