

Scientific Panel on Dietetic Products, Nutrition and Allergies

Minutes of the 67th Plenary meeting

1-3 July 2015, EFSA

(Agreed on 9 July 2015)

Participants

- **Panel Members:**

Jean-Louis Bresson, Tara Dean, Susan Fairweather-Tait¹, Marina Heinonen², Karen-Ildico Hirsch-Ernst, Inge Mangelsdorf, Harry McArdle, Androniki Naska, Monika Neuhäuser-Berthold, Grazyna Nowicka, Kristina Pentieva, Alfonso Siani, Anders Sjödin², Martin Stern, Daniel Tomé, Dominique Turck, Henk van Loveren and Marco Vinceti.

- **Hearing Experts³:**

- Not Applicable

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

- Alexandra Nikolakopoulou and Francesco Carlucci (DG SANTE)⁴

- **EFSA:**

- Nutrition Unit: Valeriu Curtui, Reinhard Ackerl, Anja Bronstrup, Janusz Ciok, Lucia Fabiani, Wolfgang Gelbmann, Leng Heng, Christos Stefanidis, Ruth Roldán Torres, Emanuela Turla and Silvia Valtueña Martínez.

- Simone Gabbi (Legal & Regulatory Affairs)⁵.

- **Observers:**

- Not Applicable

¹ Present for the inaugural meeting & induction training.

² Present for the inaugural meeting & induction training and present on 2 July.

³ As defined in Article 11 of the Decision of the Executive Director on Declarations of Interest:
<http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/independencerules2014.pdf>

⁴ Present for the item 6.

⁵ Present for the item 5.

JOIN INAUGURAL MEETING AND INDUCTION TRAINING: 1-2 JULY 2015

On 1 (pm)-2 (am) July, members of the Scientific committee and of four panels attended their Inaugural Meeting and Induction Training⁶: the Panel on Animal Health and Welfare (AHAW), the Panel on Contaminants in the Food Chain (CONTAM), the Panel on Dietetic Products, Nutrition and Allergies (NDA) and the Panel on Plant Health (PLH).

SESSION OF THE NDA PANEL ONLY: 2 (pm)-3 (am) July 2015

1. Welcome and Round table presentation of Panel Members and EFSA Nutrition Unit

The head of the Nutrition Unit, Valeriu Curtui, welcomed all participants to the first plenary meeting of the 5th mandate of the NDA Panel (2015-2018).

All Panel members and EFSA staff working in the Nutrition Unit presented themselves.

Valeriu Curtui chaired the meeting until the chair of the Panel was elected.

2. Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Barbara Burlingame, Susan Fairweather-Tait, Yolanda Sanz and Peter Willatts.

3. Adoption of the agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

4. Declarations of Interest

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence and Scientific Decision-Making Processes⁷ and the Decision of the Executive Director on Declarations of Interest⁸, EFSA screened the Annual Declarations of Interest and the Specific Declarations of Interest filled in by the Panel Members invited for the present meeting⁹. No conflicts of interests related to the issues discussed in this meeting were identified during the screening process or at the Oral Declaration of Interest at the beginning of this meeting.

5. Election of Panel chair and vice-chairs

The election of a chair person and two vice-chairs followed the procedure as laid down in the EFSA Management Board decision concerning the establishment and operation of the Scientific Committee, Scientific Panels and of their working groups¹⁰. Simone Gabbi (EFSA's Legal & Regulatory Affairs) explained the procedure and supervised the selection of the chair and vice-chairs.

Dominique Turck was elected as chair of the NDA Panel. Henk van Loveren and Androniki Naska were elected as vice-chairs.

The newly-elected chair then took over as Chair of the meeting.

⁶ <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/events/event/150701.htm>

⁷ <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/independencepolicy.pdf>

⁸ <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/independencerules2014.pdf>

⁹ No items related to scientific outputs were on the Agenda for discussion and/or possible adoption.

¹⁰ <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/paneloperation.pdf>

6. Introduction to work programme of NDA Panel and presentation of specific guidance/regulatory framework

The representative from the European Commission welcomed the new NDA Panel, and introduced the relevant regulatory framework applicable to the NDA Panel, highlighting some critical aspects and outlining the upcoming/possible future mandates.

Valeriu Curtui introduced to the NDA Panel the mission and the role of the Nutrition Unit and outlined the remit and duties of the NDA Panel.

The work programme of the NDA Panel for the next three years was highlighted. The framework, roles, activities and the portfolio of the working groups were described:

- Food allergies
- Dietary Reference Values
- Health claims
- Novel Foods
- Dietetic Products and Foods for Special Medical Purposes

7. Setting up of new Working Groups and/or confirmation of on-going Working Groups

The Panel confirmed the need for the following Standing Working Groups in order to assist the Panel in undertaking all necessary preparatory tasks in relation to draft scientific outputs falling under its remit, i.e.:

- Standing Working Group on Novel Foods;
- Standing Working Group on Claims;
- Standing Working Group on Dietary Reference Values (DRV) for vitamins;
- Standing Working Group on Dietary Reference Values (DRV) for minerals;

The Panel also re-confirmed the *ad-hoc* Working Group on Foods for Special Medical Purposes (FSMPs), which is in charge of drafting the “scientific and technical guidance for the assessment of products notified as foods for special medical purposes” in view of submitting the draft to the Panel for possible adoption by October 2015.

8. Appointment of Working Group chairs

The procedure for appointing chairs of WGs and selection of members of WGs will follow the Decision of the EFSA Management Board concerning the establishment and operation of the Scientific Committee, Scientific Panels and of their working groups¹¹ and the Decision of the Executive Director concerning the selection of members of the Scientific Committee, the Scientific Panels, and the selection of external experts to assist EFSA with its scientific work¹².

In consultation with the Nutrition Unit, the Panel chair proposed the nomination of the chairs for the following standing working groups (WG):

¹¹ <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/paneloperation.pdf>

¹² <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/it/keydocs/docs/expertselection.pdf>

- Alfonso Siani: WG on Claims;
- Henk van Loveren: WG on Novel Foods;
- Monika Neuhäuser-Berthold: WG on DRVs for vitamins;
- Androniki Naska: WG on DRVs for minerals;

The respective WG chairs accepted their nominations subject to further verification on compliance with EFSA's Independence policy and rules¹³.

Vice-chairs for all standing working groups still need to be appointed by the chair of the Panel in consultation with the Nutrition Unit once the composition of the working groups will be established.

Members were informed that it is the task of the newly appointed chair of a Standing Working Group in collaboration with the Nutrition Unit to select members of the Working Group following the above-mentioned procedure as laid down in the EFSA Executive Director Decision¹⁴. The composition of the working groups will be presented at the next Plenary meeting.

Dominique Turck will also continue as chair of the *ad-hoc* WG on FSMPs.

9. Meeting dates for 2015-2016

The following dates for Plenary meetings were scheduled:

- 23-25 September 2015 (start at 9am; finish by lunch time the last day);
- 28-30 October 2015 (start at 9am; finish by lunch time the last day);
- 9-11 December 2015 (start at 9am; finish by lunch time the last day);
- 1-3 February 2016 (start at 2pm; finish by 6pm the last day);
- 20-22 April 2016 (start at 9am; finish by lunch time the last day);
- 28-30 June 2016 (start at 9am; finish by lunch time the last day);
- 21-23 September 2016 (start at 9am; finish by lunch time the last day);
- 25-27 October 2016 (start at 9am; finish by lunch time the last day);
- 5-7 December 2016 (start at 2pm; finish by 6pm the last day)

The venues of the plenary meetings are Parma.

10. Any other business

There was no "any other business".

¹³ <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/independencerules2014.pdf>

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