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**Molecular Biology and Genomics Unit**

***2<sup>nd</sup> International Workshop on  
Harmonization of GMO Detection and Analysis  
for the Middle East and North Africa (MENA) Region  
25<sup>th</sup> - 26<sup>th</sup> June 2014  
Rome-Italy***

**AGENDA**

**DAY 1 (Chair: Joachim Kreysa)**

**9:00 Participants registration**

**9:30 Opening**

- Welcome and Opening Remarks ([J. Kreysa](#))
- Delegate Introductions
- Framing of the Workshop ([M. Querci](#))

**10:15 Session 1: GMO management at the global and regional level**

1. (10:15) Global Status of GMOs and International Standardisation Activities (ISO, CEN, CODEX, OECD etc.) ([L. Grohmann](#))

**11:00 Coffee break**

2. (11:30) The "Biosafety Clearing-House" and the "Network of Laboratories for the Detection and Identification": Two Key Elements in the Implementation of the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety ([G. Ferraiolo](#))
3. (12:15) Objectives and Implementation of GMO Detection in Different Regions of the World ([U. Marchesi](#))

**13:00 Lunch**

**14:30 Session 2: Methods of Sampling and Detection for GM Plants, Foods and Feeds**

4. (14:30) GMO Sampling General Concepts ([B. De Santis](#))
5. (15:05) GMO Testing Strategies, Challenges and new Technologies ([M. Querci](#))
6. (15:40) Methods Quality Indicators and Methods Validation ([U. Marchesi](#))

**16:15 Coffee break**

7. (16:45) Combination of Requirements for Proper Operation of a Control Laboratory ([L. Grohmann](#))

**17:15 end of Day 1**

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**Day 2** (Chair: Joachim Kreysa)

**9:30 Session 3: GMOs in the MENA Region: Regulatory Status and Capacity Building  
for GMOs Detection & Monitoring**

8. (9:30) Framing of the regional context (N. AL-Hmoud)
9. Case studies from the region:
  - (10:00) A case study from Lebanon (G. Abou-Sleymane)
  - (10:20) A case study from Egypt (H. Oraby)
  - (10:40) A case study from Saudi Arabia (A. L. Abdel-Mawgood)

**11:00 Coffee break**

- (11:30) A case study from Jordan (N. AL-Hmoud)
- (11:50) A case study from UAE (Dr. Premanandh)

**12:10 Session 3: (continuation)**

10. (12:10) Networking experience from ENGL - Italian Network of GMO Laboratories (U. Marchesi)

**13:00 Lunch**

**14:30 Session 3: (continuation)**

11. (14:30) Next steps in initiating the MENA network (N. AL-Hmoud and G. Abou-Sleymane)
  - Discussion of Technical Needs, future collaboration and networking opportunities

**16:00 Coffee break**

**16:30 Session 4: Round-up and closing**

12. Take home messages from a MENA-perspective (N. AL-Hmoud)
13. Take-home messages from an international perspective (G. Ferraiolo)
14. Take home message from an EU-perspective (M. Querci)
15. Closing (J. Kreysa)

**17:15 end of Day 2**