

PathogenCombat Newsflash

The PathogenCombat Newsflash is a source of information on trends, results, and events on the PathogenCombat activities within the field of Food Safety. Periodical issues inform you about new trends and developments and provide insight into the latest research results and their applications.

The Newsflash makes sure that you do not miss the events of PathogenCombat! You are updated regularly on our activities, including workshops and contributions to conferences on Food Safety in Europe.

The Newsflash is issued at least once per month and delivers an exciting insight into PathogenCombat activities.

Enjoy!

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Topic 1

Our new tool for the quantitative assessment of Food Safety Management Systems (FSMS) is now ready to use for European SMEs!

An instrument has been developed to diagnose a company specific FSMS in a comprehensive and differentiated way - independent of the QA standard already in place. The focus is on the dairy and meat (pork, beef, lamb, poultry) processing industry.

The diagnostic instruments provides detailed insight in:

- Which core control and assurance activities are addressed in your FSMS and at what level they are executed
- The contextual situation (product and process characteristics, organisational and chain environment characteristics) wherein your system has to operate
- The actual food safety performance of your FSMS based on some key performance indicators

You can **now take the test** by visiting the diagnostic instrument [here](#).

Topic 2

PathogenCombat workshop in Burgos, Spain

We are happy to present the latest PathogenCombat research results on a workshop in Burgos, Spain in cooperation with our partners, *EHEDG* (the European Hygienic Engineering & Design Group), *Instituto Tomas Pascual, t-cue* (a regional development project for the knowledge transfer from universities to enterprises) and many others.

The workshop language will be Spanish and English, simultaneous translation will be provided. The event will take place on **18 June 2009 at the University of Burgos**.

The topics are especially tailored to benefit SMEs in the food sector:

- Food Safety Management
- Biofilm and contamination
- Cleaning and disinfection
- New processing technologies
- Protective and probiotic cultures for food safety

You can find the full programme and all registration information [here](#).

Topic 3

PathogenCombat workshop in Copenhagen, Denmark

We are happy to announce a workshop with the title **New Trends and Tools in Food Safety**.

The workshop will take place in in the frame of **ICOMST 2009** (www.icomst2009.dk) in Copenhagen, Denmark on **21 August 2009**. The topics will comprise:

1. Emerging pathogens
2. New methods to control the viability and virulence of pathogens throughout the food chain
3. Novel strategy for the formulation of safe food
4. The gap between technology and hygiene
5. New cost effective food safety management systems in SMEs

Full programme and all registration information are available [here](#).

We are looking forward to meeting you in Copenhagen!

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