

Food Traceability in the USA

TRACE workshop and Research Visit to Iowa State University

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During June 2009 the researchers involved in WP4 and WP5 in the TRACE project gave a one day workshop as part of the “Agricultural and Food Traceability Conference” which was organised by Iowa State University. The workshop was held in Des Moines, the state capital of Iowa. The intention of the workshop was to give both researchers and industry members an insight into the practical implementation of traceability and the various European traceability initiatives. The presentations included the TraceFood Wiki, case studies and group work. There was much lively debate and the conference and workshop were very successful.

During May and June Iowa State University hosted a research visit by WP4/5 scientist Kathryn Donnelly. The visit facilitated knowledge exchange and the start of collaborative work on chain traceability in the soya bean sector which is an important oil seed throughout the world. Soya beans are often the object of import and export around the world and therefore a very interesting case for research on chain traceability.

