

# special Juiceletter



## LEGISLATION COMMISSION MISSION

Represent the world wide Juice Sector interests as a non-governmental organisation (NGO) at international government organisations (IGOs). Act as a “regulatory” information centre. Support harmonisation of international regulatory standards and practices across the Juice Sector.

## LEGISLATION COMMISSION VISION

Serve as the truly global subject matter expert group in the best interest of all IFU members by monitoring the international regulatory landscape, mitigating the issues, representing the Juice Sector interests at international government organisations, supporting harmonisation of regulatory standards and providing the advisory role on the regulatory subjects to the broad membership.

# Who's Who in the Legislation Commission



Chairperson of the Legislation Commission

## ROMANA VANOVA-HRNCIRIK

*“I am delighted that the members of the IFU LC are leading experts in their chosen subject from around the world. I appreciate their cooperation and SMEs input. I am pleased that our membership keeps growing and that we are broadening our scope of activities to the best interest of our members reflecting the ever changing international regulatory environment. To learn more about the LC strategy and our activities and/or to become a LC member, visit our website and/or contact me directly ([romana.vanova@pepsico.com](mailto:romana.vanova@pepsico.com)).”*

Romana has 17 years of extensive international experience in regulatory affairs (including Europe, Russia, Africa, Middle East, Asia and global responsibilities) at several multinational food industrial companies. She has a successful record in regulatory advocacy and has been recognized as a “Codex Woman” within the international juice sector. Romana has been working in PepsiCo since 2007. She holds a Master’s Degree (M.Sc.) in Food and Nutrition Science.

Romana joined IFU in 2008. Having moved from a role of vice-chairperson, she currently serves as a chairperson of the Legislation Commission (LC) and represents the LC in the IFU Executive Board.

Under Romana’s leadership, the IFU Legislation Commission has been focusing on the following goals:

- Effectively represent interests of the international juice sector at international government organisations (IGOs, i.e. Codex Alimentarius, FAO, WHO, WTO, WCO).
- Proactively build a positive footprint of the juice sector at IGOs.
- Actively support harmonization of international standards and practices across the juice sector worldwide.
- Act as a legislation information centre for our members.
- Partner in the IFU workshops and awareness & capability building courses.

Vice- Chairperson of the Legislation Commission

## DR. HANY FARAG



**Education:**  
University of Alexandria (Egypt) - BSc. Chemistry  
Abraham Lincoln University (California) - Juris Doctor (Law)

**Current Position and Company**

Vice President, Quality and Regulatory Affairs  
Dole Packaged Foods, LLC.

**Specialist for:**  
Food Law

**Country of residence:**  
USA

**What do you like about being a part of Legislation Commission:**  
Networking with colleagues from different countries regarding emerging issues affecting the food industry, especially when related to juice

## PAUL ZWIKER



**Education:**  
ETH Zürich

**Current Position and Company**  
Retired

**Specialist for:**  
Food processing and technology of Juice & Beverages, Milk & Milk products

**Country of residence:**  
Switzerland

**What do you like about being a part of Legislation Commission:**  
After my engagement for the establishment of the Codex General Standard for Fruit Juices and Nectars, I am interested that the restrictive use of additives is maintained and fruit juices remain a natural product.

## JEFFREY (ZHIQIANG) KANG



**Education:**  
Xi'an University of Technology

**Current Position and Company**  
QA Manager, Compliance and Regulatory Affairs

Shaanxi Haisheng Fresh Fruit Juice Co., Ltd.

**Specialist for:**  
Fruit Processing, Food regulations

**Country of residence:**  
China

**What do you like about being a part of Legislation Commission:**

It is my pleasure to introduce Chinese juice regulation to the world



## YUVAL GHENDLER

**Current Position and Company**  
Chief technologist.

Gat Food (Prigat)

**Specialist for:**  
Food processing and technology of Juice & Beverages, Milk & Milk products

**Country of residence:**  
Israel

**What do you like about being a part of Legislation Commission:**  
learning new things as well as exchange ideas from the world.

## CHAIM SHMULINSON, M. SC.

**Education:**  
TECHNION – ISRAEL INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY

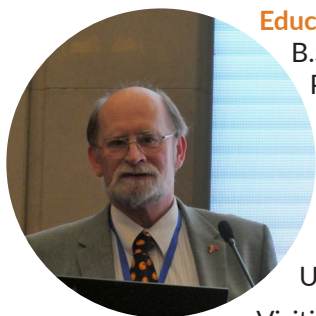
**Current Position and Company**  
General Manager  
CITRUS PRODUCTS BOARD OF ISRAEL

**Specialist for:**  
Food and Juice Products

**Country of residence:**  
Israel

**What do you like about being a part of Legislation Commission:**  
Assuring Quality of Food Products and Fruit Juices

## DR. DAVID A. HAMMOND



**Education:**  
B.Sc. and  
Ph.D. in  
Chemistry,

Nottingham  
University  
UK

Visiting

work Massachusetts Institute of  
Technology Boston USA

**Current Position and Company**  
Fruit Juice and Authenticity Expert  
Eurofins

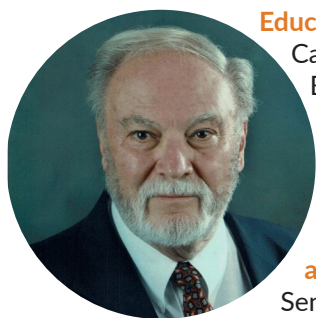
**Specialist for:**  
Fruit Juice authenticity and analysis

**Country of residence:**  
UK

**What do you like about being a part  
of Legislation Commission:**  
As part of the work on the Legislation  
Commission I monitor three of the

Codex Committees for the IFU,  
{methods of analysis and sampling  
(CCMAS} pesticide residues (CCPR) &  
contaminants (CCCF), which although  
the format of the meetings can be  
frustrating at times due to their rigid  
formality, it is good to be able to think  
that I can influence the work of these  
committees for the best interests of  
the fruit and vegetable juice industry.

## DONALD SPORN



**Education:**  
Calvin College -  
B. A.

Columbia  
University -  
M. A.

**Last position  
and company**  
Senior Vice  
President, Johanna

Foods, Inc. (now retired)

**Country of residence:**  
USA

**What do you like about being a part of  
Legislation Commission:**

The work and voice of the LC is very  
important in CODEX to ensure that  
regulations are science-based and best  
industry practices are recognized.

## IPEK İŞBITİREN



**Education:**  
Department of Hospitality Management ,  
Bosphorus University, Istanbul, Turkey

**Current Position and Company**  
Secretary General

MEYED Turkish Fruit Juice Industry Association

**Specialist for:**  
Corporate Governance, Business Advocacy, International relations,  
NGO management, Team work, Leadership in Women Empowerment,  
Mentoring

**Country of residence:**  
Turkey

**What do you like about being a part of Legislation Commission:**  
Valuable work in business advocacy at the international level, a well  
structured platform for information and strategy exchange to lead the  
industry both locally and worldwide where politics, science and technology  
work together. Challenging work with joy

## MERIE M MEDJOUBI



**Education:**  
High School of Commerce - Algiers

**Current Position and Company**  
Consultant  
Algerian Beverages Producers Association

**Specialist for:**  
representing the Algerian beverages sector

**Country of residence:**  
Spain

**What do you like about being a part of  
Legislation Commission:**  
Being a part of the Legislation Commission  
allows us to express our opinion and to  
share information about other countries, but  
mostly to be informed and to participate at  
all the Codex work commissions.

## KLAUS HEITLINGER



**Education:**  
University of  
Hohenheim  
(Graduate  
engineer  
in  
agriculture)

**Current  
Position and  
Company**

Managing Director

Verband der deutschen Fruchtsaft-  
Industrie e. V. (VdF) – Association of  
the German Fruit Juice Industry

**Specialist for:**  
Agricultural production and food  
legislation

**Country of residence:**  
Germany

**What do you like about being a  
part of Legislation Commission:**  
Making fruit juice great again!

## OSÉIA PEREIRA FILHO



**Education:**  
University  
of Franca,  
Chemistry

**Current  
Position  
and  
Company**  
Quality  
Assurance

General Manager  
Citrosuco

and Assurance

**Country of residence:**  
Brasil

**What do you like about being a  
part of Legislation Commission:**  
To be part of a great team of  
experts, discuss important items  
that can help to protect and  
promote the business, aiming to  
give the best safe and healthy  
products to the consumers...and  
enjoy good moments with the  
team!

**Specialist for:**  
Juice Production, Quality Control

## FIONA PALMER



**Education:**  
South Bank  
University,  
London  
BSc Food  
Science,  
PhD  
Analytical  
Chemistry

**Current  
Position and  
Company**

Technical Executive, British Soft  
Drinks Association

**Specialist for:**  
I give members technical and  
regulatory advice about soft drinks,  
I have worked in the industry for 28  
years with a wide experience of the  
juice industry.

**Country of residence:**  
England

**What do you like about being a  
part of Legislation Commission:**  
I only joined the Commission earlier  
this year but am looking forward to  
working with members from other  
countries.

## PETER GATES



**Education:**  
University of  
Adelaide Business  
Management  
School

**Current Position  
and Company**  
CEO

Directus Group

**Country of residence:**  
Australia

**What do you like about being a part  
of Legislation Commission:**

I love the opportunity to be involved  
in the Legislation Commission and  
representing a region and industry  
working towards common goals and  
standards to ensure sustainable, safe and  
healthy products.

## MOUNIRA JAZZAR



**Education:**  
American  
University of  
Beirut

**Current Position  
and Company**  
Secretary-  
General

Arab Beverages  
Association

**Specialist for:**  
Agricultural Engineer

**Country of residence:**  
Lebanon

**What do you like about being a part  
of Legislation Commission:**

Enables me to network with colleagues  
from all around the world, enhance my  
knowledge in the field and enables me  
to learn more about the international  
legislations and regulations.

## PAIVI JULKUNEN



**Education:**  
University of Helsinki & University of  
Kuopio in Finland

**Current Position and Company**  
Director, Regulatory Advocacy

The Coca-Cola Company

**Specialist for:**

International food standards, food safety,  
Codex

**Country of residence:**  
USA

**What do you like about being a part  
of Legislation Commission:**

Information exchange

## NATALIA IVANOVA



**Education:**  
Medical  
University,  
Financial  
Academy  
under the  
Government  
of the  
Russian  
Federation

**Current Position and Company**  
President, Russian Union of Juice  
Producers

**Specialist for:**  
Technical Regulation in food industry  
with a background of a Sanitary  
Doctor

**Country of residence:**  
Russia

**What do you like about being a part  
of Legislation Commission:**  
Being a part of LC means being a part  
of International legislation. It is very  
important to have timely access to  
all recent changes in requirements to  
juice production worldwide. Being a

part of LC helps us to be up to date  
with our national laws and regulations  
especially at present when juice is  
blamed by many as being too sweet  
and unhealthy we should do all our  
best to maintain a healthy image of  
juice at the legislation level in every  
country. Only together can we keep  
a glass of juice as a part of a healthy  
food and promote a culture of juice  
consumption.

## JAN HERMANS



**Education:**  
Ghent University, Free University Brussels,  
Johns Hopkins School of Advanced  
International Studies

**Current Position and Company**  
Secretary General, AIJN

**Specialist for:**  
EU Food Legislation

**Country of residence:**  
Belgium

**What do you like about being a part of  
Legislation Commission:**  
The exchange of info on regulatory issues  
affecting juices with colleagues from other  
parts of the world

## DIANNE S. NURY



**Education:**  
California State University Fresno

**Current Position and Company**  
President, Vie-Del Company

**Specialist for:**  
Grape Juice, Wine and Brandy

**Country of residence:**  
United States of America

**What do you like about being a part of  
Legislation Commission:**  
The Legislation Commission was integral  
in defining the juice standard throughout  
the world and continues to evolve as the  
industry changes. I am happy to be a part  
of this Commission representing the Juice  
Products Association in the United States.



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