

Brief report of the joint CRL/NRL/OfL Workshop for Pesticide Residues in Food

12-13 October 2009, Copenhagen

Background

According to Article 32 of the EU-Regulation 882/2004 the Community Reference Laboratories (CRLs) are responsible, among other tasks, for the organisation of workshops and training of laboratories in the Members States.

In 2009 the CRL/NRL/OfL workshop was organized by the CRL for Pesticide Residue Analysis in Cereals and Feeding Stuff and took place on the 12th and 13th of October the facilities of the Technical University of Denmark.

NRL for all 27 EU-countries were represented plus representations from Norway and Switzerland. In total 138 participants from 29 countries, including 5 invited speakers.

Agenda

The workshop should, among others, contribute in fostering the creation of a strong network between the various NRLs, OfLs and the CRLs. The workshop was divided in 4 sessions with the topics stated below.

First session: The four CRLs presented results from the recent EU-Proficiency Tests (PTs).

Second session: Presentations from EFSA concerning monitoring data, and presentations from the commission and FVO.

Third session: Changes to the AQC procedures.

Fourth session: Presentations of screening methods and outlooks for the future work of the CRLs.

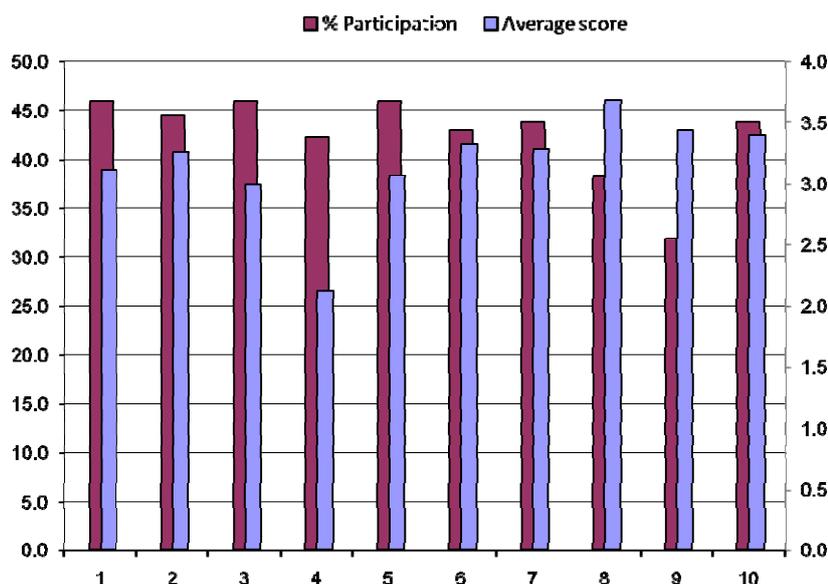
All presentations given during the workshop can be downloaded from the CIRCA document repository.

Evaluation of the workshop

At the end of the workshop an evaluation scheme was given to the participants. The 10 questions asked were:

1. Was the scope and extent of the entire workshop appropriate?
2. Was the scope and extent of the PT session appropriate (Monday morning)?
3. Was the scope and extent of 'the coordinated program/FVO' session appropriate (Monday afternoon)?
4. Was the scope and extent of 'the Sanco document' session appropriate (Tuesday morning)?
5. Was the scope and extent of the screening method session appropriate (Tuesday afternoon)?
6. How do you like the hotel?
7. How did you like the lunches?
8. How did you like the workshop dinner
9. How did you like the 'get together party'?
10. How was the information from the organisers (emails)?

The background data evaluated by the participants is presented in the following figure. The figure shows the percentage of submitted answers and the average score from the evaluation questions ranging from 1. Poor, 2. In between, 3. Satisfactory, 4. Perfect.



The overall evaluation of the workshop was good obtaining 3.1 out of 4 (question 1). In general the participants were satisfied with the organization of the workshop concerning hotels, food and the social events. However, additional comments have also emphasized that the procedure for plenum discussions should be improved, and in general there should be more time for questions and discussion. For the discussion of the SANCO document, suggestions that the discussion should be on the first day and voting on the second day, thereby it will be possible to read the final document before voting. All comments will be taken into consideration in planning the future Workshops. We greatly appreciate the many comments which provide encouragement to continue and improve for the future.