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SUMMARY REPORT FOR PUBLICATION

**Name of the project**
Sino-Finnish Food Safety SFFS

**Coordinating Institution**
University of Helsinki

**Objectives of the project (as indicated in the project proposal)**
The main goals of the project are to strengthen and diversify cooperation between Chinese and Finnish universities in the field of food safety and to expand cooperation to jointly developed training programs, the main target group being the Master’s Degree and Doctoral students, but aiming also to serve the demands of the working life. The project also aims to increase the cooperation with the authorities and to compare the practices between the two countries. Through the enhanced cooperation with the Chinese authorities the goal of the project is also aims to create traineeship positions for the Chinese students of Finnish universities.

**Achieved results and outcomes**
Cooperation in teaching and training in the field of food safety has been strengthened and diversified between three Chinese universities situated in the Peking area (Peking University, China Agricultural University, Beijing Forestry University) and the universities of Helsinki and Turku in Finland. Within the project, the cooperation resulted in jointly developed training programme for graduate and postgraduate level students in Food Sciences. The workshops held during the programme had not only academic participants but also participants from the food authorities and food industry. These encounters have led to a mutual willingness to cooperate.

**Activities carried out during the project**

**Planning meetings:** Several meetings held in May 2015 in Helsinki, November 2015 in Beijing, June 2016 in Beijing, and October 2016 in Helsinki and Turku.

**Visits:** Visits in food safety authorities and food industry companies in both countries China and Finland. In Finland, besides visiting the related university departments (Food Sciences, Veterinary Sciences) the Chinese delegation visited Evira and Valio. In China, the Finnish delegations visited CFDA, China CDC, China FDA, Chinese Health Bureau, Nutrition Research Institute of China Oil & Foodstuffs Corporation, and a dairy company Sun Yuan.

**Training and teaching programme:** Two complete training seminars were held during the programme. The first four-day seminar was held in Beijing in June 2016, and the second two-day seminar in Helsinki and Turku in October 2016. Both seminars had more than 50 participants, and presentations were held by top academics and authorities in the field. Participants were both academics (faculty and students) and representatives of the food authorities and food industry.
Future developments

There will be continuation regarding joint teaching and training in the field of food safety including teacher and student mobility. The know-how shown in the contents of the presentations held at the two seminars will also continue to enrich Food Safety courses given domestically. The gained personal contacts will be of significant advantage in the future planning of any joint teaching programmes, seminars, visiting scholars as well as in attracting foreign MSc and PhD students to our universities.

Other remarks

Without the funding from CIMO this project and the two successful workshops/trainings would not have been implemented. The academic training in the field of food safety continues to be of benefit both in Finland and in China.