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DEAR GUESTS,

DEAR COLLEAGUES,

**I WOULD LIKE TO CONGRATULATE YOU WITH THE SECOND
NATIONAL CONFERENCE "FOOD"**

With satisfaction and a sense of filled professional duty, I would like to welcome you at this forum, which brings together the most prominent professionals in the field of food analysis. I am honored to be a part of the academic community, government institutions on behalf of BFSA and business operators. Besides being a platform for a wide debate, this is a place to create working and useful contacts.

Since 2000 United Europe declared food safety as its main priority. Quality of the products on our table is carefully monitored on the basis of "from the farm to fork" principle. I am personally convinced that safety is not a synonym of variety. The task of EU and Bulgaria as a Member State is to guarantee that foodstuffs we consume are with unified high quality for all citizens. In that regard we tirelessly encourage variety on the basis of increased criteria for quality.

Our Agency is relatively new. Created in the beginning of 2011, Bulgarian Food Safety Agency (BFSA) follows from the beginning the best European practices in implementation of high standards for control on safety and quality of foodstuffs, food additives and drinks, veterinary medicine and animal welfare, plant protection and fertilizers, phytosanitary control, feedstuffs, border control, etc. We all, the experts from BFSA perform strict control on daily basis on the whole food chain-from the field and farm to the table.

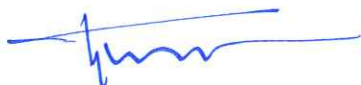
With particular content I would like to share the most satisfactory result achieved throughout the last year of the agency that I manage; this is also a personal achievement for me. Bulgaria stands now amongst the first in EU that really created conditions customer to become a true partner of the state in their highly responsible role of a regulator. Options for direct involvement of citizen in our activity become more and more. On BFSA web site a special section where citizen can not just submit signals but follow the check that they have triggered is already functional. Our hot line becomes more popular and respectively our check units become more charged but also more appraised. Without increase of expenditure for checks and control activities, food quantities that we have banned are now doubled compared to last year. Our efforts have not remained unseen. The highest recognition for us was the assessment of the

European commission general audit that was performed at the end of the last year. I am proud to announce almost full absence of negative comments and critics of citizen that have asked our assistance.

BFSA implements a consistent policy of cooperation with other organisations in the country. BFSA is in constant cooperation with the European Food Safety Authority, with all structures of the European Union relating to the activities of the Agency and with the food safety authorities of the EU Member States and third countries. Of particular importance to us is the cooperation with the research (scientific) organisations, universities and academic society. In this connection for us is of great importance our cooperation with the New Bulgarian University (NBU). We are working together for several years and in 2013 was successfully held the First Scientific Conference on "Food", which was attended by over 70 delegates.

Please, allow me on behalf of Bulgarian food safety agency and on my own behalf personally to congratulate you and to wish you successful and fruitful (conducting of this) conference. I wish professional and personal success to all participants in this high level forum.

Sincerely,



Plamen Mollov