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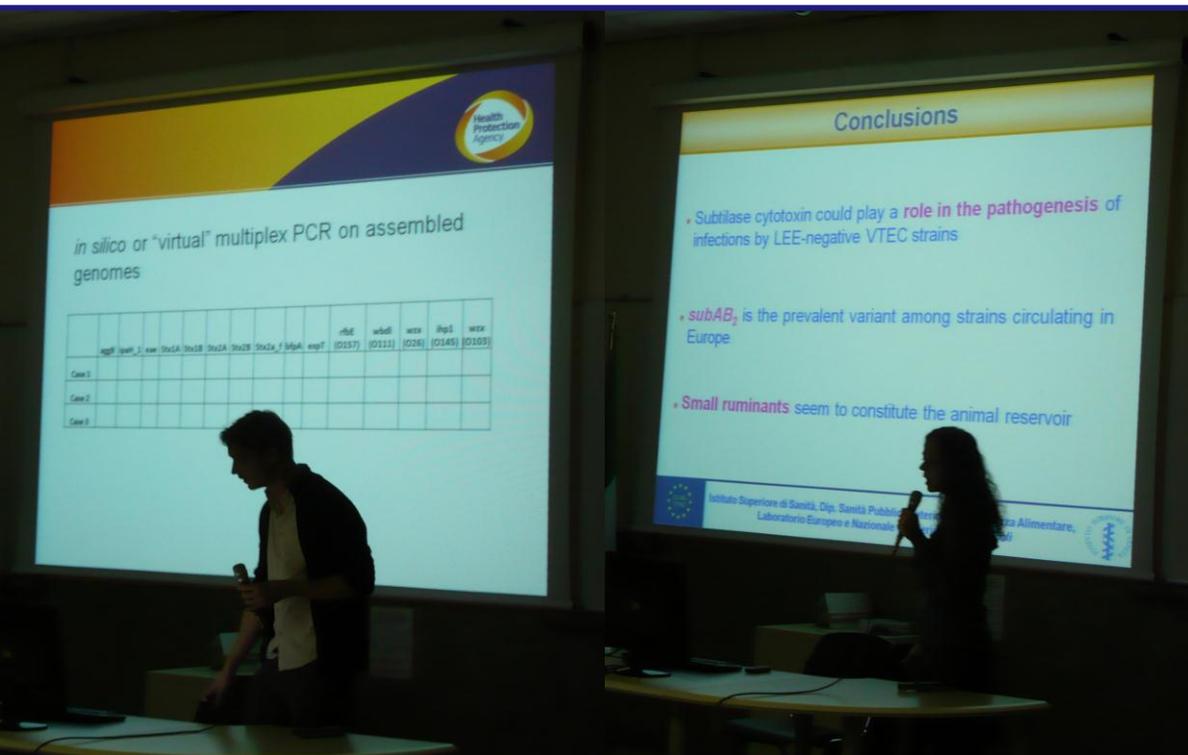


▲ **S. Morabito and A. Caprioli** (ISS, Italy)

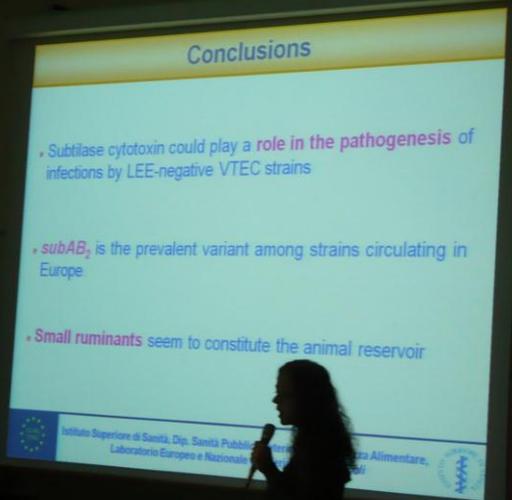
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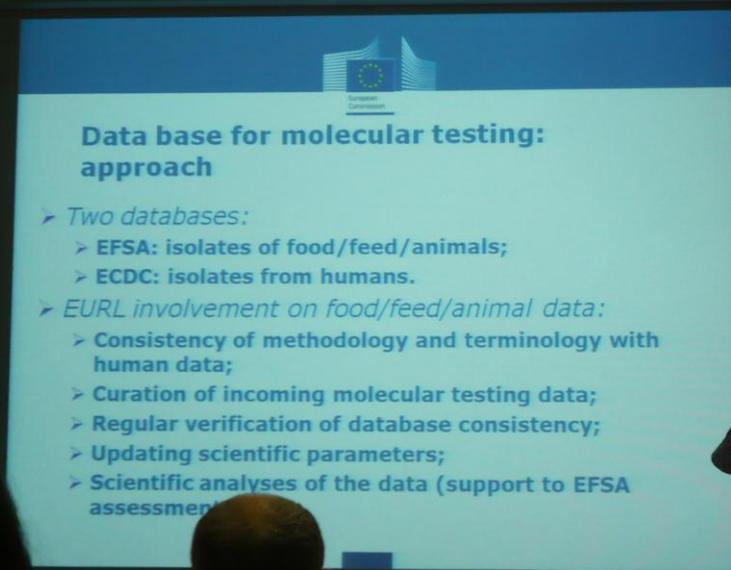


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Data base for molecular testing: approach

- *Two databases:*
 - **EFSA:** isolates of food/feed/animals;
 - **ECDC:** isolates from humans.
- *EURL involvement on food/feed/animal data:*
 - **Consistency of methodology and terminology with human data;**
 - **Curation of incoming molecular testing data;**
 - **Regular verification of database consistency;**
 - **Updating scientific parameters;**
 - **Scientific analyses of the data (support to EFSA assessment)**

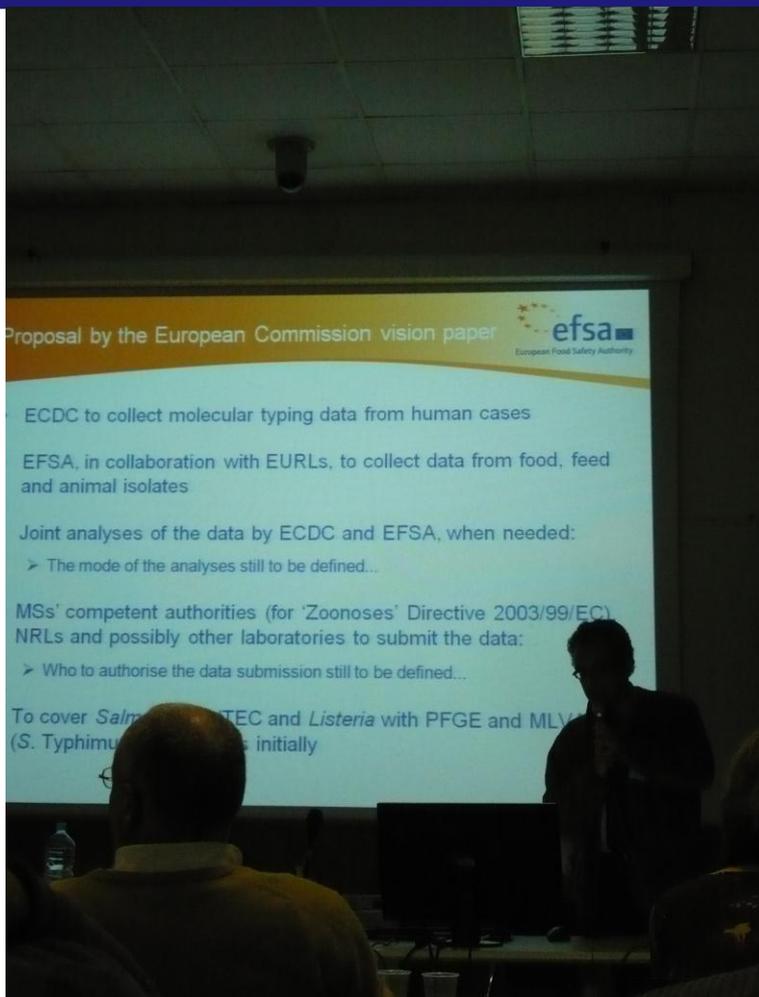


Existing relevant networks

- *Standing Committee on the Food Chain and Animal Health*
- *Network Committee under Decision 2119/98/EC*
- *EURL –NRL–official labs network*
- *EFSA Task Force for Zoonoses data collection*
- *ECDC Food-and Waterborne Diseases and Zoonoses (FWD) Network with the European Surveillance System (TESSy)*
- *Early warning systems*
 - *Rapid Alert System for Food and Feed (RASFF)*
 - *Early Warning and Response System (EWRS)*

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Social Dinner

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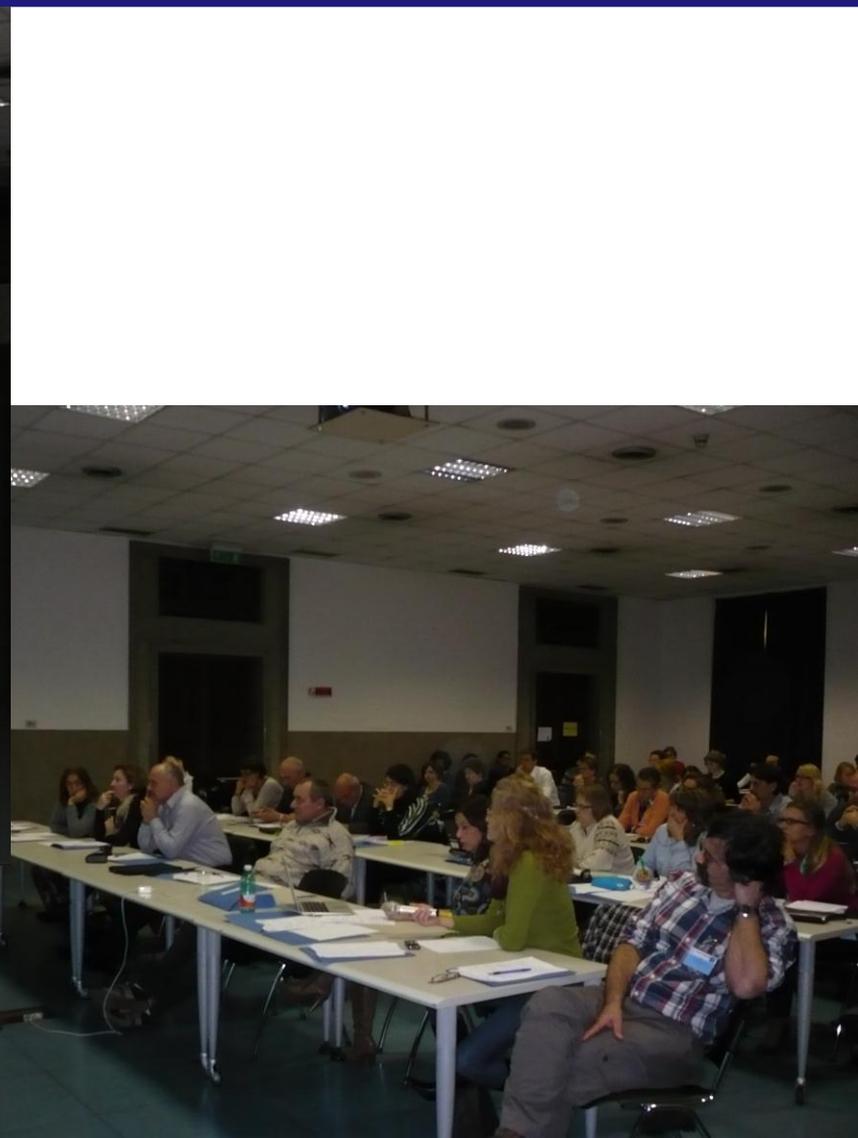
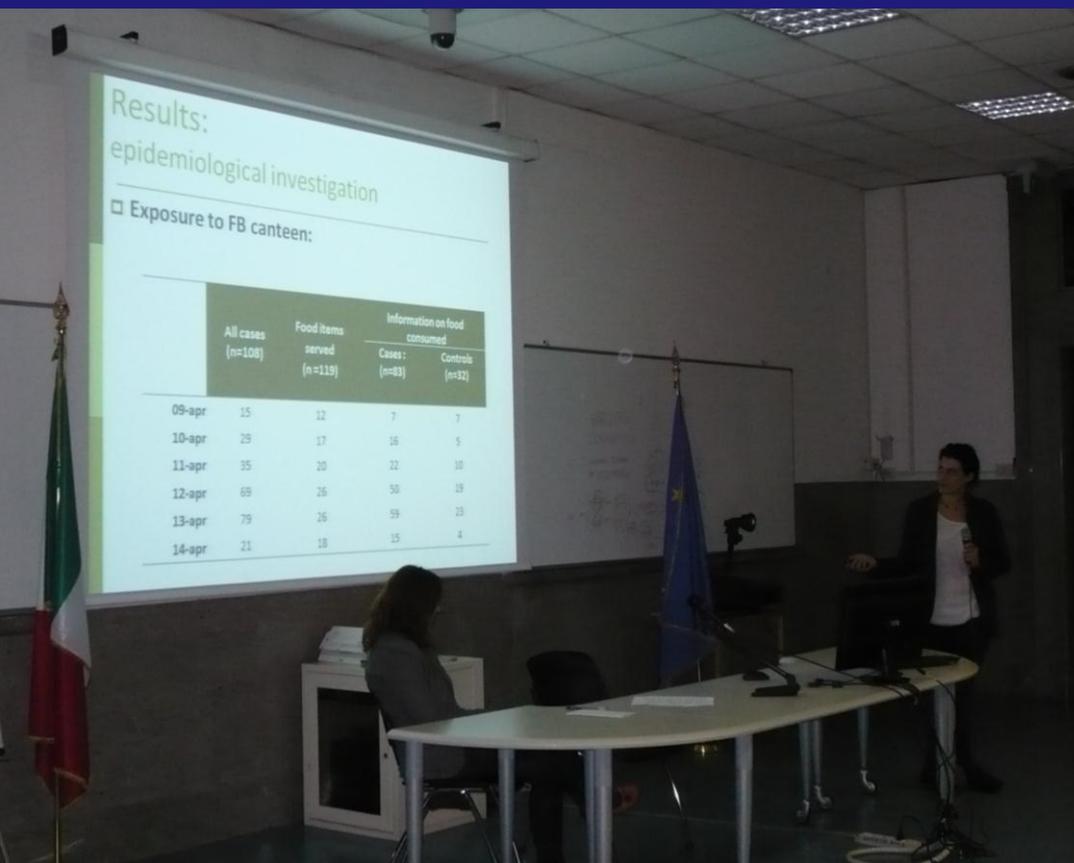


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Design of the study

- In 2006 CEN requested to WG6 to assess the equivalence between the ISO 16654 and the NMKL method No 164, 2. Ed. 2005
- NMKL method No 164 validated in a collaborative study in 2002
- Project for validation in mandate M/381 included a reduced study as agreed by CEN in 2007 in Cairo (only one epidemiologically relevant matrix)



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Results and discussion

→ Top 5 prevalence: 6/2476 (0,2 % CI₉₅ [0,09%- 0,5%])

- Low prevalence
- In accordance with previous results observed in France

Year	Type of minced beef	Top 5 prevalence
2007	Frozen (production)	0,3% (11/3000) CI ₉₅ [0,2 - 0,5%]
2008	Frozen trims (production)	0,4% (15/4000) CI ₉₅ [0,2 - 0,6%]
2009	Fresh (at retail)	0,1% (2/1927) CI ₉₅ [0,04 - 0,5%]



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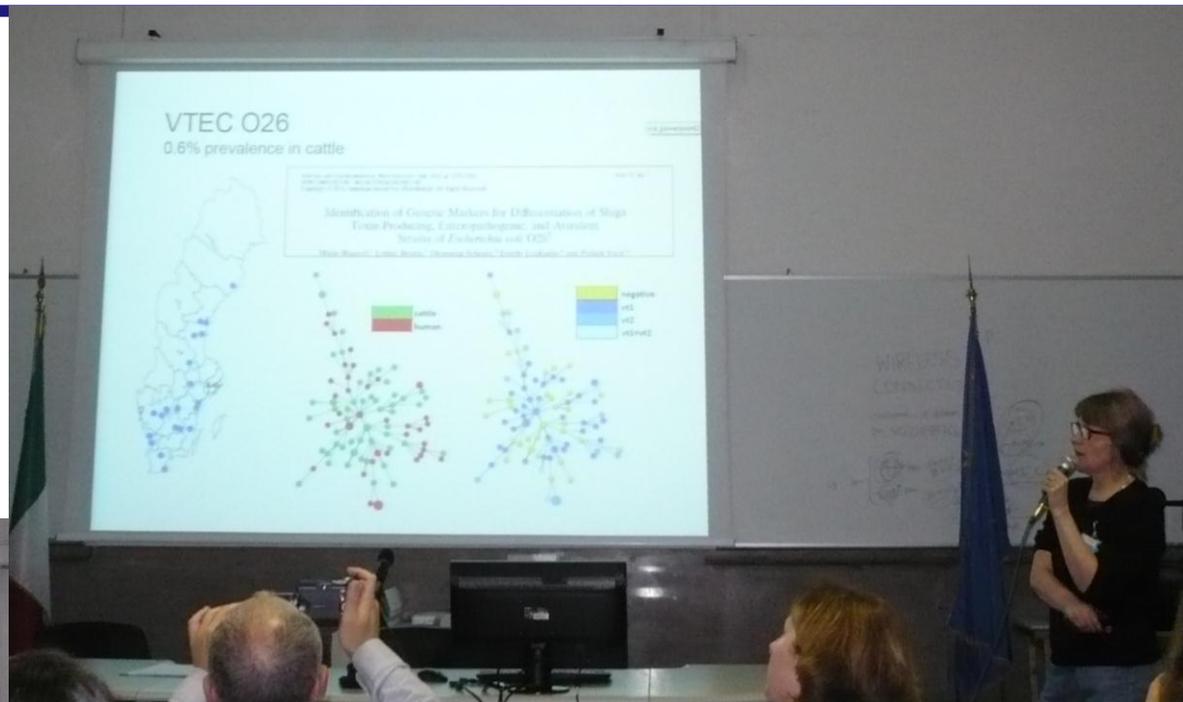
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Screening of 312 samples of milk for VTEC related genes

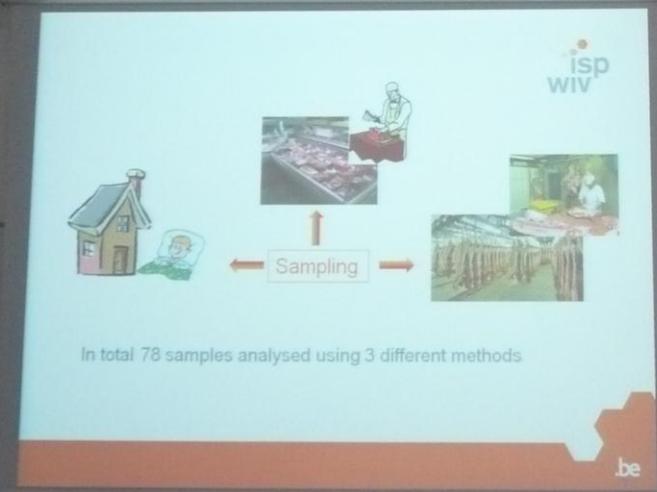
Gene	vtx	vtx1	vtx2	vtx 1 + vtx2	eae	vtx + eae	O157	vtx + O157
% positive	19,6	5,6	10,6	3,5	32,7	11,9	8,0	1,3
CT mean		27,9	29,8	22,6	22,8			
SD		5,2	6,2	4,6	5,7			

Sampling period: September to December

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