



International Symposium on

Enterococci in Foods.

**Functional
and Safety Aspects**

**2nd Announcement
and Call for Papers**

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INVITATION

Enterococci occur and grow in a variety of fermented foods. The presence of enterococci in food products has long been considered as an indication of poor sanitary conditions during production and processing. On the other hand, fermented foods containing enterococci have a long history of safe use. It is also claimed that enterococci play an important role in the development of the organoleptic properties of the fermented foods. Furthermore, many enterococcal strains have interesting biotechnological traits, such as bacteriocin production, and functional properties such as probiotic features.

The last few years however, this view is changing because of the increasing incidence of enterococci in nosocomial infections, and the widespread occurrence of antibiotic-resistant enterococci, especially in hospital environments. Many studies have consistently found vancomycin resistant enterococci in clinical human samples, in animal samples as well as in foods.

The Symposium is organised under the auspices of the Food and Agro-Industrial Research (FAIR) Programme of the European Commission. It is hosted by the Federal Institute for Health Protection of Consumers and Veterinary Medicine (BgVV), Berlin. It aims to present the most recent developments on the functional and safety aspects on enterococci, by bringing together scientists, and R&D and production managers of food and pharmaceutical industries from all over the world.

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(For registration and hotel reservation see symposium secretariat!)

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MAJOR TOPICS

- Ecology, Taxonomy and Physiology of Enterococci
- Functionality of Enterococci in Foods
- Functionality of enterococci in the GI Tract
- Safety Aspects of Enterococci

INVITED SPEAKERS

S. P. Borriello	Central Public Health Laboratory, United Kingdom
G. Giraffa	Istituto Sperimentale Lattiero Caseario, Italy
H. Goossens	University of Antwerp, Belgium
W. Holzapfel	Federal Research Center for Nutrition, Germany
F. H. Kayser	Zurich University Hospital, Switzerland
M. Hugas	Meat Technology Center-CeRTA, Spain
G. Klein	Federal Institute for Health Protection of Consumers and Veterinary Medicine, Germany
K. H. Schleifer	Technical University of Munich, Germany
M. Stiles	University of Alberta, Canada

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Participants are required to pay a registration fee. Payment of the fee includes the participation in all meetings, coffee breaks, welcome reception and symposium dinner. Accommodation has to be paid separately. The accompanying persons' registration fees include the welcome reception and symposium dinner.

	Registration and payment before 28 February 2001 EURO	Registration and payment after 1 March 2002 EURO
Participants	250	300
Accompanying persons	100	150
Students	100	150

Note: No registration will be performed without prior payment

Banking Instructions

Please note that there will be no registration without payment. All bank charges have to be paid by participants themselves. Please add to your registration form a copy of your transfer receipt.

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Credit cards cannot be accepted. For collective transfers, names of participants and events in which they participate should be listed. A written confirmation of your registration and your hotel reservation (if applicable) will be sent to you.

Cancellation of Symposium Registration

Cancellation must be made in writing. If you cancel your registration before **31 March 2002** the registration fee will be refunded (bank charges deducted). In case of cancellation up to **15 April 2002** you will be charged 50 % of the relevant registration fee. **After 15 April fees** cannot be refunded.

For further information please refer to: www.bgvv.de
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All correspondence concerning registration and hotel reservation must be sent to the:

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CALL FOR POSTERS AND ORAL PRESENTATIONS

Abstracts submitted for posters and oral presentations will be peer reviewed by the Scientific Committee. Abstracts must be submitted in English, preferably written in MS Word. Maximum one (1) page, format DIN A4, typed in Arial 11 with single spacing, justified. Requested margins are: 2.5 cm left and right margin, 3 cm at the top and 2 cm at the bottom of the page. The title must be in bold exclusively and use an asterisk for the person who will give the presentation. Please send your abstract by e-mail to the Symposium Secretariat: ec-symposium@bgvv.de and also on a Diskette (3.5") by mail. **Submission deadline: 28 February 2002** Preparation of posters: Standard poster size is 110 cm (width) by 150 cm (height). Oral presentations: 10 minutes. Overhead projector, slide projector, beamer-computer for powerpoint-presentations are available

General Information

The Symposium will take place from Thursday 30 to Friday 31 May 2002, at the Federal Institute for Health Protection of Consumers and Veterinary Medicine, Diedersdorfer Weg 1, 12277 Berlin, Germany

Public Transport

Bus X83, 183, X11, 111, 172

S-Bahn S2 - Buckower Chaussee

see map below or visit our homepage: <http://www.bgvv.de> - contact - [location Berlin-Marienfelde](#)

Conference Language

English

ACCOMMODATION

Hotel Reservation

A number of hotel rooms at reduced rates are reserved till **31 March 2002**.

Transfer

A free shuttle service will be organized from the contracted hotels to the congress venue and social events and back to your hotel, starting Thursday evening till Friday morning and evening.

PRELIMINARY PROGRAMME

Thursday, 30 May 2002

08:00 – 09:30	Registration and poster set up
09:30 – 09:45	Opening ceremony
	Welcome by Prof. G. Kalantzopoulos, Coordinator of the FAIR-CT97-3078 project
	Welcome by Prof. D. Arnold, Acting Director of the BgVV
	Welcome by Dr. L. Breslin, European Commission
09:45 – 10:30	General Overview Lecture on Enterococci <i>W. Holzapfel, Federal Research Centre for Nutrition, Germany</i>
10:30 – 12:30	Session 1 Ecology, Taxonomy and Physiology of Enterococci
10:30 – 11:15	Ecology, Taxonomy and Physiology of Enterococci <i>K.H. Schleifer, TU Muenchen, Germany and G. Klein, BgVV, Germany</i>
11:15 – 11:45	Coffee break and poster viewing
11:45 – 12:30	Oral presentations
12:30 – 14:00	Lunch break
14:00 – 17:00	Session 2 Functionality of Enterococci in Foods
14:00 – 14:45	Functionality of Enterococci in dairy products <i>G. Giraffa, Istituto Sperimentale Lattiero Caseario, Italy</i>
14:45 – 15:30	Functionality of Enterococci in meat products <i>M. Hugas, Meat Technology Center-CeRTA, Spain</i>
15:30 – 16:00	Coffee break and poster viewing
16:00 – 17:00	Oral presentations
17:00 – 18:30	Poster viewing
19:00	Reception

Friday, 31 May 2002

09:00 – 12:00 Session 3 Functionality of enterococci in the GI Tract

09:00 – 09:45 Enterococci as probiotics. Chances and challenges

H. Goossens, University of Antwerp, Belgium

09:45 – 10:30 Enterococci as part of the GI microflora

S. P. Borriello, Central Public Health Laboratory, United Kingdom

10:30 – 11:00 Coffee break and poster viewing

11:00 – 12:00 Oral presentations

12:00 – 13:30 Lunch break

13:30 – 17:00 Session 4 Safety Aspects of Enterococci

13:30 – 14:15 Safety Aspects of Enterococci from the food point of view

M. Stiles, University of Alberta, Canada

14:15 – 15:00 Safety Aspects of Enterococci from the medical point of view

F.H Kayser, Zurich University Hospital, Switzerland

15:00 – 15:30 Coffee break and poster viewing

15:30 – 16:30 Oral presentations

16:30 – 18:00 Round table / open forum

18:00 – 18:15 Closing ceremony

19:00 Press conference

20:00 Conference dinner

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