

Minutes of the 1st meeting of the Working Group on *Diaporthe vaccinii*

Held on 18 September 2015

(Agreed on 23 September 2015)

Participants

- **Working Group Members:**
Ariena Van Bruggen
- **Panel Members:**
Wopke vander Werf
- **Hearing Experts¹:**
Not Applicable
- **European Commission and/or Member States representatives:**
Not Applicable
- **EFSA:**
ALPHA Unit: Ciro Gardi
 Ioannis Koufakis

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants.

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

¹ As defined in Article 17 of the Decision of the Executive Director on the selection of external experts:
<http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/expertselection.pdf>.

3. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence and Scientific Decision-Making Processes² and the Decision of the Executive Director on Declarations of Interest³, EFSA screened the Annual Declaration of Interest and the Specific Declaration of Interest filled in by the working group members invited for the present meeting. No Conflicts of Interest related to the issues discussed in this meeting have been identified during the screening process or at the Oral Declaration of Interest at the beginning of this meeting.

4. Agreement of the minutes of this Working Group meeting

The minutes of this Working Group meeting held on 18 September 2015 were agreed on 30 September 2015.⁴

5. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

The working group (WG) discussed the ToR and scope of the scientific report.

The WG agreed on the other panel members, experts and hearing expert, to be proposed for the inclusion in the same WG, as indicated below:

WG Diaporthe

Ariena van Bruggen

Wopke van der Werf

John West

Ciro Gardi

Ioannis Koufakis

(Tomasz Oszako – Vittorio Rossi, members of the finalized Pest Categorization report)

Hearing experts

- a. Marcello Tomaselli/Alessandro Petraglia – Geobotanists, Italy
- b. Gerard van Leeuwen – Diaporthe taxonomist, the Netherlands
- c. Phil Harmon – Blueberry specialist, USA
- d. Carrie Harmon – Director of the Southeastern Plant Diagnostic Clinic, USA

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³ <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/independencerules2014.pdf>

⁴ <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/assets/diaporthe.pdf>

National survey sampling scheme

It was agreed on the need to design a sampling scheme and identification protocols based on EPPO standards (possibly modified), to be proposed for the survey/surveillance activity.

Data to be collected:

- Data on plants import (Isefor database)
- Data on distribution of *Vaccinium myrtillus* and other wild *Vaccinium* spp.
- Distribution and production data on cultivated blueberries (highbush blueberry – *V. corymbosum*; lowbush blueberry – *V. angustifolium*), cranberries (*V. oxycoccus*, *V. macrocarpon*), lingonberries, bilberry (*V. myrtillus*)
- Data from industries and plant nurseries on planting stock

Methodology

1. Entry and pathway
 - a. Fruits and plants for planting
 - b. Potential movement from Latvia and other countries where *D. vaccinii* could be found)
2. Establishment and spread
 - a. Cultivated
 - b. Native
3. Impact
 - a. Cultivated
 - b. Native
4. RRO

6. Next meeting

The next meeting will be on 19 of November 2015, 13:30-17:30, at EFSA in Parma.

Minutes of the 2nd meeting of the Working Group on *Diaporthe vaccinii*

Held on 19 November 2015

(Agreed on 22 December 2015)

Participants

- **Working Group Members:**

Ariena Van Bruggen

Wopke vander Werf

- **Panel Members:**

Jonathan West

- **Hearing Experts¹:**

Not Applicable

- **European Commission and/or Member States representatives:**

Not Applicable

- **EFSA:**

ALPHA Unit: Ciro Gardi

Ioannis Koufakis

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants.

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<http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/expertselection.pdf>.

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was slightly modified under 4 as the hearing expert was not available.

- Analysis of infection data in the USA and Europe; discussion of the first manuscript based on current data, followed discussion on future surveys
- Discussion of the methodologies: outline of a flow diagram for risk assessment
- Discussion of the data collected
- Work plan, including identification of hearing experts
- Supporting information needed

3. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members

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4. Agreement of the minutes of this Working Group meeting

The minutes of this Working Group meeting held on 19 November 2015 were agreed by written procedure on 22 December 2015.⁴

5. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

The presentation of Marcello Tomaselli, as Hearing Expert, was postponed.

Data collection

Some data on trade of plants for planting of the genus *Vaccinium* and on interceptions were presented. The data base on Global Biodiversity Initiative (GBIF) will be consulted by EFSA staff.

It was agreed to start collecting the following data:

- How long the infected plants can remain symptomless

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- Can *D.vaccinii* infect also the wild plants; is there resistance among wild *Vaccinium* species?
- Evaluate the potential impacts
- Check the custom codes for *Vaccinium* cuttings
- Data on epidemiology

Interpretation of ToR

Based on the interpretation of ToR, the basic structure of Pest Risk Assessment was drafted.

Methodology

1. Entry and pathways

Separate but connected pathways will be needed for *Vaccinium* in the natural environment versus commercial plantings. Two main pathways were identified:

- a. movement of planting materials and perhaps fruits,
- b. natural spread of *D. vaccinii* by wind-driven rain.

The origin may be from:

- a. plantings abroad where the pathogen is endemic
- b. from Latvia and other European countries where *D. vaccinii* could be found

2. Establishment and spread

- a. Cultivated
- b. Native

3. Impact

- a. Cultivated
- b. Native

4. Risk Reducing Options

- a. improved diagnostic measures
- b. monitoring for symptoms at nurseries
- c. hot water treatment of cuttings?
- d. treatment of cuttings with systemic fungicide

Hearing Experts

In addition to the Hearing Expert for reporting on *Vaccinum* genus ecology and distribution, it was agreed to contact an Expert from Latvia and an Expert on data bases from the USA, to be nominated as hearing experts

6. Next meeting

The next meeting will be:

28 january afternoon – 29 january morning, at EFSA in Parma

17 march afternoon – 18 march morning, at EFSA in Parma

Minutes of the 3rd (physical) meeting of the Working Group on *Diaporthe vaccinii*

Held on 28-29 January 2016

(Agreed on 15 February 2016)

Participants

- **Working Group Members:**

Ariena Van Bruggen

- **Hearing Experts¹:**

Not Applicable

- **European Commission and/or Member States representatives:**

Not Applicable

- **EFSA:**

ALPHA Unit: Ciro Gardi

Ioannis Koufakis

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants. Apologies were received from Jonathan West and Wopke vander Werf.

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was slightly modified under 1 as the hearing expert was not available.

¹ As defined in Article 17 of the Decision of the Executive Director on the selection of external experts:
<http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/expertselection.pdf>.

1. Presentation on Vaccinium genus distribution (Hearing expert – Prof. Marcello Tomaselli, geobotanist)
2. Analysis of the infection data in USA and Europe, including the future survey that will be carried out in EU member states
3. Interpretation of the Terms of Reference
4. Discussion on the methodologies: Pest Risk Assessment and Remediation Measures
5. Discussion on the data collected: Climate suitability in the EU, Latent period, Custom Codes for Vaccinium cuttings
6. Work plan: hearing experts, division of tasks and deadlines

3. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members

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4. Agreement of the minutes of this Working Group meeting

The minutes of this Working Group meeting held on 19 November 2015 were agreed in writing on the 22 December 2015, and confirmed orally on 28 January 2016.⁴

5. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

The working group (WG) analyzed further the ToR and the scope of the scientific report.

It was discussed that an extension of the deadline is needed since valuable data on the distribution of *Diaporthe vaccinii* are expected to be available as an outcome of the upcoming national surveys.

The WG agreed to invite two hearing experts (Marcello Tomaselli – Geobotanist and Carrie Harmon – Plant pathologist). The exact dates of the hearings will be determined according to the experts' availability. Moreover, the WG progressed in drafting the scientific report and explored the methodological template. Necessary data and actions to complete the assessment were identified as listed below.

² <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/independencepolicy.pdf>

³ <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/independencerules2014.pdf>

⁴ Please add here the link to the respective minutes published on the EFSA website

Necessary data and actions:

- Data on distribution of *Vaccinium* spp.: wild and cultivated
- Data on production of cultivated blueberries (highbush blueberry – *V. corymbosum*; lowbush blueberry – *V. angustifolium*), cranberries (*V. oxycoccus*, *V. macrocarpon*), lingonberries (*V. vitis-idaea*), bilberry (*V. myrtillus*)
- Data on plant imports: numbers and locations of import of cultivated *Vaccinium* species.
- Data about shipment of planting materials from industries and plant nurseries.
- Data on proportion of the infected plants in the consignments (lab report of the only interception in Italy in 1996).
- Data on latent period.
- Data on forestry inventory from JRC.
- Climate suitability of *D. vaccinii* in the EU.
- EU maps of the risk of *D. vaccinii*.
- Check custom codes for *Vaccinium* cuttings.
- Obtain and translate literature found on *D. vaccinii* from Belarus and Russia.
- Literature search with the use of keywords
- Enter all references in the EFSA website
- Obtain email addresses of surveying organizations in MS, write about survey procedures
- Get familiar with the software @risk.

Databases to be checked:

- Europhyt (interception data)
- Eurostat (production data)
- Faostat (production data)
- Isefor (plants import)
- European climate data

National survey sampling scheme

The WG considered the upcoming national surveys as a source of valuable information which can be used for this assessment. Thus, the WG agreed on potential recommendations for the national surveys/surveillance activities on *D. vaccinii*.

6. Next meeting

The next meeting will be on 17th (afternoon) of March 2016, at EFSA in Parma.

Scientific Panel on Plant Health

Minutes of the 4th meeting of the Working Group on *Diaporthe vaccinii*

Held on 17 March 2016

(Agreed on 30 March 2016)

Participants

Working Group Members:

Ariena Van Bruggen

Jonathan West

Hearing Experts¹:

Not applicable

European Commission and/or Member States representatives:

Not Applicable

EFSA:

ALPHA Unit:

Ciro Gardi

Ioannis Koufakis

Others:

Not Applicable

¹ As defined in Article 17 of the Decision of the Executive Director on the selection of external experts:
<http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/expertselection.pdf>.

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants. Apologies were received from Wopke van der Werf.

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was slightly modified under 1 as the hearing expert was not available.

1. Presentation on Vaccinium genus distribution (Hearing Expert – Prof. Marcello Tomaselli, geobotanist was not available)
2. Update on the infection data in Europe, including the future survey that will be carried out in EU member states; references on EFS DMS website
3. Update on epidemiological and crop loss data collected: latent and incubation periods, effects of environmental factors (including wind direction), and seasonality of sporulation
4. Update on movement of plant for planting: custom codes for Vaccinium cuttings, treatment of cuttings; Europhyt, Eurostat, FAOstat, JRC data bases
5. Update on working with @RISK
6. Interpretation of TOR
7. Discussion on methodologies: Pest Risk Assessment and Remediation Measures
8. Work plan: hearing experts, division of tasks and deadlines

3. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members

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³ <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/independencerules2014.pdf>

4. Agreement of the minutes of the 3rd Working Group meeting

The minutes of the third Working Group meeting held on 28-29 January 2016 were agreed by written procedure on the 15 February 2016, and confirmed orally on 17 March 2016.⁴

5. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

5.1 Discussion on the required data to perform the assessment and further actions of the WG

The working group (WG) summarized the collected data, reflected on the methodology and agreed on the content of the poster to be presented at the conference "ISHS Vaccinium Symposium" in Orlando from 11th to 14th April 2016. Specific data on Vaccinium genus distribution (wild and cultivated) were agreed to be collected as well as the construction of the respective maps. In addition, wind speed and direction data need to be collected as they are important to predict the spread of the disease. The WG divided tasks to be completed until the next meeting.

6. Next meeting(s)

The next (physical) meeting will be held on 28 June 2016, at EFSA in Parma.

⁴ <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/diaporthe.pdf>

Scientific Panel on Plant Health

Minutes of the 5th meeting of the Working Group on *Diaporthe vaccinii*

Held on 28 & 30 June 2016

(Agreed on 8 August 2016)

Participants

Working Group Members:

Ariena Van Bruggen

Jonathan West

Wopke van der Werf

Hearing Experts¹:

Carrie Harmon

European Commission and/or Member States representatives:

Not Applicable

EFSA:

ALPHA Unit:

Ciro Gardi

Ioannis Koufakis

Others:

Not Applicable

¹ As defined in Article 17 of the Decision of the Executive Director on the selection of external experts: <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/expertselection.pdf>.

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants.

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

3. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members

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4. Agreement of the minutes of the 4th Working Group meeting

The minutes of the third Working Group meeting held on 17 March 2016 were agreed on the 28 June 2016.⁴

5. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

5.1 Discussion on the required data to perform the assessment and further actions of the WG

The working group (WG) discussed the latest updates and presented the collected data. The hearing expert, Dr. Carrie Harmon, gave a presentation and answered the questions of the WG. Moreover, the WG started to draft the report and identified data that need to be still collected. Future planning was agreed by the WG members and activities were divided in order to be completed until the next meeting.

6. Next meeting(s)

The next (web) meeting will be held on 8 August 2016.

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Scientific Panel on Plant Health

Minutes of the 6th web-meeting of the Working Group on *Diaporthe vaccinii*

Held on 8 August 2016

(Agreed on 19 August 2016)

Participants

Working Group Members:

Ariena Van Bruggen

Jonathan West

Hearing Experts¹:

European Commission and/or Member States representatives:

Not Applicable

EFSA:

ALPHA Unit:

Ciro Gardi

Others:

Not Applicable

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants.

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2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

3. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members

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4. Agreement of the minutes of the 5rd Working Group meeting

The minutes of the fifth Working Group meeting held on 28 & 30 June 2016 were agreed by written procedure on the 8 August 2016.⁴

5. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

5.1 Discussion on the required data to perform the assessment and further actions of the WG

The working group (WG) nominate Gianluca Savini, as Hearing expert, to be invited for the next physical meeting in Parma. It was reminded the need to distribute the letter to the NPPO, requesting information on the on-going survey on *Diaporthe vaccini*. Corrections and amendment to the proposed questionnaire draft were made. New tasks, mainly concerning data collection, were agreed.

6. Next meeting(s)

The next (web) meeting will be held on 19 August 2016.

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Scientific Panel on Plant Health

Minutes of the 6th web-meeting of the Working Group on *Diaporthe vaccinii*

Held on 8 August 2016

(Agreed on 19 August 2016)

Participants

Working Group Members:

Ariena Van Bruggen

Jonathan West

Hearing Experts¹:

European Commission and/or Member States representatives:

Not Applicable

EFSA:

ALPHA Unit:

Ciro Gardi

Others:

Not Applicable

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants.

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2. Adoption of agenda

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3. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members

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4. Agreement of the minutes of the 5rd Working Group meeting

The minutes of the fifth Working Group meeting held on 28 & 30 June 2016 were agreed by written procedure on the 8 August 2016.⁴

5. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

5.1 Discussion on the required data to perform the assessment and further actions of the WG

The working group (WG) nominated Gianluca Savini, as Hearing expert, to be invited for the next physical meeting in Parma. The need to distribute the letter requesting information on the on-going survey on *Diaporthe vaccini* to the NPPO was mentioned again. Corrections and amendments were made to the draft of the proposed questionnaire. New tasks, mainly concerning data collection, were agreed upon.

6. Next meeting(s)

The next (web) meeting will be held on 19 August 2016.

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³ <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/independencerules2014.pdf>

⁴ <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/diaporthe.pdf>

Scientific Panel on Plant Health

Minutes of the 7th web-meeting of the Working Group on *Diaporthe vaccinii*

**Held on 19 August 2016
(Agreed on 12 September, 2016)**

Participants

Working Group Members:

Ariena Van Bruggen
Jonathan West
Wopke van der Werf

Hearing Experts¹:

European Commission and/or Member States representatives:

Not Applicable

EFSA:

ALPHA Unit:
Ciro Gardi
Ioannis Koufakis

Others:

Not Applicable

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants.

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<http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/expertselection.pdf>.

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

3. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members

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4. Agreement of the minutes of the 6th Working Group meeting

The minutes of the sixth Working Group meeting held by web on 8 August 2016 were approved on the 19th August 2016.⁴

5. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

5.1 Discussion on the required data to perform the assessment and further actions of the WG

The working group (WG) discussed the latest updates and presented the collected data. A questionnaire for berry nurseries and producers was updated during the meeting and will be distributed through official EFSA channels. Potential routes of introduction on fruits other than berries were discussed and dismissed as being inconsequential. The WG continued working on a draft of the report and identified data that need to be collected. Future planning was agreed by the WG members, additional hearing experts were discussed and activities were divided to be completed before the next meeting. The schedule of activities and meetings was updated until the end of May 2017.

6. Next meeting(s)

The next (web) meeting will be held on 12 September 2016.

² <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/independencepolicy.pdf>

³ <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/independencerules2014.pdf>

⁴ <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/diaporthe.pdf>

Scientific Panel on Plant Health

Minutes of the 8th web-meeting of the Working Group on *Diaporthe vaccinii*

**Held on 12 September 2016
(Agreed on 27 September, 2016)**

Participants

Working Group Members:

Ariena Van Bruggen
Jonathan West
Wopke van der Werf

Hearing Experts¹:

Gianluca Savini

European Commission and/or Member States representatives:

Not Applicable

EFSA:

ALPHA Unit:
Ciro Gardi

Others:

Not Applicable

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants.

¹ As defined in Article 17 of the Decision of the Executive Director on the selection of external experts:
<http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/expertselection.pdf>.

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

3. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members

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4. Agreement of the minutes of the 7th Working Group meeting

The minutes of the seventh Working Group meeting held by web on 19 August 2016 were approved on the 12 September 2016.⁴

5. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

5.1 Discussion on the required data to perform the assessment and further actions of the WG

It was communicated that a letter to NPPO, on the on-going pest surveys, will be sent by EFSA. It was decided to circulate the questionnaire among main stakeholder organizations (Fresfel, ENA, and other relevant stakeholders). Ariena will update the *D.vaccinii* host plant list, based on literature search she recently performed. Gianluca Savini presented some data on berries production in Europe, describing the recent trends of this sector. He provides also a list of contacts of institutions involved in a EU project on berries. EFSA will produce maps and geographic datasets supporting the PRA; Hossein.Narouei-Khandan will also contribute to this process. Tasks were assigned, especially in relation to the data collection on countries of origin of: 1) plants for planting; 2) potted plants; 3) fruits.

6. Next meeting(s)

The next meeting will be held on 27 and 29 September 2016.

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³ <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/independencerules2014.pdf>

⁴ <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/diaporthe.pdf>

Scientific Panel on Plant Health

Minutes of the 9th web-meeting of the Working Group on *Diaporthe vaccinii*

Held on 27 and 29 September 2016

(Agreed on 11 October, 2016)

Participants

Working Group Members:

Ariena Van Bruggen

Jonathan West

Hearing Experts¹:

Gianluca Savini

European Commission and/or Member States representatives:

Not Applicable

EFSA:

ALPHA Unit:

Ciro Gardi

Others:

Not Applicable

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants.

Apologies were received from Wopke van der Werf

¹ As defined in Article 17 of the Decision of the Executive Director on the selection of external experts: <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/expertselection.pdf>.

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

3. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members

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4. Agreement of the minutes of the 8th Working Group meeting

The minutes of the eight Working Group meeting held by web on 12 September 2016 were approved on the 27 September 2016.⁴

5. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

5.1 Discussion on the required data to perform the assessment and further actions of the WG

The letter to the COPHS was amended in order to include the requests of the other PRA WGs (*Radopholus similis* and *Eotetranychus lewisi*). Gianluca Savini (Hearing Expert), presented the main figures of berry production in Italy, and the trends of the sector in Europe. He described the agronomic techniques adopted for berry production in Europe, with focus on Northern Highbush Blueberry and Southern Highbush Blueberry.

The questionnaire was further improved, thanks to the interaction with Gianluca Savini (acting as test stakeholder).

A matrix defining the data needs for PRA and the status of data collection was drafted and agreed.

It was agreed to include Roel Potting as WG member.

6. Next meeting(s)

The next meeting will be held on 12 October 2016.

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³ <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/independencerules2014.pdf>

⁴ <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/diaporthe.pdf>

Scientific Panel on Plant Health

Minutes of the 10th web-meeting of the Working Group on *Diaporthe vaccinii*

**Held on 12 October 2016
(Agreed on 19 October, 2016)**

Participants

Working Group Members:

Ariena Van Bruggen
Jonathan West
Wopke van der Werf

Hearing Experts¹:

Not Applicable

European Commission and/or Member States representatives:

Not Applicable

EFSA:

ALPHA Unit:
Ciro Gardi
Ioannis Koufakis

Others:

Not Applicable

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants.

¹ As defined in Article 17 of the Decision of the Executive Director on the selection of external experts:
<http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/expertselection.pdf>.

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

3. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence and Scientific Decision-Making Processes² and the Decision of the Executive Director on Declarations of Interest³, EFSA screened the Annual Declaration of Interest and the Specific Declaration of Interest filled in by the working group members invited for the present meeting. No Conflicts of Interest related to the issues discussed in this meeting have been identified during the screening process or at the Oral Declaration of Interest at the beginning of this meeting.

4. Agreement of the minutes of the 9th Working Group meeting

The minutes of the ninth Working Group meeting held by web on 27 and 29 September 2016 were approved on the 11 October 2016.⁴

5. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

5.1 Discussion on the required data to perform the assessment and further actions of the WG

The WG discussed the progress of the questionnaire and it was agreed to contact by phone the recipients in order to remind them the urgency of this questionnaire. Then, the WG updated the data matrix with the data needed and new finds were discussed. Moreover, the WG discussed the possibility of Kiwis being a host of *Diaporthe vaccinii*. The WG concluded that this cannot be confirmed based on the literature. In addition, the WG decided to extract useful data from the Plant Disease Management Reports (PDMR) in order to estimate the impact. The need of more hearing experts was pointed out in order to fill knowledge gaps. Topics and questions to be discussed with hearing experts were identified. The WG will attend training on quantitative methodology for PRA on 21-22 November 2016. Finally, division of tasks and planning of the next meetings were agreed among WG members.

² <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/independencepolicy.pdf>

³ <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/independencerules2014.pdf>

⁴ <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/diaporthe.pdf>

6. Next meeting(s)

The next meeting (WEB) will be held on 26 October 2016.

Scientific Panel on Plant Health

Minutes of the 11th web-meeting of the Working Group on *Diaporthe vaccinii*

**Held on 26 October 2016
(Agreed on 03 November, 2016)**

Participants

Working Group Members:

Ariena Van Bruggen
Jonathan West
Wopke van der Werf

Hearing Experts¹:

Not Applicable

European Commission and/or Member States representatives:

Not Applicable

EFSA:

ALPHA Unit:
Ciro Gardi
Ioannis Koufakis
Olaf Mosbach-Schulz

Others:

Not Applicable

¹ As defined in Article 17 of the Decision of the Executive Director on the selection of external experts:
<http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/expertselection.pdf>.

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants.

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

3. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence and Scientific Decision-Making Processes² and the Decision of the Executive Director on Declarations of Interest³, EFSA screened the Annual Declaration of Interest and the Specific Declaration of Interest filled in by the working group members invited for the present meeting. No Conflicts of Interest related to the issues discussed in this meeting have been identified during the screening process or at the Oral Declaration of Interest at the beginning of this meeting.

4. Agreement of the minutes of the 10th Working Group meeting

The minutes of the tenth Working Group meeting held by web on 12 October 2016 were approved on the 19 October 2016.⁴

5. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

5.1 Discussion on the required data to perform the assessment and further actions of the WG

The WG discussed the progress of the questionnaire and the replies received so far. Then, the WG updated the data matrix with the data needed and newly collected data were presented and discussed. Moreover, the WG prepared the topics and the questions to be discussed with the invited hearing experts at the next (physical) WG meeting using the updated data matrix. The different pathways of the disease were discussed and redefined according to the state of the art. In addition, it was agreed to make an institutional request for trade data on Vaccinium plants to EUROSTAT. Finally, division of tasks and planning of the next meetings were agreed among WG members.

² <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/independencepolicy.pdf>

³ <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/independencerules2014.pdf>

⁴ <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/diaporthe.pdf>

6. Next meeting(s)

The next WG meeting (physical) will be held on 24-25 November 2016.

Scientific Panel on Plant Health

Minutes of the 12th meeting of the Working Group on *Diaporthe vaccinii*

**Held on 24-25 November 2016
(Agreed on 25 November, 2016)**

Participants

Working Group Members:

Ariena Van Bruggen
Jonathan West
Wopke van der Werf
Roel Potting

Hearing Experts¹:

Annemiek Schilder
Lorenzo Lombard
Gianluca Savini

European Commission and/or Member States representatives:

Not Applicable

EFSA:

ALPHA Unit:
Ciro Gardi
Ioannis Koufakis

Others:

Not Applicable

¹ As defined in Article 17 of the Decision of the Executive Director on the selection of external experts:
<http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/expertselection.pdf>.

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants.

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was modified with the following points added:

- Way of working
- Prioritization
- DMS organization
- Meeting dates

3. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members

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4. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

4.1 Discussion on the required data to perform the assessment and further actions of the WG

Prioritization of the activities and the organization of the way of work was proposed and agreed.

An update on the data collected and on the questionnaire for the stakeholder consultations was done.

The reorganization of Diaporthe WG folder in DMS was agreed.

Annemiek Schilder, Lorenzo Lombard and Gianluca Savini, as hearing experts, were requested to provide data and estimation of uncertainty on the base of the data matrix. WG members further discussed data and metadata, sources.

² <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/independencepolicy.pdf>

³ <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/independencerules2014.pdf>

Additional meeting dates were scheduled and division of tasks was agreed.

5. Next meeting(s)

The next WG meeting (web) will be held on 6 December 2016.

Scientific Panel on Plant Health

Minutes of the 13th web-meeting of the Working Group on *Diaporthe vaccinii*

**Held on 6 December 2016
(Agreed on 6 December 2016)**

Participants

Working Group Members:

Ariena Van Bruggen
Jonathan West
Roel Potting
Wopke van der Werf (1 hour)

Hearing Experts¹:

Not Applicable

European Commission and/or Member States representatives:

Not Applicable

EFSA:

ALPHA Unit:
Ciro Gardi
Ioannis Koufakis

Others:

Not Applicable

¹ As defined in Article 17 of the Decision of the Executive Director on the selection of external experts:
<http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/expertselection.pdf>.

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants.

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

3. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence and Scientific Decision-Making Processes² and the Decision of the Executive Director on Declarations of Interest³, EFSA screened the Annual Declaration of Interest and the Specific Declaration of Interest filled in by the working group members invited for the present meeting. No Conflicts of Interest related to the issues discussed in this meeting have been identified during the screening process or at the Oral Declaration of Interest at the beginning of this meeting.

4. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

4.1 Discussion on the required data to perform the assessment and further actions of the WG

The Chair, the experts and the EFSA staff updated the WG with the activities realized since the last meeting.

The experts worked then on individual tasks for the PRA drafting. Data from questionnaires were discussed and analyzed. Information from hearing experts was included in the provisional report.

5. Next meeting(s)

The next meeting (WEB) will be held on 12 January 2017.

² <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/independencepolicy.pdf>

³ <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/independencerules2014.pdf>

6. Minutes approval

The minutes of this meeting were orally approved by participants at the end of the meeting⁴.

⁴ <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/diaporthe.pdf>

Scientific Panel on Plant Health

Minutes of the 14th meeting of the Working Group on *Diaporthe vaccinii*

**Held on 12 January 2017
(Agreed on 12 January, 2017)**

Participants

Working Group Members:

Ariena Van Bruggen
Jonathan West
Wopke van der Werf
Roel Potting

Hearing Experts¹:

Not Applicable

European Commission and/or Member States representatives:

Not Applicable

EFSA:

ALPHA Unit:
Ciro Gardi
Ioannis Koufakis

Others:

Not Applicable

¹ As defined in Article 17 of the Decision of the Executive Director on the selection of external experts:
<http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/expertselection.pdf>.

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants.

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

3. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence and Scientific Decision-Making Processes² and the Decision of the Executive Director on Declarations of Interest³, EFSA screened the Annual Declaration of Interest and the Specific Declaration of Interest filled in by the working group members invited for the present meeting. No Conflicts of Interest related to the issues discussed in this meeting have been identified during the screening process or at the Oral Declaration of Interest at the beginning of this meeting.

4. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

4.1 Discussion on the required data to perform the assessment and further actions of the WG

Initially, the WG gave an update on the activities performed since the previous meeting. Then, the received survey data by some Member States and other collected data by the WG were discussed.

Furthermore, the WG members worked independently on assigned tasks and later a discussion on the work done took place.

Additional meeting dates were scheduled and division of tasks was agreed.

5. Next meeting(s)

The next WG meeting (web) will be held on 6 February 2016.

6. Agreement of the minutes of the 5th Working Group meeting

The minutes of this meeting were orally approved at the end of the meeting.⁴

² <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/independencepolicy.pdf>

³ <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/independencerules2014.pdf>

⁴ <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/diaporthe.pdf>

Scientific Panel on Plant Health

Minutes of the 15th meeting of the Working Group on *Diaporthe vaccinii*

Held on 24, 26, 27 January 2017

(Agreed on 30 January, 2017)

Participants

Working Group Members:

Ariena Van Bruggen
Jonathan West
Wopke van der Werf
Roel Potting

Hearing Experts¹:

Philip Harmon
Annemiek Schilder

European Commission and/or Member States representatives:

Not Applicable

EFSA:

ALPHA Unit:

Ciro Gardi

Ioannis Koufakis

AMU Unit:

Olaf Mosbach-Schulz

Others:

¹ As defined in Article 17 of the Decision of the Executive Director on the selection of external experts:
<http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/expertselection.pdf>.

Not Applicable

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants.

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted with some changes.

A new point agenda was added: New template for quantitative PRA.

3. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence and Scientific Decision-Making Processes² and the Decision of the Executive Director on Declarations of Interest³, EFSA screened the Annual Declaration of Interest and the Specific Declaration of Interest filled in by the working group members invited for the present meeting. No Conflicts of Interest related to the issues discussed in this meeting have been identified during the screening process or at the Oral Declaration of Interest at the beginning of this meeting.

4. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

4.1 Discussion on the required data to perform the assessment and further actions of the WG

Initially, the WG reviewed the new template of methodology for performing the pest risk assessment.

Then, updates on tasks and activities of the WG members were given. Moreover, a summary of the surveillance reports from EU member states was presented and the WG members reflected on that and decided next steps to be taken.

Furthermore, a presentation on the progress of the WG to be presented at the 65th PLH plenary meeting (25 January 2017) was reviewed by the WG.

Moreover, the WG discussed and estimated different parameters needed for the PRA with the hearing experts Philip Harmon and Annemiek Schilder.

² <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/independencepolicy.pdf>

³ <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/independencerules2014.pdf>

Additionally, on the 26th and 27th of January 2017 the WG progressed with the report write up and parameters estimation for the entry model.

5. Next meeting(s)

The next WG meeting (web) will be held on 2nd February 2016.

6. Agreement of the minutes of the 5rd Working Group meeting

The minutes of this meeting were orally approved at the end of the meeting.⁴

⁴ <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/diaporthe.pdf>

Scientific Panel on Plant Health

Minutes of the 16th meeting of the Working Group on *Diaporthe vaccinii*

Held on 02, 03, 07, 14, 17 February 2017

(Agreed on 27 February, 2017)

Participants

- **Working Group Members:**

Ariena Van Bruggen

Jonathan West

Wopke van der Werf

Roel Potting

- **Hearing Experts¹:**

Not applicable

- **European Commission and/or Member States representatives:**

Not Applicable

- **EFSA:**

ALPHA Unit:

Ciro Gardi

Ioannis Koufakis

- **Others:**

Not Applicable

¹ As defined in Article 17 of the Decision of the Executive Director on the selection of external experts: <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/expertselection.pdf>.

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants.

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

3. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members

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4. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

4.1 Discussion on data collection, report drafting and further actions of the working group

The working group (WG) discussed on the new data collected and tasks performed since the last meeting. New trade data of plants for planting from Netherlands, for the years 2012-2015, were received and analysed for estimating the import of plants for planting into the EU. In addition, information was obtained from several State Authorities in the USA (through the National Plant board) on export of planting material to the EU. Moreover, the WG received relevant information from the NPPO in Spain.

Then, discussion and estimations of parameters and uncertainties took place concerning the trade of plants for planting. Further information on the pathway of plants for planting were collected and discussed among the WG members. Moreover, the WG progressed with the drafting of the report including tables of the collected and used data in the opinion.

Finally, further actions to be completed until the next meeting were set.

5. Next meeting(s)

The next working group meeting will be held on 6th March 2017.

² <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/independencepolicy.pdf>

³ <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/independencerules2014.pdf>

6. Agreement of the minutes of the 16th Working Group meeting

The minutes of this meeting were approved on the 27th of February 2017.⁴

⁴ <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/diaporthe.pdf>

Scientific Panel on Plant Health

Minutes of the 17th meeting of the Working Group on *Diaporthe vaccinii*

Held on 6-8 March 2017, in Wageningen, NL
(Agreed on 8 March 2017)

Participants

Working Group Members:

Ariena Van Bruggen
Jonathan West
Wopke van der Werf
Roel Potting

Hearing Experts¹:

Not Applicable

European Commission and/or Member States representatives:

Not Applicable

EFSA:

ALPHA Unit:
Ciro Gardi

Others:

Not Applicable

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants.

¹ As defined in Article 17 of the Decision of the Executive Director on the selection of external experts:
<http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/expertselection.pdf>.

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

3. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members

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4. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

4.1 Discussion on the required data to perform the assessment and further actions of the WG

The WG discussed the entry and the spread conceptual models. The WG split into three sub-groups working at the following tasks:

- Parameter values estimates for entry via berries
- Parameter values estimate for entry via plants for planting
- Development and description of conceptual models for spread (human assisted spread, natural spread)

Furthermore, the WG members worked independently on assigned tasks and later a discussion on the work done took place.

Assignments of tasks to be completed before the next meeting were agreed.

5. Next meeting(s)

The next WG meeting (web) will be held on 21 March 2017.

² <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/independencepolicy.pdf>

³ <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/independencerules2014.pdf>

6. Agreement of the minutes of the 17th Working Group meeting

The minutes of this meeting were orally approved at the end of the meeting.⁴

⁴ <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/diaporthe.pdf>

Scientific Panel on Plant Health

Minutes of the 18th meeting of the Working Group on *Diaporthe vaccinii*

Held on 21 March 2017, Parma, IT

(Agreed on 21 March 2017)

Participants

Working Group Members:

Ariena Van Bruggen
Jonathan West
Wopke van der Werf

Hearing Experts¹:

Not Applicable

European Commission and/or Member States representatives:

Not Applicable

EFSA:

ALPHA Unit:
Ciro Gardi
Ioannis Koufakis

Others:

Not Applicable

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants. Apologies for absence were received from Roel Potting.

¹ As defined in Article 17 of the Decision of the Executive Director on the selection of external experts: <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/expertselection.pdf>.

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

3. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence and Scientific Decision-Making Processes² and the Decision of the Executive Director on Declarations of Interest³, EFSA screened the Annual Declaration of Interest and the Specific Declaration of Interest filled in by the working group members invited for the present meeting. No Conflicts of Interest related to the issues discussed in this meeting have been identified during the screening process or at the Oral Declaration of Interest at the beginning of this meeting.

4. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

4.1 Discussion on the required data to perform the assessment and further actions of the WG

The WG reviewed the presentation to be given at the 66th PLH Plenary meeting and the agreed changes were made.

The WG split into sub-groups working at the following tasks:

- Uncertainty
- The formal model diagram was made
- Parameter values estimates for entry via berries
- Parameter values estimate for entry via plants for planting
- Development and description of conceptual models for spread (human assisted spread, natural spread)

Furthermore, the WG members worked independently on assigned tasks and later a discussion on the work done took place.

Assignments of tasks to be completed before the next meeting were agreed.

² <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/independencepolicy.pdf>

³ <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/independencerules2014.pdf>

5. Next meeting(s)

The next WG meeting will be held on the 27th and 28th of March 2017.

6. Agreement of the minutes of the 18th Working Group meeting

The minutes of this meeting were orally approved at the end of the meeting.⁴

⁴ <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/diaporthe.pdf>

Scientific Panel on Plant Health

Minutes of the 19th meeting of the Working Group on *Diaporthe vaccinii*

Held on 27,28 & 30 March 2017, Parma, IT
(Agreed on 30 March 2017)

Participants

Working Group Members:

Ariena Van Bruggen
Jonathan West
Wopke van der Werf (by WEB)
Roel Potting

Hearing Experts¹:

Not Applicable

European Commission and/or Member States representatives:

Not Applicable

EFSA:

ALPHA Unit:
Ciro Gardi
Ioannis Koufakis
AMU Unit:
Olaf Mosbach-Schulz

Others:

Not Applicable

¹ As defined in Article 17 of the Decision of the Executive Director on the selection of external experts:
<http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/expertselection.pdf>.

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants. Apologies for absence for the 27 March 2017 were received from Roel Potting.

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

3. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence and Scientific Decision-Making Processes² and the Decision of the Executive Director on Declarations of Interest³, EFSA screened the Annual Declaration of Interest and the Specific Declaration of Interest filled in by the working group members invited for the present meeting. No Conflicts of Interest related to the issues discussed in this meeting have been identified during the screening process or at the Oral Declaration of Interest at the beginning of this meeting.

4. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

4.1 Discussion on the required data to perform the assessment and further actions of the WG

The WG worked on estimating the parameters of entry for berries and plants for planting trade and infection levels, including their uncertainties.

Additionally, the WG progressed on the conceptualisation of spread, linking to entry, establishment and impact. Furthermore, the Risk Reduction Options (RROs) were specified and estimated.

Discussion on the entry model took place among the WG with the support of AMU unit.

Assignments of tasks to be completed before the next meeting were agreed.

5. Next meeting(s)

The next WG meeting will be held on the 4th of April 2017.

² <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/independencepolicy.pdf>

³ <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/independencerules2014.pdf>

6. Agreement of the minutes of the 19th Working Group meeting

The minutes of this meeting were orally approved at the end of the meeting.⁴

⁴ <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/diaporthe.pdf>

Scientific Panel on Plant Health

Minutes of the 20th web-meeting of the Working Group on *Diaporthe vaccinii*

Held on 4, 5, 11 & 27 April 2017, Parma, IT
(Agreed on 2 May 2017)

Participants

Working Group Members:

Ariena Van Bruggen
Jonathan West
Wopke van der Werf
Roel Potting

Hearing Experts¹:

Not Applicable

European Commission and/or Member States representatives:

Not Applicable

EFSA:

ALPHA Unit:
Ciro Gardi
AMU Unit:
Olaf Mosbach-Schulz

Others:

Not Applicable

¹ As defined in Article 17 of the Decision of the Executive Director on the selection of external experts:
<http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/expertselection.pdf>.

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants.

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

3. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence and Scientific Decision-Making Processes² and the Decision of the Executive Director on Declarations of Interest³, EFSA screened the Annual Declaration of Interest and the Specific Declaration of Interest filled in by the working group members invited for the present meeting. No Conflicts of Interest related to the issues discussed in this meeting have been identified during the screening process or at the Oral Declaration of Interest at the beginning of this meeting.

4. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

4.1 Discussion on the required data to perform the assessment and further actions of the WG

The WG worked on the revision of the conceptual and formal model for establishment, spread and impacts and continue drafting the PRA text.

Assignments of tasks to be completed before the next meeting were agreed.

5. Next meeting(s)

The next WG meeting will be held on the 2nd of May 2017.

6. Agreement of the minutes of the 19th Working Group meeting

The minutes of this meeting were orally approved at the end of the meeting.⁴

² <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/independencepolicy.pdf>

³ <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/independencerules2014.pdf>

⁴ <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/diaporthe.pdf>