

CV - Prof Dr Frédéric Leroy

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After having studied Bio-engineering Sciences at Ghent University (1992-1997), Frédéric Leroy (°1974) obtained a PhD in Applied Biological Sciences at the Vrije Universiteit Brussel in 2002, where he continued his academic career at the research group of Industrial Microbiology and Food Biotechnology (IMDO) as a post-doctoral fellow of the Research Foundation Flanders (FWO). Since 2008, he holds a professorship in the field of food science and (bio)technology.

His research primarily deals with the many ecological aspects and functional roles of bacterial communities in (fermented) foods, with a focus on animal products. In addition, his interests relate to human and animal health and wellbeing, as well as to elements of tradition and innovation in food contexts.

The research is often of an interdisciplinary nature, involving collaborations with experts in microbiology, animal production, veterinary sciences, social and consumer sciences, cultural anthropology, and food history. He is also a member of the research group of Social and Cultural Food Studies (FOST).

Extra muros, Leroy offers various societal contributions, all being pro-bono.

- As such, he is editorial board member of Foods.
- the International Journal of Food Microbiology (<u>IJFM</u>),
- and the magazine 'Food, Science and Law' (FSL),
- board member of various academic non-profit organizations, including
- the Belgian Association for Meat Science and Technology (<u>BAMST</u>; president),
- the Belgian Society for Food Microbiology (BSFM; secretary), and
- the Belgian Nutrition Society (BNS),
- president of the scientific committee of the Institute Danone Belgium, and
- effective member of the Advisory Commission for the "Protection of Geographical Denominations and Guaranteed Traditional Specialities for Agricultural Products and Foods" of the Ministry of the Brussels Capital Region.
- Scientific Advisory Board Member of the European Keto Live Centre (<u>EKLC</u>) since August 2021

Frédéric Leroy published various book chapters and >120 peer-reviewed journal publications, having attracted >10k citations (Google Scholar) since his first publication in 1999. Most of the research was published in Q1/Q2-ranked journals, situated mainly in the fields of food science and technology and of biotechnology and applied microbiology. His h-index is situated between 41 (<u>Publon/Web of Science</u>) and 50 (<u>Google Scholar</u>). Bibliographic profiles are also available on <u>ORCID</u>, <u>Scopus</u>, <u>Academia</u>, <u>Mendeley</u>, <u>Loop</u>, <u>ResearchGate</u>, <u>SciProfiles</u>, and <u>Kudos</u>.

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