

Congresses, Events, Dates

- 23.02.1991 - Foundation of the working community Rhine/Mosel in Amneville/Metz (F); registered society at 19.09.1991 at the court in Metz (F) with the place of business and the legal seat in Saint Julien les Metz
- 1993 - General Meeting in Ambleteuse (F)
- 1994 - Application for a seat on the advisory committee of the European Commission bill of new guidelines and regulations for food
- 1995 - Presentation of the EWFC on the occasion of a European seminar in Birmingham (GB), and acknowledgement of the EWFC by the GD III of the European Commission
- 1996 - Workshops in Germany
- 1997 - General Meeting in Edinburgh (GB)
- 1998 - Symposium in Paris (F) with about 200 participants
- 1999 - General Meeting in Oostende (B)
- 2001 - General Meeting in Paris (F)
- 2001 - development of the „Guidelines for good control practice“ by order of the European Commission
- 2002 - development of the „Guidelines for official sampling“ by order of the European Commission
- 2003 - General Meeting in Oostende (B)
- 2004 - Congress in Brussels (B)
- 2005 - General Meeting in Lyon (F)
- 2006 - Congress EWFC and AMI in Newport (GB)
- 2007 - General Meeting of the EWFC and International Conference EWFC and BVLK in Berlin (G)
- 2008 - Congress in Strasbourg or Brussels

Where the EWFC want to go?

Official controls offer the best level of Food Safety for consumers.

For the protection of the consumer and to guarantee food safety in the EU the EWFC presents the view, that only official controls guarantee a neutral and financially independent monitoring. This was formulated in a statement to the draft of the European constitution.

The EWFC recommends a qualified and harmonized training and continuous professional development of the control staff, as well as a multidisciplinary plan. Attention should be paid to the fact, that a uniform European standard is compiled for the training programme. The EWFC as a platform of the European food surveillance could use its knowledge and its experience for training.

In the future several European projects should be organized to harmonize and standardize monitoring procedures.

**Get together is a beginning.
Hold together is a progress.
Work together is a success.**

(Henry Ford)

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Food-Inspection and

Consumer Protection

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What is the E.W.F.C.?

European Working Community for Food-Inspection and Consumer Protection is a joining together of professional organizations for Food-Inspection from the Member-States of the EU.

It was founded in 1991 with the Founder Members Germany and France.

The EWFC promotes uniform Food-Inspection in the EU and looks after the professional interests of its 3.500 Members.

At first the aims were to set-up and organise food-inspection, training of food-inspectors and future co-operation in the EU. So the main task was to make a European organization for staff, who are working with food-monitoring and consumer protection.

The EWFC made it a rule to try to contact professional organizations in all Member-States of the EU. It should consider the organizations of Food-Inspectors, Meat-Inspectors, Veterinary Surgeons, Food-technicians, Food-chemists and Doctors.

It's Aims and Objectives are to promote the professional interests of its members, exchange experiences, continuation of the training and co-operation with the expert organisations at EU Level.

The EWFC intends being an association capable of being heard by the European Commission to be able to help in the construction and the development of legislation.

What has the E.W.F.C. achieved up to now?

In February 1994 a talk with the GD III took place in Brussels. It was among other things about an exchange-programme for people in the food monitoring area, with financial contributions from the EU, employment opportunities and standardized training-contents for food inspectors in the EU as well as the privatisation of the food monitoring and the admission in the consumer's committee of the EU.

Still in 1994 the exchange could be protected by food controllers within the EU. The exchange-programme with the name "Karolus" allowed people who are active in the official food monitoring process to participate.

"Guidelines for good control practice " and

"Guidelines for official sampling"

- both guidelines were supported financially as projects by the EU and already offer good assistance to the new member countries.

Twinning projects

- participation in EU projects to "aid development" for the new member-countries of the EU
- participation in projects on the basis of intergovernmental agreements (at present there are many inquiries for Twinning projects in the new member-countries from Eastern Europe)

Exchange programs

- for Food-Controllers in other European countries with financial subsidy from the EU

Members of the E.W.F.C.

Belgium

- Association Belge pour les Contrôle des Denrées Alimentaires – ABCA BVEC

Germany

- Bundesverband der Lebensmittelkontrolleure e.V. – BVLK
- Bundesverband der Lebensmittelchemiker/-innen im öffentlichen Dienst – BLC
- Bundesverband der Fleischkontrolleure

France

- Association Française des Techniciens des Services des Contrôles Alimentaires – AFTCA

Luxemburg

- Organisme pour la Sécurité et la Qualité de la Chaîne Alimentaire (OSQCA)

Netherlands

- College van Keurmeester

Austria

- Verband der Österreichischen Lebensmittelkontrolleure – VOLK

Great Britain

- Association of Meat Inspectors – AMI

Cyprus

- Association of Public Health Inspectors

Why you should become a Member?

- to form contacts in other European countries
- to learn foreign languages by interacting with member countries
- to broaden your knowledge
- to develop your personality
- Participation in the amelioration to harmonize the Food-Inspection in standards of the EU