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She has an extensive experience on analytical, regulatory and management aspects of food allergens and gluten; organization of events (conferences, webinars) and training (workshops, e-learning); marketing communications and graphic design (infographics, production of brand collateral - advertising and promotional material). She also monitors developments of the food safety and food diagnostic markets to support business strategy roadmaps.

She is author of more than 45 publications, including peer-reviewed journals, trade magazines, and book chapters. She has co-edited a book and served as guest editor of special issues of peer-reviewed journals. She has participated in international congresses, European-funded projects (MoniQA, FoodSeg, iFAAM) and working groups on food allergen analysis and other food safety issues. She has also organized and conducted training for global capacity building. She is a member of the AOAC Technical Programming Council, co-chairs the AOAC Food Allergen Community and is Editor-in-Chief of the AOAC Food Allergen Community Newsletter.