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“I finished my PhD in Agricultural Sciences from the Catholic University of Louvain. I’m mainly involved in the development of methods based on spectroscopy (NIR, NIR imaging, MIR, Raman), optical microscopy and chemometrics.

What is your role in COST Action, Feed for Health?

I’m the leader for Working Group – Feed Safety. We are dealing with different issues related to feed safety, and focusing on analytical methods. We are looking at which components of feeds affect the food products and their method of action. This involves knowing which fractions are transferred from the feed to the food. For instance, how does elements in the feed impact the quality of milk? In this work we are cooperating closely with RIKILT Wageningen, the Netherlands.

What do you think is the most exciting part of your Feed for Health engagement?

The most exciting part is to meet people who share my curiosity. To meet other scientists from other but connected research fields has a big value – new ideas come on the table!

Furthermore there is always interesting discussion at the workshops, and we are able to come up with some new ideas due to the fact that Feed for Health has a multi field focus. The Action is large and you can learn a lot of new things.

Is there any other field, expect your own that interests you especially?

All fields are very interesting; however I focus my energy on the field most connected with my own. For instance, analytical and statistics issues really

interest me, and I learned, for instance, quite a lot at the Feed for Health workshop in Spain. I got to know a lot more about how to use statistical methods to address properly sampling issues associated with analytical methods.

Why do you think people in R&D in Industry should take interest in Feed for Health?

They will get to see the different aspects between industry and research institutes, and they will get access to innovation. They might come across solutions to problems they have. However, there are mainly researchers from research institutes who participate in the COST Actions.

What are your own benefits from participating in COST Action, Feed for Health?

I have got some new ideas of development. The ideas are based on the fact that I have got a much deeper

understanding of the requirements of industry in term of analytical solutions. This is important because we need to develop methods that suites the requirements of industry.

What do you think is the best reason to join the COST cooperation?

The best reason to join a COST Action is to make connections with other colleagues in Europe, and of course – especially for the young researchers, the possibility to undertake an STSM (Short Term Scientific Mission).

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