



Community Reference Laboratory for *E.coli*
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08.30 Registration

09.00 Session 1.

Chair: **Stefano Morabito**

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| 09.00 | Welcome. | Agostino Macrì, ISS |
| 09.10 | Housekeeping. | Susan Babsa |
| 09.20 | Aims of the meeting. | Alfredo Caprioli |
| 09.30 | The EU Community Reference Laboratories: role and perspectives | Maija Hatakka |
| 09.50 | <i>E.coli</i> O157: emerging issues on virulence and epidemiology | Alfredo Caprioli |
| 10.20 | Epidemiology of VTEC infections in Europe: the Enter-net surveillance | Ian Fisher |

10.45 Coffee break.

11.15 Session 2.

Chair: **Maija Hatakka**

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| 11.15 | EFSA-activities in relation with VTEC | Pia Mäkelä |
| 11.45 | Detection of VTEC in foodstuffs: state of play in ISO and CEN
- O157 VTEC
- non-O157 VTEC | Stefano Morabito
Jeppe Boel |
| 12.15 | Typing, characterization and nomenclature of VTECs | Flemming Scheutz |

12.45 Lunch.

14.00 Session 3.

Chair: **Alfredo Caprioli**

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| 14.00 | Results of the inventory of NRLs | Stefano Morabito, Gaia Scavia |
| 14.20 | Presentation of NRLs (5 min. and 3-4 slides for each NRL) | |

15.30 Coffee break.

- 16.00 Presentation of NRLs (continuation)
- 16.50 Proposal for a European database of non-human VTEC
Gaia Scavia
- 17.10 Summary of the workshop, work programme CRL 2007 and closing comments.
Alfredo Caprioli

17.30 Closure.

List of Speakers

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