



Scientific Panel on Plant Protection Products and their Residues

Minutes of the 109th Plenary meeting

Held on 24 February 2021 (webconference)

(Agreed on 5 March, 2021)

Participants

■ Panel Members:

Paulien Adriaanse, Philippe Berny, Tamara Coja, Sabine Duquesne, Andreas Focks, Antonio Hernandez-Jerez (chair), Marina Marinovich, Maurice Millet, Olavi Pelkonen, Silvia Pieper, Aaldrik Tiktak, Christopher Topping, Anneli Widenfalk, Martin Wilks, Gerrit Wolterink

■ Hearing Experts:

Not Applicable

■ European Commission and/or Member States representatives:

Karin Nienstedt, Sofie Hofkens

■ EFSA:

PREV Unit: Fernando Alvarez, Maria Arena, Domenica Auteri, Anna Federica Castoldi, Arianna Chiusolo, Mathilde Colas, Monica Del Aguila, Mark Egsmose, Gabriella Fait, Aude Kienzler, Olga Kulikova, Alberto Linguadoca, Chris Lythgo, Martina Panzarea, Juan Parra Morte, Rachel Sharp, Andrea Terron, Manuela Tiramani

Repro Department: Guilheim De Seize

Transformation Unit: Claudia Paoletti, Ingrida Miliute

■ Observers:

Not Applicable

■ Others:

Not Applicable

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants. Apologies were received from Annette Aldrich.

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

3. Declarations of Interest of Scientific Committee/Scientific Panel/ Members

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence and the Decision of the Executive Director on Competing Interest Management, 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, and no interests were declared orally by the members at the beginning of this meeting.

4. On-going activities of the Scientific Committee

The chair informed the Panel on the status of the on-going activities of the Scientific Committee.

5. Scientific outputs submitted for discussion and/or possible adoption, updates on ongoing activities, new projects

5.1 Scientific Opinion of the PPR Panel for developing Integrated Approaches to Testing and assessment (IATA) case studies on developmental neurotoxicity (DNT) risk assessment ([EFSA-Q-2019-00100](#))

The Panel was updated on the status of the project. The public consultation for the draft Scientific Opinion will be closed on 15 March.

5.2 Development of Adverse Outcome Pathways relevant for the identification of substances having endocrine disruptors properties ([EFSA-Q-2019-00492](#))

The Panel was updated on the planning for outsourced activity (systematic review) related to the mandate.

5.3 Framework for conducting environmental exposure and risk assessment for transition metals when used as active substances in PPPs ([EFSA-Q-2019-00374](#))

The Panel was informed on how the comments received during the public consultation and the revision done by Panel members have been addressed in the finalisation of the Statement. The Statement was adopted by the Panel unanimously.

5.4 Comparative *in vitro* metabolism studies ([EFSA-Q-2020-0055](#))

The Panel was updated on the development of the Scientific Opinion, including the feedback received by the peer reviewers (Tamara, Philippe and Martin).

6. Common metabolites to Pyrethroids

The Panel was informed on the request recently received by the Commission for the development of a Scientific Opinion on the toxicity profile of two common metabolites to several pyrethroid active substances. It was agreed the mandate should be carried out by a new Working Group of the PPR Panel.

7. Emergency authorisations of neonicotinoids

The Panel was updated on the request to EFSA from the Commission to assess emergency authorisations granted by some Member States for the 2020 growing season in sugar beet.

8. Update from DG SANTE on ongoing activities

The Panel was updated on the ongoing activities, possible new mandates and EU Green Deal actions.

9. Introduction to the Transparency Regulation

The Head of Repro Department and the ART (ARchitecture Transformation) Programme Manager updated the Panel on the status of implementation in EFSA of the provisions from the Transparency Regulation, in particular in relation to the practical arrangements, technology and internal management.

10. AOB

The Panel was informed about the H2020 Sprint project.

The Panel was also informed that a Working Group on endocrine disruptor has been implemented in EFSA. Martin is acting as chair of the Working Group.

In the end, the Panel was informed that next Plenary meeting will be held on 21 April.