

Dr Jørgen Schlundt

Director - Food Safety, Zoonoses and Foodborne Diseases

Dr Jørgen Schlundt joined WHO with substantive experience in the area of health effects related to microorganisms and chemical substances in food and in the environment, including effects assessment related to biotechnology products.

Dr Schlundt's main employments have been at Royal Veterinary and Agricultural University in Denmark, Danish Food Safety Authority, Zimbabwe Veterinary Research Laboratory and WHO. Presently he is Director of the Department of Food Safety, Zoonoses and Foodborne Diseases at WHO.



Dr Schlundt's main research areas have been epidemiological aspects of Salmonella infection, survival of zoonotic pathogens in the environment, the intestinal microbial colonization process, test methodology for assessment of genetically modified microorganisms, and microbiological risk assessment.

At the international level Dr Schlundt has participated in scientific evaluations and management activities for a number of international bodies: OECD work relative to existing chemicals and Genetically Modified Organisms, WHO and FAO Expert Consultations in microbiology, food safety risk management and microbiological risk assessment, EU work for the Scientific Committee for Veterinary Public Health and the Scientific Committee for Food, and Codex Alimentarius Commission, Head of the Danish delegation in the CCFH. Since 1999 Focal Point for FAO/WHO Food Standards Programme, in which Codex is the active arm. In recent years he has primarily participated in national and international activities aimed at optimization of present Food Safety systems.