

# **EFSA panel renewal 2018: leading experts wanted for Scientific Committee**

Are you a senior scientist with experience of work within scientific advisory bodies, covering disciplines within EFSA's areas of responsibility – from chemistry and toxicology to microbiology, plant diseases and statistics, amongst others? Do you have the skills and experience to advise EFSA on how it should carry its crucial assessment work? Then you should consider applying as an expert for the Scientific Committee, the nerve centre of EFSA's science.

## **What does the Scientific Committee do?**

The Scientific Committee helps EFSA develop harmonised risk assessment methodologies and ensure consistency across its Scientific Panels. It also carries out risk assessments that impact more than one food/feed chain sector. The Committee also provides strategic scientific advice to EFSA's management on key scientific issues and oversees EFSA's scientific publishing through the EFSA Journal. See the [Scientific Committee page](#) for more details.

Recent high-profile work includes topics such as [endocrine disruptors](#), [edible insects](#) and [cloning](#) while important upcoming work includes approaches for [assessing chemical mixtures](#).

## **Save the date: 1 June 2017**

Have we managed to tweak your interest? Then register now on EFSA's [website](#) and prepare your application in advance so that you can submit it between 1 June and 8 September 2017.

## **Would you like to know more?**

Read the story on [Food safety scientists wanted. Join EFSA's scientific panels](#) or watch our videos on [endocrine disruptors](#), [chemical mixtures](#) and [bee health](#).

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## **Wokingham election meeting with all candidates**

This meeting scheduled for this evening at the Forest School has been

cancelled by the organisers following the tragic events in Manchester and the decision of the main parties to suspend election activity.

Published and promoted by Fraser Mc Farland on behalf of John Redwood, both at 30 Rose Street Wokingham RG40 1XU

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## **Blether Tay-Gither – Storytelling in Dundee**



From [Blether Tay-Gither](#) :

Our May Blether will be on Tuesday 30th May 2017 at 7pm in Madigan's Food Emporium and Bookshop, Castle Street.

The theme this month is "The rites of Spring."

Hope to see some of you there – all welcome!

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## **A third of graduates to work in first-tier cities**

A recent employment survey has revealed 33.5 percent of new graduates from colleges and universities this year have signed contracts with employers in the country's first-tier cities: including Beijing, Shanghai, Guangzhou and Shenzhen.

The survey was recently carried out by Zhilian Recruitment, one of China's biggest recruitment websites. The company surveyed 93,420 respondents, which included graduates holding master's and doctoral degrees.

An additional 33.1 percent of graduates, who took part in the survey, were expected to work in newer first-tier cities, which referred to more than 10 large metropolises including Tianjin, Qingdao, Wuhan, Nanjing and Chengdu.

A total of 14.4 percent of graduates were also willing to work in smaller cities, and an additional 19 percent of graduates expected to work in large regional cities.

While comparing the low cost of living and ever-increasing job opportunities in small and medium cities, the survey revealed graduates still preferred to live in larger municipalities due to inclusiveness and acceptance.

Graduates were also shown to earn an average monthly salary of 4,014 yuan (\$582.3). However, on average, graduates with degrees in law, engineering and medicine earned 5,545 yuan, 4,512 yuan and 4,500 yuan per month respectively.

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## North China province reports new H7N9 case

North China's Shanxi Province Wednesday reported its second human infection of the H7N9 bird flu virus.

Duan, 57, a farmer from Xinzhou, showed symptoms including a fever and cough in early May. He has been receiving treatment at the No. 4 People's Hospital in the provincial capital Taiyuan since the infection was confirmed Tuesday, according to the Shanxi health and family planning commission.

The province reported its first H7N9 case in mid-May.

H7N9 is a bird flu strain first reported to have infected humans in China in March 2013.

Experts recommend avoiding contact with birds, and only buying certified poultry.