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Biomed/Biotech Special Interest Group (SIG) Meeting

**European Food Safety Authority (EFSA)
– Risk Assessment for Decision-Making
& Challenges for EU and US**

To be presented by

Jordi Serratosa, PhD, MBA
Liaison Officer to US FDA
European Food Safety Authority (EFSA)

Thursday, October 13, 2011

6:00 – 6:20 PM – Networking; Pizza/drink

6:20 – 8:30 PM – Program (a 10-min intermission at mid point)

8:30 – 8:50 PM – Door-prizes drawing; Networking

Online Registration site: <http://www.asq509.org/ht/d/DoSurvey/i/35817>

Open to Public - \$5 for non-ASQ members to cover pizza/drink cost;
Free to ASQ Members, students, local interns, postdocs,
FDA Commissioner's Fellows, and current job seekers

Location: [Kelly's Deli Conference Center, 7519 Standish Place, Rockville, MD 20855](#)

Registration Deadline: Please register by *Thursday noon, October 13, 2011.*

Question: Please contact Dr. C.J. George Chang, Chair of Biomed/Biotech SIG, ASQ509; gchang2008@yahoo.com or 240-793-8425 (cell).

Driving directions: By Car: From I-270 (N or S bound): Take Exit 9A and exit from the FIRST right exit; turn left (east) onto Shady Grove Dr.; turn right (south) onto Rockville Pike (**Route 355**); turn left (east) onto East Gude Dr.; turn left (north) immediately onto Crabb's Branch Dr.; turn left (west) immediately onto Standish Place. The first building on your right side is 7519 Standish Place; open parking). The venue is on the first floor with its entrance opposite to the left side of building main entrance. **By Metro train:** Off from Red Line **Shady Grove Station**, and take RideOn **Route 59 TOWARD ROCKVILLE** and get off from "**Calhoun Place**" stop. Standish Place is next to the Bus stop. Our venue is within 2 min of walking distance from the stop.

Summary: “European Food Safety Authority (EFSA) – Risk Assessment for Decision-Making & Challenges for EU and US”

The Food chain in EU and US has a complex environment, particularly the need for global engagement nowadays. While in EU the food chain is highly regulated, in US changes are taking place; a good example is the legislation and implement of the Food Safety Modernization Act (FSMA) signed into laws in January 2011. In EU food safety “integrated approach” started in Regulation on Food Safety principles in 2002 establishing an independent body for food safety risk assessment called European Food Safety Authority (EFSA).

This presentation will cover the following topics:

- The main players-stakeholders in the Food Safety area in EU and US;
- How EFSA operates in all food safety domains giving scientific advices for the EU regulators;
- The role of Risk assessment in food safety in EU and US;
- Challenges for the future risk assessment in both sides of the Atlantic

Examples of the speaker’s prior experience working with residues will illustrate the differences on risk assessment and risk management between EU and US.

Presenters’ Bios: **Jordi Serratosa, PhD, MBA**

Dr. Jordi Serratosa has been the European Food Safety Authority (EFSA) **Liaison Officer** to US FDA since September 2009. His education background includes a bachelor degree on Hygiene, Science, and Food Technology from Universidad Complutense of Madrid (Spain), a PhD in probiotics as feed additives from Hannover University (Germany), and an MBA at EADA in Barcelona. Since 1986, Jordi has served as an **Associate Professor** in Veterinary and Food legislation at the Autonomous University of Barcelona.

He has worked for the private sector for 10 years as **Technical Director** of Rhone Merieux and **International Business Director** in Feed additives in Co Lucta. At the European Commission (EC) in Brussels Jordi served **DG SANCO** (Directorate General for Health and Consumer Affairs) for legislation on veterinary aspects of Public Health for animal products and their residues such as hormones, bovine somatotropin (BST), dioxins, and residue plans applicable to EU member states and other countries exporting products to EU, including the coordination of 4 Community Reference Laboratories.

Since 2003, Dr. Serratosa has been the **Head** of the Animal Health and Welfare Unit with the European Food Safety Authority; he resides currently in Washington DC at the US FDA, working in increasing collaboration of the scientific risk assessment in the area of food safety between EU and US.