



Scientific Panel on Plant Protection Products and their Residues

Minutes of the 111th Plenary meeting

Held on 23 June 2021 (webconference)

(Agreed on 2 July 2021)

Participants

■ Panel Members:

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

■ Hearing Experts:

Not Applicable

■ European Commission and/or Member States representatives:

Zsuzsanna Koenig, Maristella Rubbiani

■ EFSA:

PREV Unit: Maria Arena, Domenica Auteri, Jorge Borroto, Anna Castoldi, Arianna Chiusolo, Federica Crivellente, Alessio Ippolito, Dimitra Kardassi, Aude Kienzler, Alberto Linguadoca, Christopher Lythgo, Marco Marchesi, Maria Masoura, Martina Panzarea, Juan Parra Morte, Rachel Sharp, Andrea Terron, Manuela Tiramani

PRES Unit: Giulia Bellisai, Andrea Mioc

AMU Unit: Laura Martino

■ Observers:

Not Applicable

■ Others:

Not Applicable

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants. Apologies were received from Aaldrik Tiktak.

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.

Certain interests were declared orally by one Panel 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.

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

4.1 Comparative *in vitro* metabolism studies (EFSA-Q-2020-0055)

The Panel was informed on how the comments from Panel reviewers have been addressed in the finalisation of the draft Opinion. The Opinion was endorsed for public consultation by the Panel unanimously.

4.2 Statement on the active substances flupyradifurone and acetamiprid (EFSA-Q-2021-00159 and 2021-00160)

The Panel was updated on the status of the implementation of the project and the planning.

4.3 Opinion on the toxicity profile of PBA and PBA(OH) (metabolites common to several pyrethroid substances) (EFSA-Q-2021-00118)

The Panel and European Commission were updated on the WG composition, interpretation of the terms of reference and planning. In particular, it was clarified that the evaluation of human biomonitoring and epidemiological studies is considered outside the scope of the mandate.

4.4 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 status of the project, including the methodology followed in the supporting outsourcing activities and achievements.

4.5 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 scope of the project, timelines and the methodology.

5. Chair and vice- Chair elections and Working Groups review

Election of the PPR Panel Chair and two Vice-chairs were carried out according to the Decision of the EFSA Management Board concerning the establishment and operations of the Scientific Committee, Scientific Panels and of their Working Groups. (<https://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/paneloperation170601.pdf>)

Antonio Hernández-Jerez was elected as Chair of the PPR Panel. Silvia Pieper and Christopher John Topping were elected as Vice-chairs of the PPR Panel.

The Panel confirmed the need for all the currently existing Working Groups (<https://www.efsa.europa.eu/it/science/scientific-committee-and-panels/ppr#working-groups>) in order to assist the Panel in undertaking all necessary preparatory tasks in relation to draft scientific outputs falling under its remit, including the current composition and chairmanship.

- Acetamidrid and flupyradifurone
- Adverse Outcome Pathways for the identification of endocrine disruptors
- Developing IATA case studies on Developmental Neurotoxicity
- Comparative *in vitro* metabolism
- Pyrethroid common metabolites

6. AOB

Some Panel members informed the Panel on the main outcome of the stakeholder event of the SPRINT project (<https://sprint-h2020.eu/>). The Panel was also informed on the publication of the Opinion of the EFSA Scientific Committee on the environmental risk assessment of multiple stressors in honeybees (<https://efsa.onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.2903/j.efsa.2021.6607>).



Annex I

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

NO CONFLICT: With regard to this meeting, Prof. Philippe Berny declared the following interest: Participation to a Working Group of SETAC Global on toxicological assessment of pollutants (including PPPs) for terrestrial vertebrates. In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence¹ and the Decision of the Executive Director on Competing Interest Management², 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.

¹ http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/policy_independence.pdf

² http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/competing_interest_management_17.pdf