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Short biography: Ariane Pietzka is a microbiologist and doctor of Natural Sciences. She is specialized in molecular typing and is working at the Center for Foodborne Diseases at the Austrian Agency for Health and Food Safety in Graz. She is the head of the National Reference Laboratory for *Listeria monocytogenes*. Her main activities and responsibilities are molecular typing of human pathogens especially *Listeria monocytogenes* isolates from food, environment and clinical material as well as epidemiological surveillance and outbreak investigation.