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From: Barbara Butow
Sent: Monday, 18 November 2019 3:21 PM
To: Shai Joseph
Cc: Lisa Kelly
Subject: RE: hello and idea for joint workshop 2020 [SEC=OFFICIAL]

Thanks Shai – this is really helpful and some terrific ideas for discussion. I've cc'd in Lisa to see if she wants to add in anything?

I'll shortly send off a calendar invite to Fiona and Libby for the planning t/c - think we'll go with this Friday 1pm, so timing should be good for you Shai. I can then send through our ideas for the workshop too.

Cheers

Barbara

From: Shai Joseph [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, 18 November 2019 1:27 PM
To: Barbara Butow [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: hello and idea for joint workshop 2020 [SEC=OFFICIAL]

Hi Barbara,

I have jotted down a few ideas (original and from our email conversation stream). I have also listed a couple of case studies as they might be a nice way to stimulate discussions surrounding the regulatory perspectives of the difference agencies.

Biotechnology

- Synthetic biology
- Tools to enhance agriculture productivity, resilience and food security
- De novo domestication
- New technologies and new foods (e.g. GM animals, probiotic cultures)
- International regulatory practices
- Plant-based and cultured meat
- Case study: [REDACTED] s47G - polled cattle.

Microbiology

- Primary produce risk ranking
- WGS and environmental DNA analysis
- Emerging risks with climate change
- International regulatory practices
- Case study: Live GM pro-biotic (food-medicine interface).

Cheers,

Shai

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From: Barbara Butow [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, 6 November 2019 6:55 PM
To: Microbiology and Biotechnology Section [REDACTED]
Subject: FW: hello and idea for joint workshop 2020 [SEC=OFFICIAL]

Hi - can you pls have a bit of a think about what we'd like to focus on at the proposed Micro/BioTech workshop in May with NZ Food Safety. As Fiona says, the topics are broad – what would we want to focus on from a regulatory science point of view? We can discuss at next week's section meeting. Also, I'll be looking for some help (volunteers pls 😊) with logistics/organising.

Thanks

Barb

From: Barbara Butow
Sent: Wednesday, 6 November 2019 4:52 PM
To: 'Fiona Thomson-Carter' [REDACTED]
Cc: Andrew Pearson [REDACTED]; Scott Crerar [REDACTED]; Zoe Clark [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: hello and idea for joint workshop 2020 [SEC=OFFICIAL]

Sounds like a plan, will gather some thoughts set up a time for a brief t/c in the coming weeks.

Cheers

Barbara

From: Fiona Thomson-Carter [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, 6 November 2019 12:36 PM
To: Barbara Butow [REDACTED]
Cc: Andrew Pearson [REDACTED]; Scott Crerar [REDACTED]; Zoe Clark [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: hello and idea for joint workshop 2020 [SEC=OFFICIAL]

Good afternoon Barbara,

Thanks for the email.

We should certainly be able to block some time out w/c 4 th May 2020, Zoe, cc-ed, can help to coordinate. It would be good to teleconference/Skype well in advance of that meeting to discuss what we want to meet about and which

agencies need to be there based on regulatory need or scientific expertise. The subject matter – biotechnology and microbiological risk assessment are quite broad topics and while we may have for instance, discussed CRISPR/Cas9 etc previously we may want to consider other new tech such as WGS and environmental DNA analysis.

Happy to discuss and let's set up a meeting to do so.

Nga mihi,

Fiona

From: Barbara Butow [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, 5 November 2019 6:08 PM
To: Fiona Thomson-Carter [REDACTED]
Cc: Andrew Pearson [REDACTED]; Scott Crerar [REDACTED]
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All good here thanks – especially now summer is on its way.

Glad to hear that you're keen on the workshop idea too... I'll also contact [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]. In terms of extending the invitation further, were you thinking in terms of other government agencies or academia, industry too? This could also be do-able, but would be a much bigger production and not really amenable for the small FSANZ office in Wellington. In which case we could also hold a separate, less formal MPI-FSANZ meeting/workshop?

Re timing – I just found a hitch with the suggested timing (Lisa, our GM team leader will be at an OECD meeting then) and as April is full of school and public hols (Easter etc), I suggest we move the workshop to May – so now looking at the **week starting May 4th**. We are also due for our next ANZSF meeting in March (a 2 day F2F in Canberra) but no date has been settled for that yet.

Although this all a bit of a way off, we can start putting together a bit of an outline and can bounce this between us to shape up an agenda for the workshop. How about a half day micro and half day biotech meeting? Or if you think there's enough we could do a day on each (bit resource intensive though). We had a t/c with Andy and [REDACTED] today to discuss our respective primary produce risk ranking work and agreed that this would be a good topic for in-depth discussion at the workshop (comparing and contrasting methodologies).

Happy to take on board your ideas and thoughts

Bye for now

Barbara

From: Fiona Thomson-Carter [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, 5 November 2019 11:01 AM
To: Barbara Butow [REDACTED]
Cc: Andrew Pearson [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: hello and idea for joint workshop 2020 [SEC=OFFICIAL]

Kia ora Barbara,

How are you today?

Nice to "meet" last week, I think the vidcon was very useful and worked well.

The workshop sounds like a great idea, have cc-ed Andy, Manager Risk Assessment for his information. It could be good to discuss the new technologies and their regulatory implications and we could extend invitations to other

stakeholders beyond ESR too? At the moment, I have no commitments during w/c 23 rd March 2020 that cannot be moved. Let me know how you want to proceed.

Nga mihi,

Fiona

From: Barbara Butow [REDACTED]
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Hello Fiona

It was good to meet you (albeit by videoconference) the other day at the FSANZ - NZ Food Safety ANZSF meeting. I think the meeting went off pretty well - these meetings are always a good opportunity to catch up on the broad range of topics of interest to both agencies. Over the past few years we have also held more focussed workshops [REDACTED] on biotechnology and micro risk assessment. I'm keen to organise another such workshop in Wellington next March (possibly sometime the week starting 23rd March) and wanted to gauge your interest and availability? I'm sure we'll have no problems to come up with an exciting and interesting agenda to suit the 3 agencies.

Look forward to hearing from you,

Kind regards

Barbara

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