

Scientific Committee Report 2017/18

The Scientific Committee works according to an annual wheel specifying the duties and responsibilities of the committee.

In 2017/18 the Scientific Committee held three meetings. All three members attended all meetings. The committee dealt with the following main matters:

R&D strategies and portfolio

- Reviewed the Food Cultures & Enzymes (FC&E) plan and project portfolio
- Reviewed the Health & Nutrition (H&N) plan and project portfolio
- Reviewed the R&D Microbial Platform objectives and priorities FY18
- Deep dives on key projects within FC&E and H&N
- FC&E and H&N competitor review
- Reviewed portfolio governance

R&D organization and governance

- The Scientific Committee performed a review of:
 - the organization of R&D competencies
 - the innovation governance structure
 - the balance between internal and external R&D projects

Intellectual Property (IP)

- The Scientific Committee performed a review of:
 - the Company's IP strategies
 - the activities and management of the IP portfolio
 - patent status and outlook in major business segments
 - identification and management of trade secrets in Chr. Hansen

Scientific Committee matters and governance

- Established an annual wheel for the work of the committee
- Conducted a lab tour through the main functions in R&D
- Conducted a self-assessment, including a review of the Scientific Committee Charter
- Conducted private meetings without the Executive Board being present
- Approved a report on the committee's activities in 2017/18