

Speaker biographies**Mr Michael Batz, Senior Policy Advisor, Human Foods Program, US Food and Drug Administration, United States of America**

Mr Batz joined the US Food and Drug Administration (FDA) in 2016 and is currently Senior Policy Advisor in the Office of Surveillance Strategy and Risk Prioritization of the Human Foods Program. Prior to joining FDA, he was Head of Food Safety Programs, Emerging Pathogens Institute, University of Florida, as well as Executive Director of the Food Safety Research Consortium. He earned an MSc in Electrical and Computer Engineering (ECE) from Carnegie Mellon University in 1998, and a dual BS in ECE and Engineering and Public Policy, also from Carnegie Mellon. Mr Batz has been developing quantitative analyses to improve public health decision making for over 20 years, with focus on risk ranking, multi-criteria analysis, and foodborne illness source attribution. He has worked as a consultant to the FAO and WHO on risk prioritisation and currently chairs the Committee on Control of Foodborne Infections (CCFI) of the International Association for Food Protection (IAFP).

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Sara Pires (DVM, PhD) is a senior scientist at the National Food Institute, Technical University of Denmark, and a chair of the Source Attribution Task Force (SATF) of the WHO technical advisory group, Foodborne Disease Epidemiology Reference Group (FERG) for 2021-2025. Her main areas of work are the burden and control of foodborne diseases. She has developed and applied methods to assess the burden of foodborne diseases and their most important sources at national and international level, and to provide evidence to guide public health policy for disease prevention. She has been part of various World Health Organization, Food and Agriculture Organization and European Food Safety Authority's expert groups, and is the chair of the Working Group on Infectious Diseases of the European Burden of Disease Network.

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Dr Tina Nane is an associate professor of Applied Probability at the Department of Applied Mathematics at the Delft University of Technology in Delft, Netherlands. Her current research primarily focuses on uncertainty quantification and analysis, both data-driven and by employing expert opinions, in particular using the Classical Model for Structured Expert Judgment. She is interested both in the theoretical and applied researches. Since 2022, she leads an extensive WHO global study on source attribution of foodborne diseases worldwide.