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SHORT TERM MISSIONS

Short Term Missions (STMs) are small travel grants with the aim of:

- Sharing scientific expertise, methodologies, equipment and facilities to harmonise the existing approaches and methodologies within the large OHEJP European network
- Driving the research forward in a collaborative and non-duplicative fashion to strengthen both the scientific capacity within the OHEJP
- Contributing to future prevention, preparedness, detection and response of the EU to foodborne and other emerging threats across human-animal-environmental sectors.

Skills development focused on development of a framework for reporting outbreak investigations using consumer purchase data



“...SSI has previous experience with using consumer purchase data in several outbreak investigations... it was very useful to become a part of their team for a week and work together with the highly skilled epidemiologists on developing the use of this tool further...”
Solveig Jore, FHI

Name:

Skills development missions; Integration of microbiological; Risk assessment and surveillance activities; Harmonisation of diagnostics tests, platforms and research tools

Home Institute:

[FHI](#), Norway

Mission Hosting Institute:

[SSI](#), Denmark

Duration of mission:

1 week

The aim of this mission was to work towards developing a framework for reporting outbreak investigations using consumer purchase data.

During this mission, the participant also reviewed the current and previous use of purchase data and the potential of its future use. The participant worked with collaborative colleagues at SSI on a description of “best practice” for using purchase data with the aim of harmonising the use of this kind of surveillance data amongst the European countries.

In addition, the collaborative team started drafting an opinion paper describing the method and existing barriers for the benefit of new users and with the hope that these barriers eventually can be overcome.

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