

Conference on Food Safety

Science, Evidence & Regulations

*Regency Hall, Hotel Mount Lavinia, Colombo
May 20-21, 2011 in Colombo, Sri Lanka*

Conference Agenda

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FRIDAY: MAY 20, 2011

Time Schedule

Session

9.30-11.00 Hrs.

Inaugural Session

Welcome Address

Mr D H Pai Panandiker, Chairman, ILSI-India

Special Address

Mr Patrick Evans, FAO Representative, Sri Lanka

Address By Guest of Honor

Mrs Dhara Wijayatilake, Secretary, Ministry of Technology & Research,
Government of Sri Lanka

Keynote Address

Dr Karen Hulebak, Chairperson CODEX , USA

Vote of Thanks

Dr Chris Nonis, President, ILSI South Asia Sri Lanka Committee

11.00-11.30 Hrs.

Tea Break

11.30-14.30 Hrs

Session-1: Codex Standards – Protecting Public Health & Ensuring Fair Practices in Food Trade

Chair

Dr. L N Senaweera

Director-General, Sri Lanka
Standards Institution

Mr D H Pai Panandiker

Chairman
ILSI-India

11.30-11.35 Hrs.

Observations by Chair

11.35-11.55 Hrs.

Why Is Codex So Important Internationally/ For Countries

Mr S Dave, Vice Chair, CODEX and Director, APEDA, New Delhi

11.55-12.20 Hrs.

Food Categorization System in Codex and Food Additives

Dr Yongxiang Fan, Director, Food Safety Standards Division, National Institute of
Nutrition and Food Safety, Chinese Center for Disease Control and Prevention, Beijing
On behalf of Dr Junshi Chen, Chair, Codex Committee on Food Additives

12.20-12.40 Hrs.	Labeling and Claims Mr Deepak Gunvante, Governing Body member, Protein Foods & Nutrition Development Association of India, Mumbai
12.40-13.15 Hrs.	Discussions & Sum Up by Chair
13.15- 14.30 Hrs	Lunch Break
14.30 -16.40 Hrs.	Session-2: Food Safety Priorities for Improved Public Health & Trading Opportunities In Sri Lanka
	Chair Mr S Dave Vice Chair, Codex and Director, APEDA
14.30-14.35 Hrs.	Observations by Chair
14.35-15.00 Hrs.	Main Food Safety Issues/ Challenges - Domestic Dr Sunil Settinayaka, Deputy Director General (Public Health Services), Ministry of Health, Government of Sri Lanka, Colombo
15.00-15.30 Hrs.	Safety Issues Relevant to Food Industries in Sri Lanka: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • General Mr Delano Dias, Director, Millers Ltd., Colombo • Tea Mr T T Christy, General Manager – Tea, Agalawatte Plantations PLC, Mackwoods Group, Colombo
15.30-15.50 Hrs.	Main Food Safety Issues/ Challenges – Internationally Including SAARC Dr Nimish Shah, Member, Scientific Advisory Committee on Food Safety, ILSI-India, New Delhi
15.50-16.10 Hrs.	Food Safety Infrastructure (Training, Education, Laboratories, Skills Etc) Dr Deepa Bhajekar, President, AOAC India, Mumbai
16.10-16.40 Hrs.	Discussions & Sum Up by Chair
16.40-17.00 Hrs.	Tea Break
	END OF DAY ONE

SATURDAY: MAY 21

9.30-10.00 Hrs	Special Address on Food Safety and Health in Sri Lanka Prof. Tissa Vitarana, Hon'ble Senior Minister, Ministry of Scientific Affairs, Government of Sri Lanka
10.00-13.30 hrs.	Session-3: Strengthening the National System of Food Control in Sri Lanka <hr/>
	Chair Mr S Dave Vice Chair, Codex and Director, APEDA
10.00-10.05 Hrs.	Observations by Chair
10.05-10.30 Hrs.	Understanding The Scientific Basis For Codex Food Safety Standards (JECFA, JEMR, JMPR) Dr S K Saxena, Director, Export Inspection Council of India, New Delhi
10.30-11.20 Hrs.	Food Control System: An Overview <i>Regulatory System, Implementation System, Rapid Alert System</i>
10.30 -10.55 Hrs.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• National Dr Ananda Jayalal, Director, Environment and Occupational Health, Ministry of Health, Government of Sri Lanka, Colombo
10.55-11.20 Hrs.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• International Dr Samuel Godefroy, Director General, Food Directorate, Health Canada, Government of Canada, Ottawa
11.20-11.40 Hrs.	Tea Break
11.40-12.00 Hrs.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Surveillance System For Food Safety Dr Samuel Godefroy, Director General, Food Directorate, Health Canada, Government of Canada, Ottawa
12.00-12.20 Hrs.	Food Safety Tools (GMP, HACCP, Risk Assessment) Dr S K Desai, Technical Member, Scientific Regulatory Council of FCPC of Canada, Toronto
12.20-12.40 Hrs.	Using Food Safety Information To Prioritize Food Safety Programs In Sri Lanka Dr H Herath, Deputy Director, Environment and Occupational Health, Ministry of Health, Government of Sri Lanka, Colombo
12.40-13.15 Hrs	Discussions and Sum Up by Chair
13.15-14.15 Hrs.	Lunch Break

14.15-15.15 Hrs. Session-4: Information and Communication

Chair

Dr. A.M. Mubarak

Director, Industrial Technology Institute, Sri Lanka

14.15-14.20 Hrs. **Observations by Chair**

14.20 – 14.50 Hrs **Sources Of Information (Different Agencies)**

- Dr Sarath Amunugama, Health Education Bureau, Ministry of Health, Government of Sri Lanka, Colombo
- Dr Janaki Gooneratne, Head , Nutrition Department, Industrial Technology Institute, Sri Lanka, Colombo

14.50 - 15.05 Hrs. **Consumer Choice and Awareness**

Ms K R Hendawitharana, Senior Deputy Director, Sri Lanka Standards Institution, Colombo

15.05 – 15.30 Hrs **Discussions and Sum Up by Chair**

15.30-16.30 Hrs. **Closing Session**

Welcome and Presentation of Recommendations

Mr D H Pai Panandiker, Chairman, ILSI-India, Regional Office for South Asia

Observations by Panelists

Dr. A.M. Mubarak

Director, Industrial Technology Institute, Sri Lanka

Dr Ananda Jayalal, Director, Environment and Occupational Health, Ministry of Health, Government of Sri Lanka

Dr Priyadarsini

Deputy Director General, Sri Lanka Standards Institution

Discussions

Adoption of Conclusions and Recommendations

Vote of Thanks

Ms Rekha Sinha

Executive Director, ILSI-India

Vote of Thanks

16.30 Hrs.

Tea Break

END OF CONFERENCE