

## *Safe Food Fair Food: From capacity building to implementation*

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He joined later an International NGO Vétérinaires Sans Frontières in several countries in West Africa (The Gambia, Guinea, Liberia, Mali, Niger, Senegal, Togo) where he contributed through participatory methods to develop livestock projects in rural communities. He then took a position of Postdoc at the Swiss Tropical Institute and at Swiss Federal Institute of Technology Zurich in the area of risk analysis in the dairy sector. The case studies were conducted in the Sahel countries. During this 7 year research project in Mali on improving the dairy commodity chain through risk analysis, he gained knowledge and experience in the field of epidemiology and public health, nutrition and food technology. He is deeply involved in the research program design and strategies within several Sahel countries in West Africa (Burkina Faso, Chad, The Gambia, Mauritania, Mali and Niger).

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From 1986-1991 he led a GTZ-funded project at the 'Centre de Recherches sur les Trypanosomes Animales (CRTA/CIRDES)' at Bobo-Dioulasso, Burkina Faso, undertaking research on the pathogenesis, pathology and immunology of trypanosomosis in trypanotolerant cattle. Until 1995 he worked as a scientist at the Federal Institute of Health Protection of Consumers and Veterinary Medicine (BgVV/ today's BfR) and was in charge of the development of serological techniques in the diagnosis of livestock diseases in developing countries. Furthermore, he was leading long-term and short-term training of veterinarians, technologists and technicians from developing countries in adapted methods of veterinary diagnostics at BgVV in Gerlin or in national and regional trainings in Asia (Mongolia, Thailand, Turkey, Vietnam) and sub-Sahara Africa (Burkina Faso, Ethiopia, The Gambia, Kenya, Senegal, Tanzania, Uganda). Since 1995 he is a senior lecturer in parasitology and tropical veterinary medicine at the Faculty of Veterinary Medicine at FUB. Moreover, he is in charge for scientific coordination of various overseas development and research projects, input to postgraduate (MSc) courses on epidemiology and Preventive Veterinary Medicine, FUB.

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From the beginning of the year 2005 until May 2006, Dr Fetsch was working for the food and feed analysing laboratory of the federal 'Laender' state Mecklenburg-Vorpommern in Rostock, Germany. As de facto specialist for food microbiology, Dr Fetsch was doing sensory and microbiological analyses as well as assessment of food from animal origin. Since May 2006, Dr Fetsch works as a scientist at the Federal Institute for Risk Assessment (BfR), Berlin, Germany. At the BfR, she is working in the department of Biological Safety, dealing with the assessing of biological risks, in particular TSE/BSE-risk assessment, as well as with issues of food hygiene and food microbiology. Hence, Dr Fetsch is head of the National Reference Laboratory for coagulase positive *staphylococci* spp. including *S. aureus* (NRL-Staph). Her work as head of the NRL-Staph focuses on questions regarding food safety and food hygiene with respect to staphylococcal enterotoxins preformed in food. At present, the main research of Dr Fetsch focuses on the issue of methicillin-resistant *Staphylococcus aureus* (MRSA) and its potential consumer exposure along the food chain. In this context, Dr Fetsch is involved in several national and international research projects dealing with the characterization of MRSA and the development of new methods for detection and genotyping of isolates.

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He has extensive experience in teaching, consultancy and research since the 1980s, always with a strong focus on food safety. His MSc thesis focused on species identification of the origin of meat as it proved to be important as to diagnose fraudulent substitution of cheaper species of meat for more expensive meats, and also help to identify wildlife species from domestic species in order to protect endangered from protected and domestic animal. Further research included work on slaughter hygiene as shelf-life of meat greatly depends on the level of contamination after slaughter, and ante mortem diagnoses of bovine cysticercosis using antibodies to secretory glycoproteins in the sera of infected cattle have been validated in experimentally and naturally infected cattle.

Moreover, his epidemiological investigations concentrated vector-borne zoonosis using insect blood meal analysis. A study of blood meal sources of *Glossina pallidipes* and *Glossina longipennis* in Nguruman showed that blood meals were obtained from wildlife and rarely from cattle. Ostrich was found to be a new source not reported before.

Agro-ecosystem health approach to management of farming systems and development involved participatory action research with the communities in order for the communities to own and spearhead their own development agendas. This approach has been tested in Kiambu district of Kenya with commendable success. Projects with similar approach using EASH have been carried out in Uganda and Zambia with great success.

Professor Kang'ethe led work in assessing and managing milk borne health risks in informal markets for the benefit of consumers in Kenya in the course of the liberalization of milk marketing in Kenya related to brucellosis, tuberculosis, *E. coli O157:H7* and hazards due to antibiotic residues and selling of milk of unacceptable quality. This research was complemented by research on risk assessment in livestock production systems especially dairy farming in urban set ups including *E. coli O157:H7*, *Mycobacterium bovis*, antibiotic residues, Cryptosporidiosis, Aflatoxin M1 and B1 and bovine brucellosis. Important results were raw vegetables as the main source for cryptosporidiosis and high levels of aflatoxins in dairy feed and milk.

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Her department contributes with recommendations on the implementation of the system of Hazard Analyses and Critical Control Points (HACCP) and Good Manufacture Practices (GMPs), in food processing industries and factories, and moreover she is leading and performing research in aspects related with food quality control and food safety.

Other activities include consultancies on food safety (including the United Nations) and conducting technical training courses to university students and workers in the food industry in terms of food quality and environmental control. Helena Matusse also lectures food biotechnology at the University Eduardo Mondlane and supervises culmination studies in the area of food quality and environmental control in various universities and medium-sized institutes.

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