

**ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON NOVEL FOODS AND PROCESSES**

**ACNFP WORKSHOP / OPEN EVENT**

**Issue**

The Committee is asked to consider the proposed organisation and programme for the ACNFP open event to be held on Wednesday 21 April at Aviation House.

**Background**

1. It is suggested that an open event is held on the afternoon of 21 April with a closed meeting following on 22 April to discuss applications and other committee business. The Secretariat has booked conference rooms at Aviation House for both days and will organise accommodation for Members as required.
2. Previous open events have been comprised of two or three discrete sessions followed by a final discussion and summing up, with input from the audience and Committee, along the following lines:
  - An overview of the Committee's role and remit
  - Short presentations of relevance to the work of the Committee and introducing the topics for the break-out groups
  - A discussion of a specific topic (or topics) between Committee members and other participants, in smaller breakout groups chaired by Committee members. Details of the chosen case studies, together with possible questions for further discussion, will be circulated to participants in advance of the meeting. Time will be allowed for any follow up questions arising from the discussions.
  - The meeting would reconvene, after a short break, to hear summary reports from each group. These could be presented by volunteers from the attendees, Committee members, or the Secretariat.
  - (a short update on progress with the updating of the EU novel food regulation?)
  - A question and answer session where the audience are given an opportunity to ask the Committee questions on relevant

topics. The Secretariat will invite written questions from the audience prior to the meeting and these or a selection of them will be tabled and discussed with an opportunity for follow-up questions and comments from the floor will be requested prior to the meeting.

3. Possible topics for discussion in small groups would include:

- General aspects of novel foods (suggested by attendees following last year's open meeting)
- Increasing artificiality and manipulation of the diet
- The role of ethics in the assessment of novel foods
- Public Attitudes to Innovation

**Committee Action Required**

- Members are asked to agree the format of the open event and the topic or topics that might be covered.
  - Volunteers are sought to chair the small discussion groups and to give short presentations on the specific topics.
4. When the format of the meeting and programme for discussion have been agreed, the Secretariat will publicise the meeting via the Food Standards Agency's website and email alert systems, using the text attached at Annex A. Further organisational details and papers will be distributed to participants in early April.

**Secretariat  
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**Annex attached**

- Annex A** ACNFP open meeting 2010: Draft invitation to Workshop  
**Annex B** Feedback from the 2009 open event..