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08.30 Registration

09.00 Welcome. Introduction, and Housekeeping.

Alfredo Caprioli, Susan Babsa

9.15 Session 1. Chair Stefano Morabito

Update on the surveillance of VTEC infections in Europe

Alfredo Caprioli

PulseNet Europe: structure, activities and perspectives for VTEC strains from non-human sources

Mia Torpdhal

An *ad hoc* working group on VTEC of the EFSA

Alfredo Caprioli, Jeppe Boel, Annet Heuvelink, Christine Vernozy-Rozand

Need/appropriateness of EU monitoring or/and control of VTEC

Kris De Smet, DG SaNCO

Pierre-Alexander Beloeil, EFSA

Discussion

10.45 Coffee break.

11.15 Session 2 Chair Alfredo Caprioli

Detection and typing of *vtx* genes

Flemming Scheutz

Methods for the detection of VTEC in foodstuffs: state of play in CEN

Stefano Morabito and Jeppe Boel

12.15 Presentations from the NRLs

13.00 Lunch.

14.00 Session 3 Chair Kris De Smet

Presentations from the NRLs (continue)

A European database for VTEC strains from non-human sources **Gaia Scavia**

15.30 Coffee break

16.00 Results of the 1st inter-laboratory study on VTEC identification and typing.

Gaia Scavia and Stefano Morabito

Summary of the workshop, work programme CRL 2008 and closing comments.

Alfredo Caprioli and Kris De Smet

17.30 Closure