

## INDIA



CEO of FSSAI, Chair of Scientific Panel with ReCHaN partners

**The Resource Centre on Health Supplements and Nutraceuticals, set up by the Food Safety Standards Authority of India (FSSAI), the Confederation of Industry and IADSA, continues to help shape the regulatory and market environment in India.**

IADSA continues to develop tools for ReCHaN that are based on international best practices. A training for retailers and pharmacists about supplements was launched at the latest ReCHaN forum in Mumbai. This training will now be

rolled out across India with the support of the government and will complement the existing training programme on supplements that our national association, HADSA, is expected to be engaged with.

With high level support in the Indian government for promoting India's botanical tradition, a new category of ayurvedic foods is set to be launched which will run alongside health supplements. IADSA will be working through ReCHaN with both FSSAI and the Ministry of Ayush on this new category.

## BOTANICAL ROUNDTABLE

The IADSA Expert Roundtable on Botanicals met this year in Istanbul for its 6th meeting. Governments and advisors to government participated from Asia, Europe, Latin America, Russia and Turkey. A primary focus of discussion was on the integration of the concept of tradition of use in food supplement regulation, work that had been initiated by the participants at the London Roundtable in 2018. The participants also reflected on the issues of quality and sustainability and the needs of government in these areas.

## EUROASIAN ECONOMIC UNION

While knowledge about ASEAN and the EU is fairly widespread, much less is heard of equivalent work in the Eurasian Economic Union formed of Armenia, Belarus, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan and Russia. The Kazakhstan association of scientists, manufacturers and suppliers of nutrition supplements is organising a conference in partnership with our Russian member association in October at which more than 700 scientists, regulators and the private sector are expected to attend and where regional integration is expected to be further considered. IADSA will be addressing the event.

## ASEAN

After a period of 'treading water', there are encouraging signs that the ASEAN Agreement and the technical annexes will get the green light from all ASEAN Member States that would allow them to move to adoption. This would be welcome news for all who have been engaged for so long in the process and it will provide new opportunities for companies within the region. Even though this has not yet been formally adopted, preparations for implementation are quite advanced. An important training on the implementation of the Guidelines on Claims, funded by US government recently took place in Manila. IADSA worked with Prof David Richardson as an expert international trainer at this event.

## CODEX NUTRITION COMMITTEE

IADSA will be participating at the next Codex Nutrition Committee meeting that takes place in Dusseldorf, Germany in November. The topics of interest for IADSA include prioritisation of the committee's work, which may address prebiotics and protein supplements, and also the Argentinian proposal on probiotics.



## COMING SOON

### NEW STORY TRANSLATIONS TO BE LAUNCHED SHORTLY

Translations of the Mind the Gap Vitamin D stories will shortly be posted in Chinese, Czech, Dutch, Finnish, French, German, Italian, Polish and Spanish.