

CURRICULUM VITAE

PERSONAL INFORMATION

First name and surname: **Aivars Bērziņš**

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Gender:

Male

EDUCATION AND TRAINING

- 2004- 2010 University of Helsinki, Faculty of Veterinary Medicine, Department of Food and Environmental Hygiene, Doctoral/ PhD studies (Dr.med.vet., Ph.D.)
- 2000- 2002 Latvia University of Agriculture, Faculty of Veterinary Medicine, MSc studies in Food Hygiene (MSc in Food Hygiene)
- 2001- 2002 University of Helsinki, Faculty of Veterinary Medicine, Department of Food and Environmental Hygiene (visiting researcher)
- 2001 Purdue University, Department of Food Sciences, IN, USA MSc studies (visiting researcher)
- 2000 Norwegian School of Veterinary Sciences, Department of Food Hygiene (visiting researcher)
- 1994- 2000 Latvia University of Agriculture, Faculty of Veterinary Medicine (Veterinarian, graduated in 2000)
- 1982- 1993 Riga Secondary School No.49 (graduated in 1993)

WORK EXPERIENCE

- 2023- Institute of Food Safety, Animal Health and Environment „BIOR,” Chair of the Scientific Board, Deputy Director on R&D***
- 2016- European Food Safety Authority (EFSA), Management Board member*** (Vice-chair of the Management Board since October, 2020, Chair of the Management Board since June, 2021)
- 2013- 2023 Institute of Food Safety, Animal Health and Environment „BIOR”, Director
- 2010- 2013 Institute of Food Safety, Animal Health and Environment „BIOR”, Department of Research and Development, Head of Department
- 2016- Latvia University of Agriculture, Faculty of Veterinary Medicine, Institute of Food and Environmental Hygiene, Professor***
- 2013- 2016 Latvia University of Agriculture, Faculty of Veterinary Medicine, Institute of Food and Environmental Hygiene, Associate Professor
- 2011- 2013 Latvia University of Agriculture, Faculty of Veterinary Medicine, Institute of Food and Environmental Hygiene, Assistant Professor (Docent)
- 2009- 2010 University of Helsinki, Faculty of Veterinary Medicine, Department of Food Hygiene and Environmental Health, University Lecturer (Instructor)
- 2006- 2008 Ministry of Agriculture, Deputy State Secretary resp. for veterinary and food control matters and Member of the Working group of the European Council of the Chief Veterinary Officers (CVO), Latvian representative

- 2003- 2010 University of Helsinki, Faculty of Veterinary Medicine, Department of Food and Environmental Hygiene, Researcher
- 2003- 2010 LUA, Faculty of Veterinary Medicine, Institute of Food and Environmental Hygiene, University Lecturer
- 2000- 2003 LUA, Faculty of Veterinary Medicine, Institute of Food and Environmental Hygiene, Research Assistant
- 1998- 2000 Riga City Veterinary Service, expert

EXPERT AND ORGANIZATIONAL POSITIONS

- 2018- 2020 European Food Safety Authority (EFSA), Member of Audit Committee of the Management Board
- 2017- Corresponding Member of Latvian Academy of Sciences
- 2016- Member of Promotion Council in Food Sciences (Latvia University of Agriculture)
- 2015- Member of Latvian Academy of Agricultural and Forestry Sciences
- 2013- 2016 European Food Safety Authority (EFSA), Advisory Forum Member
- 2013- Member of Promotion Council in Veterinary Sciences (Latvia University of Sciences)
- 2011- Latvian Council of Science, expert in veterinary and food sciences
- 2007- External reviewer for international scientific journals and publishers:
International Journal of Food Microbiology, Food Additives and Contaminants, Microbial Drug Resistance, Revue de Medecine Veterinaire, Journal of Health, Population and Nutrition, Folia Microbiologica, Archiv für Lebensmittelhygiene, Food Control, Nature. Scientific Reports, Journal of Microbiology and Antimicrobials, Meat Science, Pathogens, Microorganisms, Journal of Pharmaceutical and Biomedical Analysis, Antibiotics, Microbial Genomics, BMC Veterinary Research, Wiley-Blackwell publishing and others.
- 2003- Board Member of the Faculty of Veterinary Medicine, LUA
- 2001-2006,
- 2009- 2016 Member of the Convent of Latvia University of Agriculture

> 100 scientific publications, incl. international peer-reviewed papers, Hi index 16
 Supervisor of 6 Doctoral thesis and 11 MSc thesis during 2010-2023, external reviewer of 5 doctoral thesis.

SCIENTIFIC INTERESTS:

Microbial hazards in food chain, traceability and epidemiology of foodborne pathogens, antimicrobial resistance, meat hygiene and inspection. Animal infectious diseases.

LANGUAGES:

Latvian- mother tongue;
English- thorough knowledge of the language (both written and oral);
Russian- thorough knowledge of the language (both written and oral).

* **Current positions**