

Scientific Committee Report 2018/19

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

In 2018/19 the Scientific Committee held five meetings. All three members attended all meetings. The committee dealt with the following key matters:

R&D strategies and portfolio

- Reviewed the Food Cultures & Enzymes (FC&E) plan and project portfolio incl. value and value dynamics
- Reviewed the Health & Nutrition (H&N) plan and project portfolio incl. value and value dynamics
- Deep dives on key projects within FC&E and H&N
- Reviewed the NCD plan and project portfolio incl. deep dive on key projects and value
- Linked FC&E, H&N and NCD IP, regulatory and competitor reviews
- Review and input to the R&D Strategy FY19
- Reviewed the science business interphase under the headline “Science inspires business”

R&D organization and governance

- As part for the theme “Science inspires business” the Scientific Committee performed a review of:
 - the organization of R&D competencies
 - the innovation governance structure hereunder interphase between science and business

Intellectual Property (IP)

- The Scientific Committee performed a review of:
 - activities and management of IP related topics under the different project portfolios

Scientific Committee matters and governance

- Reviewed and updated an annual wheel for the work of the committee
- Conducted meetings with external expert on science business topics including microbial cultures dynamics and automation and robotization
- 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 2018/19