



PESTICIDE PEER REVIEW UNIT

Scientific Panel on Plant Protection Products and their Residues

Minutes of the 116th Plenary meeting

Held on 15 June 2022 (webconference)

(Agreed on 4 July 2022)

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, Aldrik Tiktak, Christopher Topping, Anneli Widenfalk, Martin Wilks, Gerrit Wolterink.

■ Hearing Experts:

Not Applicable

■ European Commission and/or Member States representatives:

Not Applicable

■ EFSA:

PREV Unit: Fernando Alvarez, Maria Arena, Domenica Auteri, Marco Binaglia, Anna Castoldi, Arianna Chiusolo, Federica Crivellente, Gabrella Fait, Franco Ferilli, Laia Herrero, Alessio Ippolito, Frederique Istace, Dimitra Kardassi, Aude Kienzler, Anna Lanzoni, Alberto Linguadoca, Christopher Lythgo, Iris Mangas, Laura Padovani, Martina Panzarea, Juan Parra Morte, Francisco Rocha, Simone Rizzuto, Rositsa Serafimova, Rachel Sharp, Nikolaos Tagaras, Manuela Tiramani, Laura Villamar

PLANTS Unit: Renata Leuschner, Marta Szot

■ Observers:

Not Applicable

- Others:
Not Applicable

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants. No apologies were received.

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. At the beginning of the meeting an interest related to agenda item 6.1 was declared orally by Tamara Coja, as team member of the beneficiaries for an EFSA grant in support to the development of the PPR Panel output. The Chair asked Tamara to disconnect from the web-conference during the agenda item 6.1.

4. On-going activities of the Scientific Committee

The chair updated the Panel on a number of activities of the Scientific Committee (SC), and in particular on:

- Existing Health-Based Guidance Values (HBGVs) for copper and its exposure assessment from all sources
- Common approach on exposure assessment methodologies for residues from veterinary medicinal products, feed additives and pesticides residues in food of animal origin
- Dietary exposure to metals and iodine in seaweed and halophytes in the European population
- Risks for human health from the presence of bromide ion in food/feed
- Development needs for the allergenicity and protein safety assessment of food and feed products derived from biotechnology
- Re-evaluation of the public health related to the presence of BPA in foodstuff

5. Scientific outputs submitted for discussion and/or possible endorsement

5.1. Update on the Working Group 'IATA DNT - VGSC AOP'

The Panel was updated on the status of the project regarding some preliminary results from the literature review on appraisal on key events and Key event relationships (KERs). The Panel was also informed on the timelines and planning for the finalisation of the output.

5.2 Common metabolites to Pyrethroids (EFSA-Q-2021-00118)

The Panel was informed on the progress for the first 2 steps of the terms of reference in the Commission mandate, i.e., preparatory work and toxicological characterisation. Reviewers (Antonio, Gerrit and Silvia) for the draft Output were nominated. The adoption of the draft Opinion is foreseen at the next PPR plenary in September.

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

The Panel was informed on the ongoing call for a grant aiming at developing an AOP network for mammalian reproductive toxicity originating from disruption to EAS signalling.

5.4 Request for a Statement on the design and conduct of groundwater monitoring studies supporting groundwater exposure assessments of pesticides (EFSA-Q-2021-00788)

The terms of reference of the mandate were presented. The public consultation on the paper by Gimsing et al. (2019) closed on 8th March. The Panel was updated on the composition of the Working Group (WG) and the main point discussed during its 1st meeting.

6. Other scientific topics for information and/or discussion

6.1. Use and reporting historical control data (HCD) for regulatory studies

EFSA presented the main outcomes of the workshop held in May as part of the preparatory work on how to report, use and interpret historical control data in (eco)toxicity studies under the one-year partnering grant

(GP/EFSA/ENCO/2020/02) with public institutions from two Member States (AGES and BPI). The next steps related to the grant activities and the status of the WG establishment for the PPR Opinion were also presented.

6.2. Update on the EFSA WG on Endocrine Disruptors

The Panel was updated about the EFSA WG on Endocrine disruptors. In particular, the remit and the main activities, in terms of substances assessed and general topics discussed so far, were presented.

6.3. Update on Cumulative Risk Assessment (CRA) activities

The Panel was updated on the on-going activities related to CRA and, in particular, on the establishment of cumulative assessment groups (CAGs) for craniofacial alterations and the related CRA, on the outsourced project (GP/EFSA/PLANTS/2022/01) and, finally, on the on-going identification of specific effects for kidneys. The Panel will be consulted on the activities on kidneys in 2 steps: for the CAGs approximatively at the end of 2022 and for the CRA around August 2023, pending award the contract under GP/EFSA/PLANTS/2022/01.

7. AOB

The Panel was informed that the meeting in September 14th will be a physical meeting.