

Dear colleagues!

My name is Olga Yakubchak. I am a doctor of veterinary science, professor of Veterinary Examination Department, National Agricultural University of Ukraine.

The areas of our activity are:

- harmonization of veterinary medicine legislation in compliance with EU and WTO demands;
- appliance of State residue monitoring plan in food of animal origin that is based on Directive 96/23 EU;
- sampling and sample preparation to analysis, and monitoring testing of food in Ukraine;
- development of requirements to sampling procedure of raw food products that are under control of veterinary inspection;
- development of spot control procedure of raw edible products of animal origin and feeds by state veterinary inspection.

The mentioned above problems are studied by the group of scientists: Doctor of Veterinary Science O.Yakubchak, Doc. of Veterinary Science J.Novozhytska, T.Taran, M. Melnyk, A. Tyutyun, G.Kozlovska and researchers R.Bilyk and I. Cemenchukova.

We would like to try to establish scientific cooperation between our University and research Institutions abroad. One of the best ways is to try to apply for the Large Integrated Project within the Framework Program 7 (FP7). You may also know, that the First Call for Proposals was published at the Cordis web-page at 22 December (http://cordis.europa.eu/fp7/home_en.html). As it was written FP7 is “The EU's largest ever funding programme for research and technological development”.

One of the calls, related to “food, agriculture and biotechnology” could be linked at http://cordis.europa.eu/fp7/dc/index.cfm?fuseaction=UserSite.CooperationDetailsCallPage&call_id=16

The dead line for submitting proposals is 02 May 2007, so we are pressed of time.

In attachment you will find the package of all essential documents, I have downloaded from the site.

As far as I can guess, the first thing to start with is to find the appropriate “thematic priority” in the list of all those “activities”, and to write a good project, which fit this priority in the best way, and then apply via the web to the Brussel.

We have studied some of the documents and have picked up some priorities appropriate for writing a proposal.

We are specifically looking for a European Union Framework Program 7 (FP7) consortium to join on the Working program topic:

KBBE-2007-2-4-05: Food sampling strategies for risk analysis.

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The aim is to improve and harmonise sampling techniques that can be incorporated in food safety assurance schemes. Methods and protocols for accurate and precise fit-for-purpose sampling strategies should be developed for specific situations, food products and risks (biological and chemical). Aspects related to sampling, sample preparation, protocols for end-users along the food chain, costs and training for applying these techniques, as well as economic inputs, should be considered also.

Funding scheme: Large collaborative project

Expected impact: The project should a) improve and harmonise sampling techniques along the food chain for supporting and advancing food safety risk assessment and enhancing fraud detection; b) provide information and support for food safety policies in the areas of contaminants, chemical and microbiological safety (European Commission Health and Consumer Protection Directorate General).

Let's try to apply for the large integrated project, where one of the collaborators would be you, another one – National Agricultural University of Ukraine (I can guarantee you the “green light” from my side) and we can to this list any other interested party you know (the minimum amount of partners is 3-4)!!!!

I think these notes could be extended to the hundreds of pages of the detailed project if you could help in finding interested experts from you side.

I think we should at least try to do something for it realization. What do you think?

We would be grateful for information about this subject. [Any other possibility for collaboration would be also welcome.](#)

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