

8-9 March

# BERLIN 2018

FOOD SUPPLEMENTS IN EUROPE

Opportunities for consumer health



## EUROPEAN CONFERENCE FOOD SUPPLEMENTS IN EUROPE – Opportunities for consumer health

The Food Supplements Directive has been a milestone in the history of European harmonisation in the food area. There have been many achievements to date. The harmonised legal framework guarantees a high level of consumer protection, equal marketing conditions and the recognition of food supplements as a means to improve the nutritional status of the people.

However, some important elements to complete the regulatory harmonisation are still missing – and new challenges as the effective control of internet sales have come up. With the directive having now been in place for 15 years, it is an important time to reflect on its original purpose and the extent to which it has achieved its objectives and should evolve over the coming years.

Thus, the conference will first discuss the state of play and experience with 15 years of the Food Supplements Directive to then particularly focus on the most significant topics currently discussed across Europe:

- Botanicals in food supplements – are solutions possible?
- Harmonised maximum levels of vitamins and minerals – are we ready?
- The role of food supplements for health and wellbeing – what do we know?

After the successful organisation of similar conferences in 2005 and 2011 the two associations, the German Federation of Food Law and Food Science (BLL) and the Food Supplements Europe, bring together once again the key players from regulatory authorities, science, industry and society.

The high-level meeting with renowned speakers will be a forum to take stock, discuss future challenges and exchange ideas and solutions – all to give fresh impetus to the discussion and pave the way to common understanding and solutions.



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THURSDAY 8 MARCH 2018

### **WELCOME & OPENING**

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- 10.15 – 10.25 Welcome and introduction by the organisers**  
Peter Loosen, German Federation for Food Law and Food Science (BLL)/  
Food Supplements Europe
- 10.25 – 10.35 Opening address by the German Federal Ministry of Food, Agriculture  
and Consumer Protection**  
Dr. Klaus Heider, Federal Ministry of Food and Agriculture, Germany

### **KEYNOTE SPEAKER**

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- 10.35 – 11.05 15 years of the Food Supplements Directive: Achievements and Challenges**  
Arūnas Vinčiūnas, Cabinet of Commissioner Andriukaitis, European Commission

### **SESSION 1: THE REGULATORY FRAMEWORK OF FOOD SUPPLEMENTS IN EUROPE**

Chair: Dr. Renate Sommer, Member of the European Parliament

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- 11.05-12.05 15 years of the Food Supplements Directive –  
achievements and future challenges**
- **View of a member state**  
Dr. Márta Horacsek, National Institute of Pharmacy and Nutrition, Hungary
  - **View of the consumer**  
Monique Goyens, BEUC The European Consumer Organisation
  - **View of industry**  
Simone König, Bayer Consumer Care AG
- 12.05-12.30 Official controls of food supplements offered in the Internet**  
Dr. Georg Schreiber, European Commission
- 12.30-13.00 Discussion**
- 13.00-14.00 Lunch**
- 14.00-14.25 EFSA's role and activities in the field of food supplements**  
Dr. Valeriu Curtui, European Food Safety Authority (EFSA)

### **SESSION 2: BOTANICALS IN FOOD SUPPLEMENTS – ARE SOLUTIONS POSSIBLE?**

Chair: Dr. Márta Horacsek, National Institute of Pharmacy and Nutrition, Hungary

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- 14.25-14.50 REFIT – the results of the fitness check (claims)**  
Alexandra Nikolakopoulou, European Commission
- 14.50-15.15 REFIT – the results of the fitness check (mutual recognition)**  
Andreea Pantazi, European Commission
- 15.15-16.00 Harmonisation in the case of botanicals – best way forward?**
- **The view of Germany**  
Dr. Helmut Tschiersky, Federal Office of Consumer Protection and Food Safety
  - **The view of Italy**  
Dr. Bruno Scarpa, Ministry of Health, Italy

- 16.00-16.30** **Coffee break**
- 16.30-17.00** **The key elements for establishing a legal framework for plant based food supplements**  
Patrick Coppens, Food Supplements Europe
- 17.00-17.30** **Panel discussion**
- 19.00** **Social Event**
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**SESSION 3: MAXIMUM LEVELS OF VITAMINS AND MINERALS – ARE WE READY?**

Chair: Dr. Gert Krabichler, Merck Consumer Health

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- 9.00-9.30** **The view of the European legislator**  
Alexandra Nikolakopoulou, European Commission
- 9.30-10.00** **The legal framework established by the European Court of Justice**  
Jean Savigny, Avocat
- 10.00-10.30** **The European risk management model for food supplements**  
Professor David Richardson, DPR Nutrition Limited
- 10.30-11.00** **Coffee break**
- 11.00-11.25** **Proposed maximum levels for Vitamins and Minerals in Food Supplements in Germany**  
Professor Alfonso Lampen, German Federal Institute for Risk Assessment
- 11.25-11.45** **Setting maximum levels – a national approach**  
Katrien DePauw, Ministry of Health, Belgium
- 11.45-12.15** **Panel discussion**
- 12.15-13.15** **Lunch**

**SESSION 4: THE ROLE OF FOOD SUPPLEMENTS FOR HEALTH AND WELLBEING – WHAT DO WE KNOW?**

Chair: Professor Manfred Eggersdorfer, DSM Nutritional Products

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- 13.15-13.45** **Micronutrient intake in Europe – need for action?**  
Professor Philip Calder, University of Southampton
- 13.45-14.15** **The importance of food supplements for public health and wellbeing**  
Dr. Bernd Haber, BASF
- 14.15-14.45** **Innovations in the field of food supplements – a future outlook**  
Dr. Manfred Ruthsatz, Nestlé Health Science
- 14.45-15.00** **Discussion**

**CONCLUSION**

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- 15.00 – 15.15** Peter Loosen, BLL/Food Supplements Europe



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### CONFERENCE VENUE AND ROOM BOOKING

#### VENUE

The European Food Supplements conference will take place at the:

##### **Radisson Blu Hotel**

Karl-Liebknecht-Str. 3, 10178 Berlin, Germany

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Website: [www.radissonblu.com/de/hotel-berlin](http://www.radissonblu.com/de/hotel-berlin)

Centrally located between Alexanderplatz and Museum Island, the Radisson Blu Hotel is surrounded by the city center's top attractions. The Radisson Blu Hotel is based in the historic centre of Berlin Mitte, directly at the bank of the river Spree and opposite to the Berlin Cathedral. Public transport and the Berlin airports are within good reach. The attraction of the hotel lobby is the AquaDom. It is the world's largest cylindrical aquarium with a fascinating underwater world in one million litres of salt-water.

#### ROOM BOOKING AND RATES

Block reservation has been made at the Radisson Blu Hotel Berlin.

The special rates for conference participants are:

Guestroom single 175 €

Guestroom double 193 €

For reservation please contact the hotel directly. E-Mail: [reservations.berlin@radissonblu.com](mailto:reservations.berlin@radissonblu.com),  
Phone: +49 30 238 28 3500. The booking code is "food supplements conference".

Rates are quoted per room per night including national taxes, breakfast and free internet access. The prices are valid only for a limited allocation and special time period.

**It is highly recommended to make a hotel reservation as soon as possible.**

#### ALTERNATIVE HOTELS

In Berlin and especially in the area of the Radisson Blu Hotel a wide range of accommodations can be found, e.g.:

##### **Hotel Park Inn by Radisson Berlin Alexanderplatz**

Alexanderplatz 7, 10178 Berlin

Phone: + 49 30 2389-0

E-Mail: [info@parkinn-berlin.com](mailto:info@parkinn-berlin.com)

Fax: + 49 30 2389-4305

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##### **H4 Hotel Berlin Alexanderplatz**

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##### **Hotel Amano**

Auguststraße 43, 10119 Berlin

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Fax: +49 30 80 94 15-22 00

Website: [www.amanogroup.de/de/hotels/hotel-amano/](http://www.amanogroup.de/de/hotels/hotel-amano/)



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### REGISTRATION

You will find the registration form on our website [www.bll.de](http://www.bll.de). After completing the registration form, you will receive a confirmation. Registrations will be considered on a “first-come first-served” basis. The number of participants is limited to 200 persons. Please note that BLL is unable to accept payments by credit card. An invoice will be issued. Please note that the conference language is English.

### REGISTRATION FEES

Early bird registration	<b>830 €</b> until 24 January 2018
Early bird registration incl. social programme	<b>885 €</b> until 24 January 2018
Registration	<b>1,030 €</b> after 24 January 2018
Registration incl. social programme	<b>1,085 €</b> after 24 January 2018

Conference fee is tax-free; contribution for the social programme incl. VAT. Conference fee covers: participation, documents (printed version), food and refreshments.

### CANCELLATIONS

If a registration is cancelled before 15 February 2018, a handling fee of 150 € will be charged. Please note that no refunds can be made after 15 February 2018.

### SOCIAL PROGRAMME

All participants are invited to our get-together and dinner on Thursday 8 March 2018 starting at 7 pm at the “**Haus Ungarn**” ([www.hausungarn.de](http://www.hausungarn.de)).

The Haus Ungarn (= Hungarian House) is a new, multifunctional event venue located in Berlin's inner city. From a terrace as well as through a 50 m glass façade, visitors can enjoy a good view of the TV tower, St. Mary's Church and the Red City Hall. The name goes back to the Hungarian Cultural Institute (Collegium Hungaricum Berlin) established in the year 1973 on the premises set up by the former People's Republic of Hungary in the “Socialist Brotherland”, the German Democratic Republic (GDR) as a cultural showcase. The Cultural Institute soon developed into a favourite haunt for dissenters in the GDR, where uncensored films were shown, controversial discussions were held and where it was possible to make contact with kindred spirits in Europe.

Please indicate whether or not you intend to participate in the social event whilst filling out the registration form!

### CONTACT DETAILS

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Updated information on the conference programme will be provided on the BLL website [www.bll.de](http://www.bll.de).

