



EBI FOOD SAFETY

## Press Release

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### Dr. Steven Hagens joins EBI Food Safety as Chief Scientific Officer

EBI Food Safety has recently appointed Dr. Steven Hagens as its Chief Scientific Officer. Previously Dr. Hagens held a post-doctoral position in the laboratory for Food Microbiology at the Institute of Food Science and Nutrition - Swiss Federal Institute of Technology Zürich (ETHZ). At ETHZ his work focused on optimising phages for recognition and elimination of *Listeria monocytogenes* and *Salmonella spp.*

Dr Hagens studied Biology at the University of Groningen, The Netherlands and The Institute of Microbiology and Genetics, Vienna University, Austria. He obtained his PhD in 2003 at the Institute for Microbiology and Genetics, Vienna University, Austria. His research work focused on phage therapy of infectious pathogens, food borne pathogens and lactic acid bacteria and their specific bacteriophages. "We feel very fortunate to further expand our science base by bringing Dr. Hagens on board" says EBI Food Safety's CEO, Mark Offerhaus "his background and specialised experience made him the most suitable candidate for the position and will accelerate our commercialisation of phages for dangerous pathogens such as *E-coli* and *Salmonella*". Dr. Hagens will coordinate the company's contract research with current and future scientific partners. He will also contribute to the production and product application design at EBI Food Safety's Bacteriophage Technology Center in Wageningen, The Netherlands. Dr. Hagens: "The fact is: bacteriophage technology works. If any company can capture the enormous potential of phage-technology I'm convinced it's EBI Food Safety".

### About EBI Food Safety

EBI Food Safety is a privately held Life Sciences company focused on the development and commercialization of natural anti-bacterial agents, based on its bacteriophage technology. The company's scientific network includes collaborations with universities and research centres in The Netherlands, Switzerland, Spain, Belgium and Italy. The company is viewed as product leader in the field of applied bacteriophage technology for food applications.

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