

PANEL ON BIOLOGICAL HAZARDS

QMRA workshop *Salmonella* in pigs in Copenhagen from 21st-22nd April 2008

Key experts are invited to present their work and all participants will be able to discuss the quality and relevance of methods in terms of applicability to the EFSA risk assessment objectives.

The workshop will not only provide the risk assessors with valuable insight into the current state-of-the art methods, but also provide participants with a platform to learn more about the EFSA risk assessment and its objectives and implications. In addition the workshop will provide a forum to discuss the latest research relevant to quantitative risk assessment for *Salmonella* in pigs, and for food safety risk assessment as a whole. Any methods highlighted in the workshop and then used within the EFSA QMRA will be acknowledged accordingly.

This call is being circulated to solicit nominations from established experts who can contribute to the workshop according to one or more of the following criteria:

- *Salmonella* in Pigs risk assessment;
- Food Safety Risk assessment;
- Relevant mathematical modelling in the following areas:
 - Transmission of pig disease;
 - Surveillance/monitoring programmes of pigs;
 - Processing of pig carcasses;
 - Predictive microbiology;
 - Food preparation (heating, cross-contamination);
 - Dose-response.

EFSA welcomes applications from all fields relating to these criteria whether academia, government or industry. Please send the short application form and your latest CV to salmonellainpigs@efsa.europa.eu by 3rd March.

The workshop will be in English and we regret no translation facilities can be provided. While time costs cannot be paid, invited attendees will be reimbursed for travel and subsistence expenses by the consortium.