

Ambassadors meeting during 1st GHI World Congress

Leiden, Netherlands

26th of March, 2019, Starting time: 17:30

Chair: Alina-Ioana Gostin, GHI Ambassador Programme Director

Purpose of the meeting (Alina): to get acquainted

Please find in attach the agenda

- Every one of us to get to know each other
- We haven't yet meet/known everyone
- When there are any questions, Alina would be happy to hear from us, any information for curiosities needed, Alina can easily be approached.
- As we all come from diverse backgrounds, the names might not always be correct interpreted (surname or first name for example). Alina is making a call to kindly correct when we see such misinterpreted name.
- Please take notice also of the GIAN system (global incident alert network), chaired by Veslemøy Andersen present here today.
- Meeting started with a session of short introduction (key words, why we joined and special topics to discuss today) of all country-representatives present:

Introduction session, anti-clock wise, in sit-down order:

1. Alina Ioana Gostin (UK): Director of Ambassadors programme, besides being the chair of this meeting, here to get acquainted to all and go through Ambassador programme overview aim and scope; please check in attachment what Alina overviewed
2. Adriana Sterian (Netherlands): also Director of Communication originally from Romania, for today: opportunity to disseminate info in our own countries
3. Alejandro Ariosti (Argentina), member since 2008, started as an author for a GHI book chapter on Food Packaging, kept in touch and things developed until the ambassadorship and continuing to write and disseminate activities of GHI, when there are occasions he goes and present latest food packaging innovations, activities of GHI and the published books,
4. Jun Nishihira (Japan): Started as interest to just be part of this network and wants to learn more on what he can offer, how he can be of assistance as ambassador
5. Firouz Darroudi (Qatar and United Arab Emirates): Original from Iran but living in the Netherlands, reason: he has setup the biggest genetic center in Iran;
6. Rimantas Venskutonis (Lithuania) : network for spreading information (channel to do so)
7. Chin-Kun Wang (Taiwan): first time to meet ambassadors; also co-chair for the GIAN system; searching for information and asking for support for whistle blower system input;

Announcement: in November the International Conference on Food Safety and Health in Taiwan, he is inviting the ambassadors to the Conference, where the hotel and sight-seeing can be covered.

To-do: Chin-Kun Wang to send the information about the Conference to Alina, so we can properly disseminate the event

8. Mark Shamtsyan (Russia): also Chair of mycotoxins group; to be part of scientific consensus, harmonization of food issues, to support as best as possible in information dissemination/distribution.
9. Veslemøy Andersen (Norway): originally from Norway living in the Netherlands, co-chair GIAN system, editor for GHI books series on Traditional and ethnic Nutrition books, Elsevier collaborator;
10. Nelly Datukishvili (Georgia): scientist working on food genomics, and genetically modified organisms in foods, interested in food safety issues; currently disseminating info in Georgia on GHI matters and also with colleagues about latest food safety issues; interested to learn more;
11. Franco Pedreschi (Chile): food chemistry, food safety and food microstructure background; interested in dissemination of information
12. Mona Popa (Romania): food safety, food packaging, food preservation area, here to represent Romania for the current ambassador Mihaela Geicu; Currently Romania is a one of the countries with the highest number of active people, most of them being linked with Mona Popa;
13. Liviu Gaceu (Romania): Prof in Food Engineering at Transylvania Univ. in Brasov; interest in food safety and here the support and help interest for GHI; Also representative of European Federation of ICT Agriculture Food and Environment – good platform for information dissemination;
14. Folake Olayinka (Nigeria): prof. of food technology, particular topics of food processing, quality and safety; to communicate science where is appreciated, to improve quality of life and network communication in Nigeria;

Huub: many scientists of Nigeria are involved in GHI, also one of the very active groups in GHI
15. Dumitru Mnerie (west of Romania): developed a certificate to recognize volunteering within GHI;
16. Andrey Bratsikhin (Russia): background in Food Engineering; at administration level communication is important, so he tries to be effective at this level, while harmonization is also an issue to begin with at education level;

Vish Prakash, India: purpose of being at the meeting, beside his obvious involvement in the Nutrition Working Group, he mentioned the need of involved people, that can broadcast also the books;

Broadcasting the books (participating in conferences locally)

Identify the correct persons in our countries to make the books known

Constantly let people know of GHI, while encouraging scientists to become new members;

Alina also enhances the need of the Ambassadors to help with dissemination locally, to share the GIAN system information, give feed-back on identifying the channels for information distribution

Currently we have 85 ambassadors coming from 62 different countries, in 18 countries we have more than 1 ambassador, while ideally would be better to have more than 1 ambassador/country, as working as a team is more efficient

17. Marco-Antonio León Félix (Mexico): involved also with the EHEDG SDG's and their representative from Mexico, Food Safety consultant for the Mexican Food Safety Society, which at this point is not based on science but on consumers; there is a constant need for food safety teachers in factories, social services, different food facilities; many students do this for charity (not payed meaning);

Purpose: Mexico is one of the many important producers of food in the world; trade with USA is made for 80%, main importer, now newly started with East Asia

Hoping to open easiness of trade with the World

To-Do: reactivation of the Mexico-team in the website

18. Olga Martín-Belloso (Spain): belief in science-based –decision; translation of information to Spanish language, as key-essential information reaches the target better when is communicated in own native language; even if we understand well English, the deepness of the message is better ensured when communicated in own native language;
19. Marisol (Maria Soledad)Tapia (Venezuela):platform to disseminate information at work; science food-crisis, present flagrant violation of food; ensure safe food access;
20. Dominique Taeymans (Switzerland and Belgium): regulatory consultant Swiss and Belgium authority, shared the irradiation white paper recently , CODEX meeting participations in the Swiss delegation

Here Veslemøy made a note on the translations checks, to make sure the correct meaning of words are used;

Alina: as ambassadors we can pin-point the correct experts that are able to check the correctitude of the language in our representative country

On this theme Alina also reminded that there is a document produced by GHI called “Harmonisation: Feeding People, Fueling Innovation”, currently on the GHI website; it has been spread out to the ambassadors as it would be good to be translated into local language. Now multiple languages are available.

TO-DO ambassadors: please find the attach paper (Harmonisation: Feeding People, Fueling Innovation, also on the website) and check if there is a translations already on your language; if not we kindly ask your support into making a version in your language as well.

TO-DO: update the Ambassador webpage on the GHI website, meaning to send the information minimally needed (a picture and the information under a statement of background and activities you have done within the region –like some conferences or symposia participation, GHI info locally presented in a newspaper/magazine, etc)

The scope is to disseminate the purpose of GHI and the outcomes not necessary in the science world, since scientists might be aware of this already, thus the local newspapers or other regular channels might be a good idea; to identify politicians, to ask and send them info, to make them aware of the GHI initiatives and of the WGs activities;

The Ambassadors are encouraged to send Alina GHI-relevant information to be disseminated via the GHI eNewsletters and on the respective Ambassador webpage; the aim is to keep an updated GHI website.

New interested potential members:

1. Aseta (Burkina Faso): interested in food borne pathogens issues, high prevalence of foodborne pathogens; Alina invited Aseta for the Ambassadorship;
2. Sazedul (Bangladesh): University teaching on fish-related food science: microbiology, processing, quality; Alina invited Sazedul for the Ambassadorship role;

The books that GHI is promoting on the website are consisting of two categories: (i) books written by GHI, as official GHI material AND (ii) books/chapters of books written by members of GHI, but not considered as GHI material;

Alexandro: Apart from providing information of our country vertically and regionally, also transversally, since experts in their fields might know better other experts in the same field but in other countries, rather than knowing experts in another topic in their own country;

Alina: We have a new membership director: Ana Sanhueza Martin; she is collecting information from the GHI membership database, that would make possible identifying experts on specific topics and countries;

Alexandro: proposed to have on the GHI website a World-Map Ambassador coverage

Alina: this idea was discussed with our webmaster (Gunter) some time ago, when we revamped the GHI website;

TO-DO: Alina to discuss this possibility with Gunter.

Adriana Sterian and Alina-Ioana Gostin, 07 April 2019.