

## **FEFANA anticipates feed additives registration success through consortia and foresees close partnership with EFSA**

**Brussels, 06 June 2007 –** The focus at the 4<sup>th</sup> General Assembly of FEFANA, the EU Feed Additives and Premixtures Association, was on the assessment guidelines as well as the establishment of consortia for the registration of feed additives. Catherine Geslain-Lanéelle, EFSA Executive Director, was keynote speaker at the Assembly, which also saw the election of nine new members to the Board.

FEFANA clearly communicated that with the full registration of all authorised feed additives to be completed by November 2010, the establishment of consortia of interest groups in the field of feed additives is a key priority for the association. Consortia for additives such as flavouring, vitamins and amino acids are well under way, and are providing crucial support to FEFANA members and non-members.

*“Three consortia will be launched in the next few days, and we expect more to come. While non-members may join our consortia, the consortia are established at the request of FEFANA members. Close cooperation is being established with EFSA in order to streamline the process as much as possible”,* explained Didier Jans, Secretary General of FEFANA, who is responsible for managing these consortia on behalf of FEFANA. The consortia will be established in accordance with the Regulation for European Economic Interest Groupings.

The role of EFSA in the EU food and feed safety system was addressed by Catherine Geslain-Lanéelle at the Assembly’s opening session. Ms. Geslain-Lanéelle indicated that the successful collaboration to date between EFSA and FEFANA was evidence of EFSA’s commitment to transparency and open dialogue with all stakeholders. Her assertion that this collaboration should continue in the future was welcomed by all participants. Indeed, many of those present during Ms. Geslain-Lanéelle’s presentation could foresee close partnership between EFSA and FEFANA to make the reauthorisation process a success. The EFSA Executive Director also took part in a very informative public questions and answers session with the FEFANA Members and their guests. It was a good opportunity for Ms. Geslain-Lanéelle to explain that workload at EFSA is more and more important and that it could be even heavier in the near future.

The morning session of the General Assembly was open to fellow associations (other associations of the food or feed chain having same interest as FEFANA) as well as to the 77 current FEFANA members. Attendees included Dr. Willem Penning, Head of Unit Animal Welfare and Feed, DG SANCO, Mrs. Marta Ponghellini, Administrator of Unit Animal Welfare and Feed, DG SANCO, as well as Mr. Jaume Galobart i Cots, Scientific Officer, Risk Assessment of Feed Additives, EFSA.

The Assembly’s afternoon session was restricted to FEFANA members only, and saw nine members elected to the Board following a written ballot: Georg Kau (DSM – current FEFANA President); Hadden Graham (AB Agri – current FEFANA Vice-President); Franz-Josef Schoener (BASF – current FEFANA Treasurer); Eckhardt Bauss (Sunvit); Frank Chmitelin (Adisseo); Jean Falgoux (Ajinomoto-Eurolysine); Dieter Greissing (Degussa); Diedrich Kahrs (Lohmann AH) and Jan Poul ten Hove (ADM). With Aidan Connolly of Alltech, at mid-term as Board Member, and Joop van Schaik, Honorary President, they will form the new Board of FEFANA.

### **About FEFANA**

FEFANA is the EU Feed Additives and Premixtures Association. It was established on October 13th, 2004 and is the new juridical form of the feed additives producers association that was founded in 1963. With over 77 members from 28 countries, the association is the interface between the feed additives industry and the European Union authorities, including Member States authorities, in

order to promote, safeguard and defend common and general interests of the industry (in several topics like guidelines, register, labelling and definitions, analysis, feed hygiene and food chain safety or non-feed use of additives). FEFANA's chairperson is Dr. Georg Kau of DSM.

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