

Update on the coordinated effort of European experts on Risk-Based Meat Inspection and Integrated Meat Safety Assurance (RIBMINS)

EU COST Action RIBMINS combines and strengthens Europe-wide research efforts in the modernization of meat safety control systems. RIBMINS comprises 230 members from 35 European countries, as well as the US, Australia, New Zealand, Brazil, Tunisia, Israel and Belarus. Our work has been presented in 12 <u>scientific papers</u> published in peer-reviewed scientific journals. There is still much work in progress, and we are pleased to announce a special issue in *Food Control* in 2023.

If you want to learn more about the changing role of veterinarians in meat safety assurance systems, digital transformation in meat inspection and strategies to integrate and harmonize risk-based meat inspection across Europe, please refer to the materials of the 2nd RIBMINS Conference (here) that took place in April 2022 in Córdoba (Spain).

We encourage you to participate in the 3rd RIBMINS Conference that will be held in spring 2023, with detailed information being announced in the fall. It will be a platform for exchange of opinions between academia, meat industry and representatives of competent authorities on how to overcome obstacles in full development and implementation of risk-based Meet Safety Assurance System (MSAS).

A 3-day virtual Training school on farm and abattoir interventions in a risk-based MSAS for 50 trainees from academia, food industry and competent authorities was held in June 2022. It gave an introduction to pre-harvest (farm) and harvest (abattoir) interventions and their role in a risk based MSAS, and all training materials from the course are available free of charge (materials here).

As a continuation, we plan a face-to-face 4–5-day training school for trainees from academia, industry and competent authorities in Parma in the second week of June 2023. 40 trainees will profit from a program covering MSAS with a focus on risk categorization of farms and abattoirs.

Follow the RIBMINS activities on www.ribmins.com or on social media (Twitter, LinkedIn, ResearchGate).

We thank you for your contribution so far and hope to see you at one of our future events!

Your RIBMINS team



