



## *Biographie notes of Speakers and Moderator*



**VALERIU CURTUI (EFSA)**

Dr **Valeriu Curtui** is Head of the Nutrition Unit at the European Food Safety Authority (EFSA). His role is to manage the Unit in providing scientific and administrative support to the EFSA Scientific Panel on Nutrition, Novel Foods and Food Allergens (NDA Panel). The NDA Panel deals with questions related to human nutrition, foods for special groups and food allergies as well as associated subjects such as scientific substantiation of health claims and safety of novel foods. Valeriu joined EFSA in 2008 as a scientific officer working on chemical occurrence in food and dietary exposure and took up his current role in 2013. Prior to his employment with EFSA he was an academic at universities in Romania and Germany. He holds a PhD in Veterinary Medicine and his teaching and research activity focused on toxicology and chemical food safety.



### **STEPHANIE BODENBACH (European Commission)**

[Stephanie Bodenbach](#), Team leader 'food composition and claims', unit E1 'Food information and composition', DG Health and Food Safety, European Commission

Ms Bodenbach joined the European Commission in 2006. As Team leader she is responsible for the management of the team 'food composition and claims' of unit E1. Previously, she was Head of the sector 'General food law & nutrition' and followed issues related to nutrition, dietary habits and their incidence on health. She has been dealing with nutrition labelling and the implementation of the Strategy for Europe on Nutrition, Overweight and Obesity related Health Issues. Before joining the Commission, she held positions in the coordination office of the Public Health Association Saxony and in a Japanese pharmaceutical and fine chemicals company. She holds Master degrees in Nutritional Science (Bonn University) and Public Health (University North Carolina at Chapel Hill).

## ROUND TABLE



### **MARIA DO CÉU COSTA (Moderator – ASAE's Scientific Council)**

Professor Dr. Habil at School of Health Sciences and Technologies (2004-2021) and at the [Polytechnic Institute of Lusophony](#) -IPLUSO (2002-2021-) of COFAC-Lusophone Group; coordinator Researcher at – [The Biosciences Research Centre](#) and Scientific Coordinator of the Master Of Sciences (MSc) Course in Health Products and Food Supplements, accredited by the Higher Education Accreditation Agency (A3ES). Holding a MSc degree in Technological Organic Chemistry (UNL, Portugal), PhD in Pharmaceutical Chemistry and habilitation in Physical and Chemical Sciences from the Faculty of Pharmacy of Lisbon, performed as Academic Visitor at the Imperial College of Science & Technology (London, UK), Research Fellow at the University of Auckland (New Zealand) and Visiting Scholar at the University of Sydney, College of Pharmacy (Australia). At present time M C Costa is the Vice-president of the Portuguese Society of Phytochemistry and Phytotherapy (SPFITO), a member of [ESCOP Scientific Committee](#) (2009-2021-), and represents the National Food Safety and Economics Authority (ASAE) at the Emerging Risks Exchange Network- EREN of EFSA- European Food Safety Authority (2010-2021-). Inventor of 6 Patents and author of 200 research publications.



#### **ANA PAULA BICO**

**Ana Paula Bico** is Director of Nutrition and Food Services (DSNA) of the Directorate General of Food and Veterinary. In matters of food and nutrition she is responsible for the competencies of food regulation and control, namely of food supplements, consumer information including nutritional and health claims, additives and contaminants in food, among others. She is Master in Food Science and Technology (1994) and graduated in Agro-Industrial Engineering (1988).



#### **FILIPA MELO DE VASCONCELOS**

Since 2015:

- Deputy General-Inspector of **ASAE - Economic and Food Safety Authority of Portugal** with responsibility for the technical, scientific and laboratorial areas, including institutional coordination with Scientific Council of ASAE, as well as with research institutions and the Portuguese Academia;
- EFSA's Focal Point, Advisory Forum and Communication Expert Network alternate Member;
- Editorial coordinator of *RISCOS E ALIMENTOS* (scientific magazine published by ASAE: <https://www.asae.gov.pt/espaco-publico/publicacoes/riscos-e-alimentos>);
- Team leader of *ONRE – National Observatory of Emerging Risks of Portugal*;
- Organization of several International Workshops related with Food Safety in general and in particular focus of Risk Communication and Emerging Risks;
- Invited to lect risk assessment topics as well as Risk Communication at the Universidade de Coimbra - Master in Food Safety;
- Invited to lect Risk Perception at UCP- Universidade Católica Portuguesa in the Post-Graduation in Public Health Communication (<https://fch.lisboa.ucp.pt/pt-pt/plano-curricular-18>) (since 2019).



### **PEDRO LÔBO DO VALE**

Degree in Medicine by University of Medical Sciences – *Universidade Nova de Lisboa*. President of the Portuguese Association of Food Supplements (APARD). Spokesperson of APARD in the European Federation of Health Products Manufacturers Associations (EHPM). Private medical practice. Medical Consultant for Celeiro. Regular guest on several television and radio programs, regarding Health, Nutrition and Food Supplements themes. Responsible for the weekly column “Natural Health” in the *Jornal Expresso* for 8 years. Awarded with the prize Hippocrates by the Hippocrates Institute for the work developed in “Natural Health” column. Regular author in several magazines, such as *Diet-Magazine*, *Vida Celeiro*, *Prevenir* and *Saber Viver*, regarding Health, Nutrition and Food Supplements themes. Invited by Reader’s Digest to write the preface of the book “Vitamins and Minerals”. Invited Professor in the Faculty of Medicine of the University of Lisbon and the Hippocrates Institute of the Independent University. Attendant in annual fairs and activities related to food and food supplements in different countries.



### **DOMINIQUE DE CLOCK**

Dominique de Clock is an engineer in bio-chemistry. She works for the food supplements and cosmetics department at the Federal Public Service Health, Food Chain Safety and Environment since 2008. She is responsible for the notification files of the French-speaking part of Belgium and for the Belgian legislation on other substances in food supplements. Dominique deals with the technical aspects of the notification portal FoodSup.



### **ANTÓNIO FARIA VAZ**

Degree in Medicine from the Faculty of Medicine of Lisbon (1983); Specialist in General and Family Medicine (1990), Postgraduate Degree in Medicine Economics (ISEG/FFL (1995-1997); Master in Pharmacoepidemiology (2000-2005); Master in Clinical Trials (2005-2006); Master in Bioethics (2014-2018).

He is Vice-President of the Directive Board of INFARMED, I.P., President of RedÉtica, President of CES of ARS LVT. He was Vice-President of CEIC (2005-2011).