

Scientific Panel on Nutrition, Novel Foods and Food Allergens

Minutes of the 86th Plenary meeting

Held on 4-5 July, 2018, Parma (Italy)

(Agreed on 13 July 2018)

Participants

■ Panel Members:

Jacqueline Castenmiller, Stefaan de Henauw, Karen-Ildico Hirsch-Ernst, John Kearney, Helle Katrine Knutsen, Alexandre Maciuk, Inge Mangelsdorf, Harry McArdle, Androniki Naska, Carmen Pelaez, Kristina Pentieva, Alfonso Siani, Frank Thies, Sophia Tsabouri, Dominique Turck and Marco Vinceti.

■ Hearing Experts¹:

Not Applicable

■ European Commission and/or Member States representatives:

Not Applicable

■ EFSA:

Nutrition Unit: Valeriu Curtui, Reinhard Ackerl, Mathias Amundsen, Janusz Ciok, Paolo Colombo, Agnès De Sesmaisons-Lecarré, Céline Dumas, Lucia Fabiani, Wolfgang Gelbmann, Tilemachos Goumperis, Leng Heng, Pauline Lachevre, Leonard Matijevic, Ruth Roldan Torres, Annamaria Rossi, Qingqing Sun, Ariane Titz, Emanuela Turla, Silvia Valtueña Martínez and Ermolaos Ververis.

■ Observers:

Not Applicable

■ Others:

Not Applicable

¹ 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>

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 6th mandate of the NDA Panel (2018-2021).

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

No apologies were received.

3. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

4. Declarations of Interest of Scientific Panel Members

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence² and the Decision of the Executive Director on Competing Interest Management,³ EFSA screened the Annual Declarations of Interest filled out by the Panel members invited to the present meeting. No Conflicts of Interest related to the issues discussed in this meeting have been identified during the screening process.

An interest was declared orally by a member before the beginning of the meeting. For further details on the outcome of the screening of the Oral Declaration(s) of Interest made at the beginning of the meeting, please refer to the Annex I.

5. Election of Panel Chair and Vice Chairs

Valeriu Curtui highlighted the role of the Panel Chair, and explained the rule for electing the Chair and the two Vice-Chairs.

Valeriu Curtui supervised the election procedures of the chair and vice-chairs.

Prof Dominique Turck was elected as chair of the NDA Panel.

² http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/policy_independence.pdf

³ http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/competing_interest_management_17.pdf

Prof Androniki Naska and Prof Harry McArdle were elected as vice-chairs.

The newly-elected chair then took over as Chair of the meeting for the remaining items (6-11).

6. Introduction to the EFSA and NDA Panel working practice

Valeriu Curtui introduced to members the working practice of EFSA and the Panel including the framework and procedures in place. The NDA mission and the areas of mandate covered were presented. The role of the Nutrition Unit, the NDA Panel and the Working Groups (WG), and the Rapporteur(s) were outlined. Responsibilities and key values for appointed members were highlighted.

The EFSA procedure for setting scientific working groups⁴ was also explained.

7. Introduction to work programme of NDA Panel

The work programme of the NDA Panel for the next three years and the main activities were described. In particular, the Panel was given an overview of the mandates covered for the following working groups, and relevant regulatory framework/the principle applied, the workflow, the status and timelines were outlined:

- Novel Foods (including Traditional Foods from Third Countries)
- Nutrient sources and other substances with physiological effect added to foods
- Health claims
- Dietary Reference Values
- Sugars
- Food for specific groups
- Food Allergens

8. Confirmation of on-going Working Groups and/or setting new Working Groups

The Panel confirmed the need for the following existing 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.:

- Working Group on Novel Foods, with an update to include Nutrient Sources;

⁴ EFSA Standard Operating Procedure Establishing, updating and closing a scientific WG.

- Working Group on Claims;
- Working Group on Dietary Reference Values for Minerals
- Working Group on Infant Nutrition
- Working Group on Sugars

The Panel agreed with the closing of:

- Working Group on Food Allergy;
- Working Group on Dietary Reference Values for Vitamins.

9. Appointment/confirmation of Working Group Chairs

Chairs of WGs will be appointed by the Panel Chair, in consultation with Nutrition Unit and in accordance with EFSA procedure for establishing, updating and closing a scientific Working Group.

10. Meeting dates for 2018-2019 and general administrative issues

The following dates for NDA Panel plenary meeting were confirmed:

- 87th plenary – 25-27 September 2018;
- 88th plenary – 23-25 October 2018;
- 89th plenary – 27-29 November 2018;
- 90th plenary – 16-18 January 2019;
- 91st plenary – 13-15 March 2019;
- 92nd plenary – 15-17 May 2019;
- 93rd plenary – 2-4 July 2019;
- 94th plenary – 17-19 September 2019;
- 95th plenary – 27-29 November 2019.

The venues of the plenary meetings are Parma.

11. Any other business

There was no “any other business”.

Annex I

Interests and actions resulting from the Oral Declarations of Interest done at the beginning of the meeting

NO CONFLICT: With regard to this meeting Prof. Stefaan De Henauw declared the following interest: participation to a half-day “expert roundtable” on 7th June 2018, which was organised by Pain & Sante (Belgium) as one of the Work Packages under the framework of an EU funded project. The topic of the discussion was on public health aspects of bread in a National Nutrition and Public Health Policy. Promotional aspects of bread consumption were not within the scope of the expert round table⁵. In accordance with EFSA’s Policy on Independence⁶ and the Decision of the Executive Director on Competing Interest Management⁷, and taking into account the specific matters discussed at the meeting in question, the interest above was not deemed to represent a Conflict of Interest for the expert concerned.

⁵ The expert was requested to update his aDoI accordingly.

⁶ http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/policy_independence.pdf

⁷ http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/competing_interest_management_17.pdf