

Workshop on probiotics

24 March 2010, Renaissance Hotel, Brussels



Probiotics: the basis for the substantiation of gut and immune health claims

A debate among the scientific community on the data required to establish a probiotic health benefit claim is currently taking place. The objective is to provide a “practical guide” for those involved in the scientific substantiation of probiotic health claims used in the EU.

The workshop objectives will be to allow and facilitate an open discussion between scientists with a core expertise in the field of probiotics. These discussions will then provide the basis on which scientific documentation of gut and immune health related claims can be approved.

10:00 Coffee

10:30 Introduction by Mr Knud Vindfeldt, President of EFFCA

Workshop panel: Pr Robert-Jan Brummer, Pr Eric Claassen, Pr Gerard Corthier, Pr Philippe Marteau, Pr Lorenzo Morelli, Pr Ger Rijkers

Moderator: Dr Jan Sikkema

1. Current state of play on what can be found in the literature today
Pr Ger Rijkers & Pr Lorenzo Morelli
2. Example of specific gut health benefits (end points, biomarkers).
Pr Gerard Corthier & Pr Philippe Marteau

12:30-13:30: Lunch

3. Example of specific immune health benefits (end points, biomarkers).
Pr Ger Rijkers & Pr Eric Claassen
4. How to demonstrate beneficial effects in healthy populations?
Pr Robert-Jan Brummer & Pr Lorenzo Morelli

15:20 Conclusion by Mr Esben Laulund, Chairman of the steering Committee of LABIP

15:30 End of the Workshop