Program of the Open Virtual Symposium on Environmental Sustainability of Food Systems and Diets, 25 March, 2021

9.30-12.30 (EET, Finnish time)

Session 1: Towards sustainable food systems and diets

- **Opening of the symposium** (Food Safety Director Sebastian Hielm, Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry, Finland)
- Viewing diets through Planetary Health lens the Helsinki Declaration (Research Program Director Jaana Halonen, Finnish Institute for Health and Welfare, THL)
- The development of food based dietary guidelines taking sustainability into account (*Dr. Caroline van Rossum*, National Institute for Public Health and the Environment, RIVM, Bilthoven)
- Shifting consumer habits towards a diet with more plant-based foods and less animal-based foods the ongoing SHIFT-DIETS project (Dr. Marga Ocké, National Institute for Public Health and the Environment, RIVM, Bilthoven)
- **Commentary note** (Research Director Helle Margrete Meltzer, Norwegian Institute of Public Health and Committee member of the Nordic Nutrition Recommendations 2022)

Short break

Recent activities and results

- **The Nature Step to Welfare (Luontoaskel)** (Senior Res. Heli Kuusipalo, Finnish Institute for Health and Welfare, THL)
- Sustainable diets across socio-demographic groups of the Finnish population (Just-Food) (Prof. Xavier Irz, Univ. of Helsinki, Finland)
- The role of legumes in diet and health (Leg4Life) (Dr. Niina Kaartinen, Finnish Institute for Health and Welfare, THL)
- **Commentary note: (**Res. Prof. Minna Kaljonen, Finnish Environment Institute)
- General discussion

Break 12:30-13:15

13:15 – 15:30 (EET, Finnish time)

Session 2: How to best assess the nutritional quality of sustainable protein sources?

- Opening of the Session
- State-of-the-art methods to assess protein bioavailability in vivo (Prof. Claire Gaudichon, INRA, Paris)
- Can we apply *in vitro* digestibility methods to evaluate the nutritional quality of plant and animal proteins? (Research Director, Dr. Didier Dupont, INRA, Rennes)

Short break

- Analytical methods to compare the quality of plant and animal-based protein sources (*Dr. rer. nat. Lotti Egger, Agroscope, Bern*)
- General discussion
- End of the Symposium