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FAMI-QS further opens its structure

FAMI-QS Secretariat is pleased to announce another major change in its structure: its reshaping to include a global expert participation. Moving forward, FAMI-QS further opens its structure to any interested party or individual worldwide, who wish to bring their contribution to the maintenance and development of our scheme.

The new working groups will be divided into two main groups: Market Support and Technical Committee.

**Market Support**

**Working Group Market Access/ Regions:** Providing feedback regarding regional developments that might be of an interest to FAMI-QS, providing regional support to FAMI-QS activities, engaging with the feed chain partners and value supply chain at global level.

**Working Group Integrity and Training:** Supports the assessment of the results from our integrity programme and will propose actions.

**Technical Committee**

**Working Group Process Documents:** Responsible for the review of the FAMI-QS process documents and will be divided into the following Task Force Groups: TF Bioprocess, TF Chemical, TF Extraction, TF Formulation, TF Mining and TF Mixing. It would be important, from a technical perspective, to maintain the process documents as a state of the art reference, which will integrate and share the knowledge of the industry. The process documents will have their own dynamics and will be adapted according to the needs of the industry, which will vary.

**Working Group Accreditation and Certification:** Accreditation has a significant impact on our operations. As the requirements are changing more frequently than we can expect, a dedicated group with the relevant skills and knowledge is required to deal with these issues. The WG will be dealing with all aspects of the accreditation and certification process, ISO 17021, ISO/TS 2200, and will provide support to the IAF MLA Agreement. This group will replace the annual certification bodies meeting.

Within a very short period FAMI-QS Secretariat will launch a call for interest for participation in each Working Group. The call will define the competences required for joining each working group. Participation will be on a voluntary basis and thus commitment of the organizations and the individuals is vital.

Please feel free to distribute the announcement within your organization.

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