

CONTEXT

This workshop is organized within the framework of an STDF project on effective aflatoxin management in Brazil nut production. The objective of the project, which was approved in March 2006, is to validate and transfer to the different key stakeholders of the Brazil nut production chain a sustainable and effective management system for preventing and controlling the occurrence of aflatoxins. The STDF is a joint initiative of the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO), the World Organization for Animal Health (OIE), the World Bank, the World Health Organization (WHO) and the World Trade Organization (WTO). More information on the STDF can be obtained at <http://www.standardsfacility.org>.

OBJECTIVES

- To have a better knowledge of the development of and the current situation for the Brazil nut sector in the main Amazon producing countries (Brazil, Bolivia, Peru),
- To discuss the results and draw conclusions of the research work carried out up to now for improving Brazil nut safety and quality,
- To present the different projects and actions in progress or planned for controlling Brazil nut contamination by aflatoxins,
- To formulate/elucidate incentives for good management program for Brazil nuts,
- To facilitate the dialogue and collaboration between the private and public sectors.

TARGET PUBLIC

- Scientific community including universities and research centres,
- The private sector (associations of Brazil nut producers/extractivists, processors and exporters),
- Government authorities and their services (technical assistance, rural extension, etc.),
- Non-Government Organizations.

PROGRAM

MONDAY 10 OF JULY, 2006

8h 15min Registration and coffee

9h 30min - Opening Ceremony

Francisco José Gomes de Oliveira, Superintendent SFA-AC/MAPA

Denise Regina Garrafiel, SEPROF, Government of Acre
Marcus Vinicio N. d' Oliveira, Head of Embrapa Acre

Session 1: Aflatoxin occurrence and its impact on Brazil nut production in the Amazon Region.

Moderator: Cleisa Cartaxo, Embrapa Acre.

10h 15min - Presentation of the background of the STDF Brazil nut project and its objectives -

Catherine Brabet, CIRAD / NEPA-UNICAMP Project coordinator

10h 35min - Aflatoxins: formation and effects on public health and international standards - Monica Olsen, NFA
Scientific coordinator of the STDF Brazil nut project

10h 55min - Questions

11h 05min - Coffee break

11h 30min - Brazil nut production in Bolivia: current situation related to aflatoxin occurrence and legislation - Jorge Cardenas Kanoth, ACEERM

11h 50 min - Brazil nut production in Peru: current situation related to aflatoxin occurrence and legislation - Miguel Chavez Pinchi, UNAMAD

12h 10min - Brazil nut production in Brazil: current situation related to aflatoxin occurrence and legislation - Ricardo Raski, DIPOV/SDA/MAPA

12h 30min - Questions

12h 40min - Group photo and Lunch

Session 2: Prevention and control of aflatoxins in the Brazil nut production chain.

Moderator: Carolina Gaia, Sebrae-AC.

14h - Good Agriculture Practices for Brazil nuts - Aguiar Simões, AGROCON

14h 30min - Embrapa actions to improve Brazil nut quality - Cleisa Cartaxo, Embrapa Acre

15h - Quality Improvement for the Small Scale Processing of Brazil Nuts (Peru) - IDRC project - Carlos Diego Bazán, Candela Peru

15h 30min - Coffee break

16h - Brazil nut aflatoxin control in Bolivia - Brigido Orellana Camacho, COINACAPA

16h 30min - Prevention of the aflatoxin contamination along the Brazil nut production chain - Rodrigo Ramallo, Tahuamanu SA

17h - Strategies for prevention and reduction of Brazil nut contamination by aflatoxins : Normative and CCFAC Code of Practice - Luzia Maria Souza, CCRC/SDA/MAPA and Ricardo Raski, DIPOV/SDA/MAPA

17h 30min - Analytical tools for the guarantee of Brazil nut quality and safety - Conforcast project - Eugenia Vargas, LANAGRO-MG/MAPA

18h - Cocktail and Poster session: Projects on prevention and control of aflatoxin in Brazil nuts

TUESDAY 11 OF JULY, 2006

Session 3: Group discussion.

Moderator: Monica Olsen, NFA

8h - Introduction - Monica Olsen, NFA

8h 30min - Group discussions

1. Brazil nut harvesting, transportation and storage what are the major obstacles for an efficient aflatoxin management system? (Rapporteur Catherine Brabet, CIRAD)
2. Brazil nut processing and aflatoxin control cases of successful aflatoxin reduction (Rapporteur Eugenia Vargas, LANAGRO-MG/MAPA).
3. Collaboration and networking between private and public sector which role can the STDF Brazil nut project play ? (Rapporteur Ricardo Raski, DIPOV/SDA/MAPA)

10h 30min - Coffee break

11h - Time for informal discussion among participants. Poster session and presentation of rapid assays for aflatoxin analysis.

12h - Lunch

13h 30min - Report from the group discussions (approx 15 minutes + 15 min discussion and conclusions each)

Closing Ceremony

15h - Concluding remarks - Catherine Brabet, CIRAD / NEPA-UNICAMP and Monica Olsen, NFA

COMMITTEE OF ORGANIZATION

Catherine Brabet, Cirad / Nepa-Unicamp
Lucia Wadt, Dorila Gonzaga and Cleisa
Cartaxo, Embrapa Acre
Adriana Chagas, Ricardo Raski and Eugenia
Vargas, MAPA
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GENERAL INFORMATION

Scientific activities

All scientific sessions including Poster sessions
will be held in the auditorium of the Embrapa
Acre, BR 364 - Km 14 - Rio Branco - Acre.

Official languages

English/Portuguese/Spanish.
Simultaneous translation will be provided from
Portuguese/Spanish to English and from
English to Portuguese.

Attendance Certificates

Attendance certificates will be available to all
registered participants at the end of the
workshop, at the Secretariat.

ORGANIZERS



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