



SARAF/BIOCOP Workshop

“New Technologies to Screen Multiple Chemical Contaminants in Food” Central Laboratory Co., Ltd, Bangkok, Thailand 21-25 June 2010

The “New Technologies to Screen Multiple Chemical Contaminants in Food” Workshop was organised jointly by the School of Advanced Residue Analysis in Food (SARAF), the EU-funded BIOCOP Integrated Project and the Department of Livestock Development, Thailand in Bangkok from 21st to 25th June 2010.

The objectives of this event, which was to be the final training workshop organised within the BIOCOP project, were to disseminate the knowledge gained throughout BIOCOP to adequate end users from a range of Asian countries and to help them build a network for further technical and scientific cooperation. The Workshop offered a diverse scientific programme, encompassing legislation and regulation (with a particular emphasis on EU Food safety regulations and the major issues in chemical food safety from an EU perspective), chemical hazard, analytical methodologies, profiling and mass spectrometry issues and addressing new and advanced screening technologies. The various theoretical and practical lectures were presented in English by leading European specialists in the field, members of the BIOCOP consortium.

The course participants were selected by SARAF, together with the Department of Livestock Development in Thailand, in order to make sure that their respective projects corresponded to the course content. Originating from Thailand (11), Singapore (2), Malaysia (2), Indonesia (2), The Philippines (1), Myanmar (1) and Laos (1), the 20 trainees were hosted at the Central Laboratory Co., Ltd, Bangkok.

The general evaluation made by the participants was very positive and reveals that this course was a real opportunity for them to gain knowledge on the current and future EU food legislation aspects and the new techniques related to the analysis of heavy metals, mycotoxins and pesticide residues both for targeted and untargeted approaches.

