

Assessment of the interests declared pursuant to Article 13(2) of the Rules of Procedure of the EFSA Management Board

The present note provides an assessment on whether the interests newly declared by Board members before their 70th meeting represent a potential conflict in accordance with EFSA's internal rules and Code of Conduct. Based on this assessment, the Board should reach a conclusion and where appropriate recommend a follow-up.

The following evaluation concerns newly declared interests. The advice takes into account the employment and activities of the member, his or her role in the Board and the responsibilities of the Board in view of the fact that, in terms of impact on EFSA's core business, it primarily looks at the regularity of the appointment and selection processes of EFSA's Scientific Committee or Panels and of EFSA's outsourcing programmes.

If an identified conflict that is substantially affecting the work of the Board or EFSA's reputation is not resolved by the proposed assessment, and a member of the Board is not fulfilling his or her obligations in relation to independence in such a manner that this is substantially affecting the work of the Board, the Board, acting on a two-thirds majority, may ask for his or her replacement¹.

Pieter Vanthemsche

DoI submission date: 25 June 2016

New declared interests:

- Member of the Advisory Board of "Urban Crops".
- Member of the Management Board of "3D Investments".
- End of position as member of the Board of Directors of the KBC Bank and Insurances.
- End of position as President of the Agricird – Alliance of Agri-Agencies.

Assessment: "Urban Crops" is a company specialised in agricultural technology for vertical farming. "3D Investments" is a company operating in the field of investments in the real estate market. With the Council decision adopted on 12 June 2014, Mr Vanthemsche was appointed as a member of the EFSA Management Board with background in organisations representing other interests in the food chain².

¹ Article 15 of the Rules of Procedure of the Management Board.

² Article 25(1) of the Regulation (EC) 178/2002 of the European Parliament and the Council.

It is unlikely that these interests may lead to a conflict of interest, but as a precautionary approach, it is suggested that the Board re-examines their relevance to assess whether specific conflicts may exist when it discusses EFSA's outsourcing programmes.

Didier Houssin

DoI submission date: 8 July 2016

New declared interests:

- Former Chair of the ANSES Management Board.
- Member of the Management Board of "AMREF Flying Doctors France" and "Fondation de recherche de la fédération hospitalière de France".
- Member of scientific advisory entities at the "Conseil National de l'Alimentation" (CNA), "Conseil National de Santé Publique Vétérinaire" (CNSVP), and World Health Organisation (WHO).
- Employment at the University Paris-Descartes. Past consultant to the WHO.
- Past occasional consultancy to the WHO for the preparation of a new law on public health in Morocco.

Assessment: Mr Houssin was appointed as a member of the EFSA Management Board with the Council decision adopted on 16 June 2016. He held the position of Chair of the ANSES Management Board until June 2016. ANSES is listed among the competent organisations designated by the Member States which may assist the Authority with its mission (Art. 36 of EFSA's Founding Regulation). CAN, CNSVP and WHO are organisations pursuing the public interest. It is unlikely that the interests described above may lead to a conflict of interest, but as a precautionary approach, it is suggested that the Board re-examines their relevance to assess whether specific conflicts may exist when it discusses EFSA's outsourcing programmes.

Aivars Bērziņš

DoI submission date: 12 July 2016

New declared interests:

- Director of the Latvian Institute of Food Safety, Animal Health and Environment (BIOR).
- Member of scientific advisory entities within the EU COST programme and the Latvian Council of Science.
- Former Latvian representative at the EFSA Advisory Forum (until June 2016).

- Research assistant and lecturer at the Latvia University of Agriculture, where Mr Bērziņš also seats in the Board of the Faculty of Veterinary Medicine.
- Past collaboration with the Latvian Ministry of Agriculture and the University of Helsinki.

Assessment: Mr Bērziņš was appointed as a member of the EFSA Management Board with the Council decision adopted on 16 June 2016. BIOR is listed among the competent organisations designated by the Member States which may assist the Authority with its mission (Art. 36 of EFSA's Founding Regulation). Since the positions of member of the EFSA Management Board and member of the EFSA Advisory Forum are incompatible (Art. 27(2) of EFSA's Founding Regulation), Mr Bērziņš resigned from the position of Latvian representative at the EFSA Advisory Forum in June 2016. It is unlikely that the interests described above may lead to a conflict of interest, but as a precautionary approach, it is suggested that the Board re-examines their relevance to assess whether specific conflicts may exist when it discusses EFSA's outsourcing programmes.

Zita Čeponytė

DoI submission date: 13 July 2016

New declared interest: Manager at the Lithuanian Consumer Institute (LVI).

Assessment: Ms Čeponytė was appointed as a member of the EFSA Management Board with the Council decision adopted on 16 June 2016 and she is among the members with a background in organisations representing consumers³. She holds a managerial position in an organisation pursuing public interests. The interest declared is not prejudicial to the independence of Ms Čeponytė.

Giuseppe Ruocco

DoI submission date: 15 July 2016

New declared interests:

- General Director of DG Hygiene, Food Safety and Nutrition at the Italian Ministry of Health.
- Member of the managerial body of ACCREDIA.

³ Art. 25(1) of Regulation (EC) No 178/2002 of the European Parliament and of the Council.

Assessment: Mr Ruocco was appointed as a member of the EFSA Management Board with the Council decision adopted on 16 June 2016. He holds a managerial position at the Italian Ministry of Health. ACCREDIA is the Italian institute of accreditation that, among others, certifies food inspection laboratories. The interests declared are not prejudicial to the independence of Mr Ruocco.

Andrej Simončič

DoI submission date: 23 August 2016

New declared interests:

- Director of the Agricultural Institute of Slovenia.
- Associate professor at the University of Maribor, the University of Primorska and the Environmental Protection College Velenje.
- Member of the Council for Higher Education of the Slovenian Ministry for Education, Science and Sports and the Council for Agriculture of the Slovenian Ministry for Agriculture, Food and Forestry.

Assessment: Mr Simončič holds a managerial position at the Agricultural Institute of Slovenia (IAS), a public research institution. IAS is listed among the competent organisations designated by the Member States which may assist the Authority with its mission (Art. 36 of EFSA's Founding Regulation). It is unlikely that the interests described above may lead to a conflict of interest, but as a precautionary approach, it is suggested that the Board re-examines their relevance to assess whether specific conflicts may exist when it discusses EFSA's outsourcing programmes.

Andras Szekacs

DoI submission date: 14 September 2016

New declared interest: End of research activity within the framework of a project financed by the EU 7th Framework Programme (SPICED).

Assessment: Despite the update with regards to the interest above, Mr Szekacs confirms the interests declared in 2015. The assessment carried out in October 2015 is hereby confirmed. It is unlikely that the declared interests may lead to conflicts of interest, but as a precautionary approach, it is suggested that the Board re-examines their relevance to assess whether specific conflicts may exist when it discusses EFSA's outsourcing programmes.

Raymond O'Rourke

DoI submission date: 22 September 2016

New declared interest: Nomination as alternate member of the European Consumer Consultative Group.

Assessment: The European Consumer Consultative Group (ECCG) is the Commission's main forum to consult national and European consumer organisations. ECCG constitutes a forum for general discussions on problems relating to consumer interests; gives an opinion on Community matters affecting the protection of consumer interests; advises and guides the Commission when it outlines policies and activities having an effect on consumers; informs the Commission of developments in consumer policy in the Member States; acts as a source of information and soundboard on Community action for the other national organisations. Ms O'Rourke was appointed by the Council as a member of the EFSA Management Board having a background in organisations representing consumers. The interest declared is not prejudicial to the independence of Mr O'Rourke.

Annex:

- DoI Pieter Vanthemsche
- DoI Didier Houssin
- DoI Aivars Bērziņš
- DoI Zita Čeponytė
- DoI Giuseppe Ruocco
- DoI Andrej Simončič
- DoI Andras Szekacs
- DoI Raymond O'Rourke

ANNUAL DECLARATION OF INTERESTS (ADoI)

(Please note that high quality of scientific expertise is by nature based on prior experience and that therefore having an interest does not necessarily mean having a conflict of interest)

Name: VANTHEMSCHE, Piet

Title: Dr.

Profession: Self employed

Current EFSA involvements: Member-Management Board (MB)

Nature of Activities	Period	Organisation	Subject matter
I. Economic interest			NO INTEREST
II. Member of a managing entity or equivalent structure	05/2016 - now	-Name: Urban Crops, Waregem, BELGIUM	Member of the Advisory Board Urban Crops creates fully automated vertical farming systems using LED lighting that are both efficient and effective under any given climate conditions.
	03/2016 - now	-Name: Zonnestraal vzw (Zonnestraal), Sunbeam (non-profit association), Sint-Kwintens-Lennik, BELGIUM	Subject matter: Is a social profit organization that offers assistance to persons with a handicap. Frequency: attending the meetings of the Board of Directors.

	03/2016 - now	-Name: CAPRICORN nv (Capricorn), Capricorn, Leuven, BELGIUM	Subject matter: Capricorn sustainable chemistry fund is a technology focused venture fund for next generation feedstock, chemicals & materials. Member of the Advisory Board Attendance: a few meetings a year
	03/2016 - now	-Name: 3D Investments, Zwijnaarde, BELGIUM	Member of the Management Board 3D aims to create value by long-term investments in companies with a good track record and growth potential and by developing unique real estate projects.
	01/2016 - now	-Name: Yellow White Cross of Flanders (WGK), Brussels, BELGIUM	- Chairman of the Board of Directors - The Yellow White Cross is a social profit organization offering home nursing services. The organization is active in the Flanders region and covers 150.000 patients a year. - Frequency: two days a week
	01/2016 - now	-Name: Imelda Hospital, Bonheiden, BELGIUM	- Member of the Board of Directors - General hospital - Six meetings a year (6 days)
	12/2015 - now	-Name: The Flemish Fish Auction (VLV), Zeebrugge - Oostende, BELGIUM	- Chairman of the Board of Directors - The Flemish fish auction, a private company, operates two auctions localized in the 2 Flemish fishingports of Zeebrugge and Ostend. It brings together the supply and demand of fresh wild fish in order to obtain the best price for producers and buyers. - Six meetings a year (6 days)
	03/2013 - now	-Name: University of Leuven	Member of the Board of Trustees of the KU Leuven
	11/2010 - now	-Name: EFSA	Member of the Management Board Chair of the Audit Committee
	03/2011 - 05/2016	-Name: KBC Bank and Insurances	Board of Directors
	04/2010 - 05/2016	-Name: KBC Group	Board of Directors - Banking
	10/2014 - 11/2015	-Name: World Farmers' Organisation, Organisation Mondiale de l'Agriculture, Rome, ITALY	Vice-president
	10/2008 - 11/2015	-Name: SALV - Strategische Adviesraad voor Landbouw en Visserij	Strategic Advisory Board for Agriculture and Fishery

	03/2008 - 11/2015	-Name: MRBB Holding - Agri Investment Fund	Holding Company: Acerta cvba - Holding of the Acerta Group (Social Services Group); A.I.F. cvba - Holding for investments in the agro-food sector; Aktiefinvest cvba - Real estate; Aveve nv - Supply agriculture and horticulture / commercialization of agricultural produce; SBB Bedrijfsdiensten cvba - Accountants, tax consultants, environmental advice, legal advice; KBC Groep nv - Financial group; Arda Immo nv - Real estate; Kortrijk Xpo cvba - Organization of fairs; Incofin cvso - Investment in financially sustainable microfinance institutions in developing countries; Rural Impulse Microfinance Investment Fund nv - Investment in financially sustainable microfinance institutions in developing countries; Covalis nv - Meat processing; Better3Fruit nv - Development of new fruit varieties; Gimv - Agri+ Investment Fund nv - Investment fund for innovative companies in the agrosector and related sectors in the Benelux and neighbouring countries; Iscal Sugar nv - Production of sugar out of beets; Capricorn Cleantech Fund nv - Investment fund in clean tech - GreenYard Foods: producer of frozen vegetables, convenience food and canned vegetables
	01/2012 - 04/2015	-Name: Belgian Pharmacist Association	Member of the Management Board. Professional development and defense of professional interests of community pharmacists. -
	03/2013 - 10/2014	-Name: World Farmers' Organisation	European representative in the WFO Board
	12/2005 - 03/2014	-Name: King Baudouin Foundation	Independant and pluralistic foundation that pursues ways to bring about justice, democracy and respect for diversity.
III. Member of a scientific advisory entity			NO INTEREST
IV. Employment	03/2007 - 11/2015	-Name: Boerenbond en Landelijke Gilden	President Belgian Farmers' Union and Rural Guilds
	07/2006 - 04/2007	-Name: Belgian Medicines Agency - FAGG	Managing Director
	07/2002 - 07/2006	-Name: Belgian Food Safety Agency - FAVV	Managing Director
V. Occasional consultancy			NO INTEREST
VI. Research funding			NO INTEREST
VII. Intellectual property rights			NO INTEREST
VIII. Other memberships or affiliations	10/2012 - now	-Name: Veterinary Medicines Authority	The Veterinary Medicines Authority is committed to the responsible use of antimicrobial agents in livestock farming in the Netherlands,taking into account the interest of public health and the safeguarding of animal welfare.
IX. Other relevant interest	05/2013 - now	-Name: KU Leuven, BELGIUM, Leuven	Member of the Board of Trustees
	10/2010 - now	-Name: KU Leuven, BELGIUM, Leuven	Guest Professor Centre for Food and Microbial Technology: Food Law
	09/2007 - now	-Name: Ghent University - Faculty of Veterinary Medicine, BELGIUM, Merelbeke	Guest Professor - Department of Obstetrics, reproduction and herd health
	06/2010 - 05/2016	-Name: Agricord - Alliance of Agri-Agencies	President
	03/2008 - 11/2015	-Name: COPA - European Farmers' Union	Member of the Praesidium

X. Interests of close family members			NO INTEREST
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Involvements	Potential CoI (*)	Funding (**)
Management Board	No	-

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Date: 25/06/2016 Signature: **SIGNED**

ANNUAL DECLARATION OF INTERESTS (ADoI)

(Please note that high quality of scientific expertise is by nature based on prior experience and that therefore having an interest does not necessarily mean having a conflict of interest)

Name: HOUSSIN, Didier

Title: Prof.

Profession: Professor of university in surgery

Current EFSA involvements: Invited -Management Board (MB)

Nature of Activities	Period	Organisation	Subject matter
I. Economic interest			NO INTEREST
II. Member of a managing entity or equivalent structure	11/2013 - 06/2016	-Name: ANSES, Agence nationale de sécurité sanitaire de l'alimentation, de l'environnement et du travail, FRANCE, Maisons-Alfort	Chair of the management board of the ANSES which is the French Agency in charge of food safety
III. Member of a scientific advisory entity	02/2016 - now	-Name: CONSEIL NATIONAL DE L'ALIMENTATION (CNA), PARIS, FRANCE	CHAIR OF THE WORKING GROUP INSTALLED TO DRAW, AFTER ABOUT 20 YEARS, LESSONS FROM THE 1996 BOVINE SPONGIFORM ENCEPHALOPATHY CRISIS IN FRANCE. THIS GROUP IS MULTISTAKEHOLDERS. IN 2017 IT WILL PRODUCE A REPORT WHICH WILL CONTAIN RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE GOVERNMENT (MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE°

	05/2015 - now	-Name: CONSEIL NATIONAL DE SANTE PUBLIQUE VETERINAIRE (CNSVP), PARIS, FRANCE	MEMBER OF THE RECENTLY CREATED (2015) CNSVP, WHICH IS A MULTISTAKEHOLDER SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE, THE TASK OF WHICH IS TO MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE GOVERNMENT (MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE) IN THE FIELD OF ANIMAL PUBLIC HEALTH
	11/2011 - now	-Name: WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION (OMS), WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION, GENEVA, SWITZERLAND	Chair (2011-2014), then member (since 2014), of the Pandemic influenza preparedness framework advisory group Chair (2013-2016) of the technical expert working group about the use of gene sequence data in the context of the Pandemic influenza preparedness framework agreement Chair (2015-2016) of the review committee on the role of the International health regulations (IHR) in the Ebola outbreak and response Member (since 2015) of the technical advisory committee for the strategy of the Eastern Mediterranean WHO Regional Office (EMRO) (Cairo) Member (since 2015) of the expert group of the Eastern Mediterranean WHO Regional Office about the implementation of the IHR core capacities in the countries of the WHO EMRO Region (Cairo) Member (2014-2016) of the Eastern Mediterranean WHO Region expert group to assess the essential public health functions of Morocco Member (2015) of the Eastern Mediterranean WHO Region expert group about the health strategy of Tunisia
IV. Employment	09/2015 - now	-Name: UNIVERSITY PARIS-DESCARTES AND GREATER PARIS UNIVERSITY HOSPITALS, UNIVERSITE PARIS-DESCARTES ET ASSISTANCE PUBLIQUE-HOPITAUX DE PARIS, PARIS, FRANCE	Professor of surgery at University Paris-Descartes and medical advisor at the international Affairs Department of the Greater Paris University Hospitals CEO (2011-2015) of the French Agency (AERES)(now High Council (HCERES)) for the evaluation of research and higher education. This institution evaluates the French research units and higher education programs in all scientific domains, as well as the French higher education and research institutions (Universities, high schools) and research organizations (like CNRS or INRA). It conducts also evaluations abroad on request of foreign countries or institutions. It is not a funding entity, but the results of the evaluation made by AERES (now HCERES) are used by third parties (Ministries, universities, research organisms) to fund their research institutions or activities. Director general for health and interministerial delegate for pandemic influenza preparedness (2005-2011)
V. Occasional consultancy	02/2016 - 03/2016	-Name: WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION EASTERN MEDITERRANEAN REGIONAL OFFICE (WHO EMRO), CAIRO, EGYPT	OCCASIONAL CONSULTANCY FOR THE PREPARATION OF A NEW PUBLIC HEALTH LAW IN MOROCCO
VI. Research funding			NO INTEREST
VII. Intellectual property rights			NO INTEREST
VIII. Other memberships or affiliations	06/2016 - now	-Name: AMREF FLYING DOCTORS FRANCE	MEMBER OF THE MANAGEMENT BOARD OF AMREF FLYING DOCTORS FRANCE, WHICH IS A NON GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATION THE PURPOSE OF WHICH IS TO HELP IMPROVING PUBLIC HEALTH IN AFRICA, PARTICULARLY WITH REGARD TO THE HEALTH OF WOMEN AND CHILDREN

	11/2014 - now	-Name: FONDATION DE RECHERCHE DE LA FEDERATION HOSPITALIERE DE FRANCE	MEMBER OF THE MANAGEMENT BOARD OF THE RESEARCH FOUNDATION OF THE HOSPITAL FEDERATION OF FRANCE. THE HOSPITAL FEDERATION OF FRANCE IS AN INTER-HOSPITAL INSTITUTION DEDICATED TO THE SUPPORT OF PUBLIC HOSPITALS. ITS RESEARCH FOUNDATION IS PROVIDING FINANCIAL SUPPORT TO RESEARCH PROJECTS LINKED TO THE IMPROVEMENT OF PUBLIC HOSPITALS ACTIVITIES.
IX. Other relevant interest			NO INTEREST
X. Interests of close family members			NO INTEREST

Involvements	Potential CoI (*)	Funding (**)
Management Board	No	-

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Date: 06/07/2016 **Signature:** SIGNED

ANNUAL DECLARATION OF INTERESTS (ADoI)

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Name: BERZINS, Aivars

Title: Dr.

Profession: Director

Current EFSA involvements: Invited -Management Board (MB)

Nature of Activities	Period	Organisation	Subject matter
I. Economic interest			NO INTEREST
II. Member of a managing entity or equivalent structure	08/2003 - now	-Name: FVM, Latvia University of Agriculture - Faculty of Veterinary Medicine, LATVIA, Jelgava	Member of Faculty Board (advisory, decision making at the Faculty level) Member of University Convent (advisory, decision making at the University level) Part time employment
III. Member of a scientific advisory entity	09/2012 - now	-Name: EU COST program	Food and Agriculture Domain expert (evaluation/ peer-review of submitted research coordination projects).
	11/2011 - now	-Name: Latvian Council of Science	Expert in Veterinary and Food Sciences Involvement in project evaluations No any scientific advice to Government is delivered
	01/2013 - 06/2016	-Name: EFSA, European Food Safety Authority, Italy, Parma	EFSA Advisory Forum Member (Latvia)

IV. Employment	06/2013 - now	-Name: BIOR, Institute of Food Safety, Animal Health and Environment, LATVIA, Riga	Director
	09/2000 - now	-Name: FVM, Latvia University of Agriculture - Faculty of Veterinary Medicine, LATVIA, Jelgava	Research assistant- Lecturer- Assistant Professor (Docent)- Associate Professor, Professor Training of veterinary students, supervisor of PhD students
	01/2010 - 05/2013	-Name: BIOR, Institute of Food Safety, Animal Health and Environment, LATVIA, Riga	Director of Department of Research and Development Coordination and management of R&D activities (part time, from 2011 full time)
	01/2009 - 10/2010	-Name: University of Helsinki, Faculty of Veterinary Medicine, FINLAND, Helsinki	Researcher, University Instructor (Lecturer)
	04/2006 - 12/2008	-Name: Ministry of Agriculture, Latvia	Deputy State Secretary responsible for food control and veterinary matters Management of Food and Veterinary sector and policy making in the relevant fields
V. Occasional consultancy			NO INTEREST
VI. Research funding			NO INTEREST
VII. Intellectual property rights			NO INTEREST
VIII. Other memberships or affiliations			NO INTEREST
IX. Other relevant interest			NO INTEREST
X. Interests of close family members			NO INTEREST

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Management Board	No	-

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ANNUAL DECLARATION OF INTERESTS (ADoI)

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Name: CEPONYTE, Zita

Title: Ms., Dr.

Profession: Lawyer

Current EFSA involvements: Invited -Management Board (MB)

Nature of Activities	Period	Organisation	Subject matter
I. Economic interest			NO INTEREST
II. Member of a managing entity or equivalent structure			NO INTEREST
III. Member of a scientific advisory entity			NO INTEREST
IV. Employment	01/2000 - now	-Name: Lithuanian Consumer Institute (LVI), Lithuanian Consumer Institute, Vilnius, LITHUANIA	Management of organization, researches, communication with society
V. Occasional consultancy			NO INTEREST
VI. Research funding			NO INTEREST
VII. Intellectual property rights			NO INTEREST

VIII. Other memberships or affiliations			NO INTEREST
IX. Other relevant interest			NO INTEREST
X. Interests of close family members			NO INTEREST

Involvements	Potential CoI (*)	Funding (**)
Management Board	No	-

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ANNUAL DECLARATION OF INTERESTS (ADoI)

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Name: RUOCCO, Giuseppe

Title: Dr.

Profession: MD

Current EFSA involvements: Invited -Management Board (MB)

Nature of Activities	Period	Organisation	Subject matter
I. Economic interest			NO INTEREST
II. Member of a managing entity or equivalent structure	01/2015 - now	-Name: ACCREDIA, ACCREDIA, Rome, ITALY	National Accreditation Body
III. Member of a scientific advisory entity			NO INTEREST
IV. Employment	01/1984 - now	-Name: MINISTRY OF HEALTH (MINSAL), MINISTERO DELLA SALUTE, ROME, ITALY	Public Health
V. Occasional consultancy			NO INTEREST
VI. Research funding			NO INTEREST
VII. Intellectual property rights			NO INTEREST
VIII. Other memberships or affiliations			NO INTEREST

IX. Other relevant interest			NO INTEREST
X. Interests of close family members			NO INTEREST

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Management Board	No	-

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ANNUAL DECLARATION OF INTERESTS (ADoI)

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Name: SIMONCIC, Andrej

Title: Doctor

Profession: Head of the Agricultural Institute of Slovenia

Current EFSA involvements: Invited -Management Board (MB)

Nature of Activities	Period	Organisation	Subject matter
I. Economic interest			NO INTEREST
II. Member of a managing entity or equivalent structure	10/2003 - now	-Name: Agricultural Institute of Slovenia, SLOVENIA, Ljubljana	Dr. Andrej Simoni is researcher and the Head of the Agricultural Institute of Slovenia. His work consists of managing, scientific and expert work in the field of plant health, pesticides and environment protection, advisory service, professional help to the Ministry of Agriculture and Environment and education.
III. Member of a scientific advisory entity			NO INTEREST
IV. Employment	10/2003 - now	-Name: Agricultural Institute of Slovenia, SLOVENIA, Ljubljana	Dr. Andrej Simoni is researcher and the Head of the Agricultural Institute of Slovenia. His work consists of managing, scientific and expert work in the field of plant health, pesticides and environment protection, advisory service, professional help to the Ministry of Agriculture and Environment and education.
V. Occasional consultancy			NO INTEREST

VI. Research funding			NO INTEREST
VII. Intellectual property rights			NO INTEREST
VIII. Other memberships or affiliations	03/2010 - now	-Name: Slovenian Ministry for Education, Science and Sport	Member to the Council for Higher Education of the Slovenian Ministry for Education, Science and Sport.
	02/2010 - now	-Name: Slovenian Ministry for Agriculture, Food and Forestry	Member to the Council for Agriculture of the Slovenian Ministry for Agriculture, Food and Forestry.
	10/2003 - now	-Name: University of Maribor - Faculty of Agriculture and Life Science	Assoc. Prof. for Plant Protection and Ecology of Pesticides at University of Maribor - Faculty of Agriculture and Life Science
	10/2003 - now	-Name: Environmental Protection College Velenje	Assoc. Prof. for Agriculture and Ecology at Environmental Protection College Velenje.
	10/2003 - now	-Name: University of Primorska - Faculty of Mathematics, Natural Sciences and Information Technologies	Assoc. Prof. for Plant Protection at University of Primorska - Faculty of Mathematics, Natural Sciences and Information Technologies, Koper
	01/1990 - now	-Name: European Weed Research Society (EWRS)	Member and Secretary General (January 2008 until December 2015) of the European Weed Research Society (EWRS). Member to the National Pesticide Registration Commission from 1998 until 2013. Member to the Council for Agriculture of the Slovenian Ministry for Agriculture, Food and Forestry from 2010 on and Member to the Council for Higher Education of the Slovenian Ministry for Education, Science and Sport from 2010 on.
IX. Other relevant interest			NO INTEREST
X. Interests of close family members			NO INTEREST

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Management Board	No	-

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ANNUAL DECLARATION OF INTERESTS (ADoI)

(Please note that high quality of scientific expertise is by nature based on prior experience and that therefore having an interest does not necessarily mean having a conflict of interest)

Name: SZEKACS, Andras

Title: Prof

Profession: Specialist in pesticide chemistry and biochemistry

Current EFSA involvements: Member-Management Board (MB)

Nature of Activities	Period	Organisation	Subject matter
I. Economic interest			NO INTEREST
II. Member of a managing entity or equivalent structure			NO INTEREST
III. Member of a scientific advisory entity	02/2013 - now	-Name: Gene Technology Advisory Committee (GEVB), Budapest, HUNGARY	<p>The Committee advises the Hungarian Gene Technology Authority (Ministry of Agriculture) on issues related to authorization of the use of genetically modified organisms and facilities involved in such activities in Hungary, in accordance with the current Hungarian legislation. The Committee is not a decision making body, and does not examine or discuss GM variety documentation. Participation appointed by the Minister of Agriculture is voluntary.</p> <p>Meetings are scheduled monthly. Opinions of the Committee are reached by voting in sub-committees.</p>

	03/2012 - now	-Name: Hungarian Codex Alimentarius Committee, Budapest, HUNGARY	<p>The The Committee advises the Minister and State Secretaries of Agriculture on issues related to food safety and registration of food products and components. The Committe is not a decision making body, and does not examine or discuss manufacturer documentation. Participation appointed by the Minister of Agriculture by law is voluntary and non-honorary.</p> <p>Meetings are scheduled according to the needs of the Ministry. I am a Member in the Committee on behalf of the Hungarian National Agricultural Research and Innovation Centre. In such capacity, I cover issues related to food analysis, biochemical, environmental and ecotoxicological scientific aspects of food components.</p>
	11/2011 - now	-Name: Expert Committee of the National Association for Consumer Protection in Hungary, Budapest, HUNGARY	<p>The Committee advises the National Association for Consumer Protection in Hungary on issues related consumer concerns in food safety. Participation is voluntary and non-honorary.</p> <p>Meetings are scheduled case by case. I am a Member as an independent expert in the Committee. In such capacity, I cover issues of consumer protection related to food analysis, biochemical, environmental and ecotoxicological scientific aspects of food components.</p>
	09/2011 - now	-Name: Plant Protection Committee, Hungarian Ministry of Agriculture	<p>The Committee advises the Minister and State Secretaries of Agriculture on issues related to the national plant protection strategy and policies, pesticide registration, integrated pest management (IPM), pesticides complying with IPM, national authorization guidelines for pesticide preparations, as well as technological, scientific and legislative issues related to plant protection practices. The Committee is not a decision making body, and does not examine or discuss manufacturer documentation. Participation appointed by the Minister of Agriculture by law is voluntary and non-honorary.</p> <p>Meetings are scheduled according to the needs of the Ministry. I am a Member in the Committee on behalf of the Hungarian National Agricultural Research and Innovation Centre. In such capacity, I cover analytical, biochemical, environmental and ecotoxicological scientific aspects of pesticides.</p>
	09/2010 - now	-Name: GMO Working Group, Hungarian Ministry of Agriculture	<p>The GMO Working Group advises the Minister and State Secretaries of Agriculture in issues related to authorization / moratorium / risk assessment of GM crops in Hungary, in accordance with the current European Union legislation. The Committe is not a decision making body, and does not examine or discuss GM variety documentation. Participation appointed by the Minister of Agriculture is voluntary and non-honorary.</p> <p>Meetings are scheduled according to the needs of the Ministry. Opinions of the Working Groups are reached by voting by its certain (voting) members. I am a non-voting Member (Expert) in the GM Working Group, selected as an independent researcher of the National Agricultural Research and Innovation Centre. In such capacity, I cover analytical, biochemical, environmental and ecotoxicological scientific aspects of GM crops.</p>

	07/2006 - now	-Name: Scientific Committee on Pesticides, Hungarian Food Safety Office	<p>The committee advises the Hungarian Food Safety Office on issues related to pesticide residues in food. Issues covered include the occurrence of food/feed/water contamination with pesticides, statistical requirements (number of analyses required, rate and range of outliers allowed in order to meet maximal residue level criteria). The Committee is not a decision making body, and does not examine or discuss manufacturer documentation. Participation is voluntary and non-honorary.</p> <p>The committee holds regular meetings or E-mail discussions at occasions and on topics requested the Hungarian Food Safety Office. I am a Member in the Committee, selected as an independent researcher of the National Agricultural Research and Innovation Centre. In such capacity, I cover analytical, biochemical, environmental and ecotoxicological scientific aspects of pesticides.</p>
	05/2006 - now	-Name: Scientific Committee on GMOs, Hungarian Food Safety Office	<p>The committee advises the Hungarian Food Safety Office on issues related to GM crops in food safety. Issues covered include the elucidation of the allowed 0.1% GM contamination limit, statistical issues related to GM determination (copy numbers of transgenes, methodological limits of detection, etc.). The Committee is not a decision making body, and does not examine or discuss GM crop documentation. Participation is voluntary and non-honorary.</p> <p>The committee holds regular meetings or E-mail discussions at occasions and on topics requested the Hungarian Food Safety Office. I am a Member in the committee, selected as an independent researcher of the National Agricultural Research and Innovation Centre. In such capacity, I cover analytical, biochemical, environmental and ecotoxicological scientific aspects of GM crops.</p>
	09/2005 - now	-Name: GMO Roundtable, Budapest, HUNGARY	<p>The GMO Roundtable advises the Agricultural Committee and the Committee on Sustainable Development of the Hungarian Parliament on issues related to authorization / moratorium / risk assessment of GM crops. The Committee is not a decision making body, and does not examine or discuss GM variety documentation. Participation is voluntary and non-honorary.</p> <p>Meetings are scheduled case by case. I am a Founding Member of the GMO Roundtable, and serves as its Chair (2009-2013).</p>
	10/2004 - 12/2010	-Name: Pesticide Registration Harmonization Committee, Hungarian Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development	<p>The Committee advised the Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development on issues related to chemical plant protection (pesticides) and partly to agricultural biotechnology (GM crops). Issues covered included the definition of the range of pesticides entitled to receive environmental subsidy (to the farmers), high education of plant protection products experts in Hungary, compliance of pesticides and GM crops with integrated pest management practices, compliance with EU pesticide regulations. The Committee was not a decision making body, and did not have authorization to examine or discuss manufacturer documentation. Participation was voluntary and non-honorary.</p> <p>I was a Member in the Committee, selected as an independent researcher of the Hungarian Academy of Sciences. In such capacity, I covered analytical, biochemical and ecotoxicological scientific aspects of pesticides.</p>

IV. Employment	11/2011 - now	<p>-Name: Agro-Environmantal Research Institute (AERI), National Agricultural Research and Innovation Centre (NARIC), Budapest, HUNGARY</p>	<p>- Director-General of CFRI (name of institute changed to Central Environmental and Food Science Research Institute in 2012). - As of Jan 1, 2014, CFRI was merged with other research institutes of the Hungarian Ministry of Agriculture into legal successor National Agricultural Research and Innovation Centre (NARIC). Within NARIC, Director of the Agro-Environmantal Research Institute (AERI). - Head of the Extension Department of Ecotoxicology of Szent István University operating at the Institute (the Extension Department Head position does not involve employment by the university,it is being served as a full-time NARIC employee).</p> <p>Research topics (AERI NARIC): research on environmental and food safety; chemical and genetic safety of agricultural technologies; residue analysis and ecotoxicology of pesticides and mycotoxin, environmental risks of GM crops.</p> <p>Disclaimer of involvement in official pesticide registration issues: the National Agricultural Research and Innovation Centre (NARIC) is not involved in decision-making regarding registration of any particular pesticide or GM crop. Scientific opinion on pesticide or GM crop issues may be requested on a voluntary and non-honorary basis, but decision-making is the competency of the national authority (National Food Safety Office of the Hungarian Government). In particular - NARIC has no rights/ownership on any published RA guidance, methodology, software and/or computational model used in regulatory processes of PPPs, - NARIC is not involved in the authority regulatory assessment process of pesticides, and - NARIC has no official capacity of Risk Management (authorisation of PPPs, MRL setting, control activities). Pesticide and GMO monitoring carried out at NARIC serve fundamental aspects in environmental science, and does not constitute part of any official regulatory process.</p>
V. Occasional consultancy	09/2001 - now	<p>-Name: Ministry of Agriculture, Hungary</p>	<p>In certain occasions, delegated environmental expert of the Ministry (earlier Ministry of Rural Development and its predecessor Ministry of the Environment and Water). Participation is voluntary and non-honorary.</p> <p>In this competency, the Ministry has occasionally delegated me, selected as an independent researcher of the Hungarian Academy of Sciences or later the National Agricultural Research and Innovation Centre, to: - EFSA discussion meetings at Parma and Brussels (re-registration of MON 810, discussion of EFSA ERA guidelines on GMOs) - the Open ended Expert Group on Risk Assessment and Risk Managment of LMOs (GMOs) to the Cartagena Biosafety Protocol - OECD Co-operative Research Programme (CRP) Governing Body, delegate (04/2011 - now); Scientific Advisory Body, member (12/2014 – now) My participation at these events have been advisory and did not include formal membership in Standing Committees.</p>
VI. Research funding	02/2015 - now	<p>-Name: NATO</p>	<p>Science for Peace and Security project 'Development of optical bio-sensors for detection of bio-toxins', international collaboration (Hungary, UK, France, Ukraine, Israel) Role: coordinator</p>

	09/2013 - now	-Name: Hungarian Scientific Research Fund	- Research on side-effects of pesticide adjuvants and detergents, their possible combined toxicological and ecotoxicological effects with pesticide active ingredients Role: principal investigator
	01/2004 - now	-Name: Hungarian Ministry of Agriculture	Annual budgets for research on environmental risk identification/assessment of GM crops. Role in the projects: Subcoordinator for Cry1Ab toxin analysis in GM crop (MON 810 maize)
	07/2013 - 06/2016	-Name: FP7 project 'SPICED' (Coordinated by BfR, Germany)	- Research on environmental and food safety in spice production and distribution in Europe within FP7 project 'Securing the spices and herbs commodity chains in Europe against deliberate, accidental or natural biological and chemical contamination (SPICED)' Role: principal investigator
	05/2005 - 04/2011	-Name: Hungarian National Research and Technology Office	- Research projects on pesticide analysis and bioanalysis, immunoassay development for pesticides, mycotoxins, microbial toxins (Cry1Ab), immunosensor development Role: principal investigator - Research projects on pesticide contamination in various modes of agriculture including intensive and ecological (organic) agriculture Role: participant, subcoordinator - Research projects on agricultural biotechnology, environmental assessment of GM crops MON 810 and DAS 59122-7 (the latter followed by a study for Pioneer Hi-Bred, Inc., see at bottom *) Role: participant, subcoordinator - Projects on endocrine disrupting effect monitoring/endocrine disruptor detection Role: principal investigator - Projects on environmentally friendly mosquito control, use/analysis of <i>Bacillus thuringiensis</i> toxins. Role: participant * as a follow-up Pioneer Hi-Bred, Inc. has entered a research collaboration (2009-2011) with our institute (PPI) to carry out insect exposure studies on DAS 59122-7. The Lead Researcher at PPI was Prof. Balázs Barna. As Head of Department, I was a participant.
	01/2008 - 12/2009	-Name: NATO	Collaborative Linkage Grant development of immunosensors for toxins international collaboration (UK, Italy, Czech Republic, Hungary) Role: subcoordinator
VII. Intellectual property rights			NO INTEREST
VIII. Other memberships or affiliations	06/2011 - now	-Name: Hungarian Society of Ecotoxicology	- Member - Member of the Control Committee - Editor-in-Chief of Biokontroll since 2010
	09/2009 - now	-Name: European Network of Scientists for Social and Environmental Responsibility	Critical assessment of emerging technologies Member and Non-Executive Trustee
	09/1990 - now	-Name: Hungarian Biochemical Society	- Member - Secretary of Environmental Biochemistry Division since 1992 - Editor of Biokémia (Quarterly Bulletin of the Hungarian Biochemical Society) since 1995; Editor-in-Chief 1998-2008
IX. Other relevant interest			NO INTEREST
X. Interests of close family members			NO INTEREST

Involvements	Potential CoI (*)	Funding (**)
Management Board	No	No

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(**) - Indicates that the research (co-)funding received from the private sector during the last budgetary year exceeds 25% of the average annual research budget that is managed by you for the area under concern or that is otherwise benefiting you, including research funding by your organisation.

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Date: 13/09/2016 Signature: **SIGNED**

ANNUAL DECLARATION OF INTERESTS (ADoI)

(Please note that high quality of scientific expertise is by nature based on prior experience and that therefore having an interest does not necessarily mean having a conflict of interest)

Name: O'ROURKE, Raymond

Title: Mr

Profession: Lawyer

Current EFSA involvements: Member-Management Board (MB)

Nature of Activities	Period	Organisation	Subject matter
I. Economic interest			NO INTEREST
II. Member of a managing entity or equivalent structure	06/2015 - now	-Name: Bord Bia, Dublin. IRELAND, IRELAND	Bord Bia is the Irish Government's trade development & promotion body for the Irish food sector. The Management Board is responsible for any assets owned by Bord Bia, the keeping of proper Accounts and the prevention & detection of fraud.
	02/2008 - now	-Name: Consumers Association Of Ireland (CAI)	CAI Council Member since 2009 and appointed Chairperson of CAI in June 2013. The CAI is a BEUC affiliated Consumer NGO.
	02/2013 - 01/2016	-Name: Food Safety Authority of Ireland, IRELAND, Dublin	Board Member, Chair of Audit Committee
III. Member of a scientific advisory entity	03/2004 - 06/2014	-Name: GMOs Advisory Committee	Irish Government's Advisory Committee on GMOs established by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to give advice to the EPA on all GMO applications. Membership expired on 30 June 2014
IV. Employment	01/2005 - now	-Name: Food & Consumer Lawyer	Own-practice providing legal services in the areas of food & consumer affairs

V. Occasional consultancy	11/2015 - now	-Name: Agrotec, Rome, ITALY	Short-term legal expert for KAHN project Technical Assistance for the Animal Health Department of the KVFA and the Food & Veterinary Laboratory (Kosovo).
	10/2014 - now	-Name: Agrotec, Rome, ITALY	EU Technical Assistance PAZA-2 project in Albania in the area of food & veterinary affairs. Legal Drafting advice
	05/2015 - 09/2015	-Name: GFA, Hamburg, GERMANY	EU Trade Policy project in Kosovo. Further technical assistance to Kosovo Food & Veterinary Agency and Kosovo Ministry of Agriculture on plant health and food labelling issues as a follow-up to work completed in 2014
	01/2011 - 05/2015	-Name: Country Markets Ltd	Legal advice to a co-operative organising country markets throughout Ireland every week. Work has been completed by means of a Hygiene Guide published by the Food Safety Authority of Ireland (FSAI)
	06/2014 - 10/2014	-Name: DMI Associates, Lyon, FRANCE	EU Technical Assistance project - PLAC - in Serbia. Drafting EU compliant laws on Food Contact Materials and Nutrition & Health Claims
	04/2014 - 06/2014	-Name: GFA, Hamburg, GERMANY	EU Trade Policy project in Kosovo. Provided technical assistance to Kosovo Food & Veterinary Agency and Kosovo Ministry of Agriculture on plant health and food labelling issues.
	01/2014 - 02/2014	-Name: Cardno, Brussels, BELGIUM	EU-China Trade Project II - provided legal advice and completed a Workshop on Food Safety Liability Insurance (Beijing, China)
	03/2013 - 10/2013	-Name: GFA, Hamburg, GERMANY	EU Market Surveillance project in Serbia. Drafted EU-compliant laws on Organic Food & Food Contact Materials.
	08/2013 - 09/2013	-Name: Transtec, Brussels, BELGIUM	EU- Indonesia Trade Support Project. Gave legal advice and completed three 2-day Workshops on EU Rules on Exporting Food Products to the EU.
	04/2010 - 07/2013	-Name: Agrotec, Rome, Italy	EU technical assistance project in Albania. Gave legal advice & drafted a new Veterinary Law and secondary legislation in line with the EU <i>acquis communautaire</i>
	12/2012 - 03/2013	-Name: West Cork Distillers Ltd, Ireland	Legal advice on an application to get approval to produce Irish Whiskey
	10/2012 - 12/2012	-Name: Kelkin Ltd, Ireland	Legal advice on the labelling of food products (breakfast cereals) and food supplements
	02/2012 - 12/2012	-Name: Qatar National Food Security Programme (QNFSF)	Drafted a new Food Safety Law and gave advice on the establishment of a Qatar Food Safety Authority
	01/2011 - 11/2012	-Name: Agrotec, Rome, Italy	EU technical assistance project in Montenegro. Drafted legislation on classical swine fever & rabies in line with EU <i>acquis communautaire</i>
VI. Research funding			NO INTEREST
VII. Intellectual property rights			NO INTEREST
VIII. Other memberships or affiliations	08/2016 - now	-Name: European Consumer Consultative Group (ECCG) - alternate member (Ireland)	European Commission Advisory Grouping 3 year mandate as of August 2016 Commission Decision (2016/C 306/05) of 18th August 2016
	10/2010 - now	-Name: Irish Codex Committee	Advises Government on Codex Alimentarius issues
	05/2009 - now	-Name: Food Lawyers Network (FLN)	Co-operative network of Food Lawyers
	02/2006 - now	-Name: Taste Council	The Taste Council assists the Irish artisan and speciality food sector.
IX. Other relevant interest	01/2012 - now	-Name: World Food Regulation Review	Member of the Advisory Board
	02/2012 - 02/2015	-Name: University of Ulster, UNITED KINGDOM	Visiting Professor at the School of Biomedical Sciences

X. Interests of close family members			NO INTEREST
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