

Declaration of interests



(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 : **George-John NYCHAS**
Title: **PROF**
Profession : **Professor Emeritus**

Current EFSA Involvements

- Management Board (2022-2026)

Interests

I. Financial investments

No interests

II. Managerial role

Period: **01/03/2021 - now**
Organisation: Hellenic Foundation for research & innovation
Impact on annual earnings: **0%**

Subject matter: Member of Foundation's scientific Council. <https://www.elidek.gr/en/governing-bodies/scientific-council/> The role of the council is - Ensuring the success of Foundation objectives according to the national research and innovation policy. - Accepting donations and all kinds of funding. - Setting up evaluation committees and appeal committees in order to review proposals and select final beneficiaries. - Selecting the Director and Deputy Directors. - Approving the Foundation budget, upon Director Recommendation. - Proposing collaborations and partnerships with public and private sector organisations, both domestic and foreign, to the GA. - Proposing Internal Rule of Operation amendments to the Minister. - Approving the commission of Foundation services and offices in other cities within Greek Territory, upon Director Recommendation.
Interest related to close family member: **No**

Period: **01/11/2017 - 01/09/2019**
Organisation: Agricultural University of Athens
Impact on annual earnings: **0%**

Subject matter: Dean of School of Biotechnology, Foods & Development; Administration of the school; representation of the School in the General Assembly of the University.
Interest related to close family member: **No**

Period: **01/04/2020 - now**
Organisation: Hellenic Authority for Higher Education
Impact on annual earnings: **0%**

Subject matter: Member of the Evaluation and Accreditation Council which Mission is to ensure high quality in higher education <https://www.ethaae.gr/en/about-hahe/evaluation-and-certification-council>
Interest related to close family member: **No**

Period: **01/09/2019 - 01/04/2020**
Organisation: Agricultural University of Athens
Impact on annual earnings: **0%**

Subject matter: Dean of School of Food Science & Human Nutrition; Administration of the School; representation of the School in the General Assembly of the University.
Interest related to close family member: **No**

III. Member of a scientific advisory entity

Period: **01/11/2015 - 01/02/2025**
Organisation: European Technology Platform Food for Life
Impact on annual earnings: **0%**

Subject matter: Chairman of a working group related to food safety. I do provide advices regarding future research topics in the field of food safety. The organisation does not deal with RA, I am not doing any validation, management and not take decisions or actions and do not serve as member of a regulatory committee advising on RM matters.
Interest related to close family member: **No**

IV. Employment

Period: **31/08/2022 - now**
Organisation: Agricultural University of Athens
Impact on annual earnings: **>25%**

Subject matter: Professor Emeritus at Agricultural University of Athens.
Interest related to close family member: **No**

Period: **30/09/1994 - 30/08/2022**
Organisation: Agricultural University of Athens
Impact on annual earnings: **>25%**

Subject matter: Full Time Teaching, doing Research, and being Research project director.
Interest related to close family member: **No**

Period: **01/01/2024 - now**
Organisation: ShangDong Agricultural University, China
Impact on annual earnings: **>5% but <25%**

Subject matter: Distinguished Professor.
Interest related to close family member: **No**

V. Occasional consultancy

Period: **31/08/2022 - now**

Organisation: Agritrack

Impact on annual earnings: **0%**

Subject matter: Information and Communication Technology, Internet of things, Machine learning, cloud computing. This consultancy is not related with risk analysis i.e., risk assessment, risk communication, risk management

Interest related to close family member: **No**

VI. Research funding

Period: **01/11/2020 - now**

Organisation: European Commission (EC)

Subject matter: DiTECT; EU exclusively funding Project, dealing with sensors that can be used across the food chain; Bringing together research, industrial and food authority partners representing the agro-food industry in the EU and China, DiTECT aspires to establish the foundation for future food safety monitoring platforms, through the development of a standards-based, modular, Big Data-enabled platform, capable of accurately predicting food safety parameters of a given food product based on data collected in real-time via cost-efficient sensors, at crop, grain storage, livestock and finally in the food supply, incorporating blockchain processes.

Interest related to close family member: **No**

Does the funding received from the private sector during the two years preceding the submission of the ADol exceeds 25% of the total research budget that is managed by you for the area under concern: **No**

Additional Info:

Period: **01/01/2024 - now**

Organisation: European Commission (EC)

Subject matter: FoodGuard; EU Innovation Action Project, Coordination

Interest related to close family member: **No**

Does the funding received from the private sector during the two years preceding the submission of the ADol exceeds 25% of the total research budget that is managed by you for the area under concern: **No**

Additional Info:

Period: **01/06/2018 - 01/01/2022**

Organisation: European Union - EU

Subject matter: EU – NATIONAL FUNDS https://qapp.gr/CMSHome?request_locale=en QAPP; QAPP is a three-year research project, aimed at creating scientific knowledge, understanding of processes and providing solutions to the challenges faced by the food industry in ensuring the quality and safety of products. The vision of the QAPP project is to develop an Intelligent Framework for Quality and Safety Management of poultry based products, supported by an integrated Information and Communication Technologies (ICT) platform that incorporates methods, data and decision support tools for those active in

this market.

Interest related to close family member: **No**

Does the funding received from the private sector during the two years preceding the submission of the ADol exceeds 25% of the total research budget that is managed by you for the area under concern: **No**

Additional Info:

Period: **01/01/2018 - 01/01/2021**

Organisation: European Commission (EC)

Subject matter: GA No. 774109 IMPAQ; EU exclusively funding Project, dealing with sensors that can be used in aquaculture as well as in the fish (as food) across the food chain; <https://impaqtproject.eu/>

Interest related to close family member: **No**

Does the funding received from the private sector during the two years preceding the submission of the ADol exceeds 25% of the total research budget that is managed by you for the area under concern: **No**

Additional Info:

Period: **01/01/2018 - now**

Organisation: European Commission (EC)

Subject matter: GA No. 774293 SWEET; EU exclusively funding Project; alternative to sugars - The 5 year multidisciplinary project engages stakeholders from across the food chain — consumers, patients, health professionals, scientists, policy makers, and regulators — to address the role of sweeteners in weight control, and potentially move viable products to market. Stakeholders, including consumers, patients, health professionals, scientists, policy makers, and regulators will engage in the project.

Interest related to close family member: **No**

Does the funding received from the private sector during the two years preceding the submission of the ADol exceeds 25% of the total research budget that is managed by you for the area under concern: **No**

Additional Info:

Period: **01/01/2017 - 01/01/2019**

Organisation: European Commission (EC)

Subject matter: GA No. 732541 PhasmaFOOD; EU exclusively funding Project, dealing with sensors that can be used in food sector. PhasmaFOOD is an EU-funded H2020 <https://phasmafood.eu/>

Interest related to close family member: **No**

Does the funding received from the private sector during the two years preceding the submission of the ADol exceeds 25% of the total research budget that is managed by you for the area under concern: **No**

Additional Info:

VII. Intellectual property rights

No interests

VIII. Other memberships or affiliations

Period: **01/01/2012 - now**

Organisation: Editorial Board in Food Bioscience

Impact on annual earnings: **0%**

Subject matter: Editorial Board

Interest related to close family member: **No**

Period: **01/11/2005 - now**

Organisation: Editorial Board Journal of Applied Microbiology

Impact on annual earnings: **0%**

Subject matter: Editorial Board

Interest related to close family member: **No**

Period: **01/01/2016 - now**

Organisation: Editorial Board International Journal of food Microbiology

Impact on annual earnings: **0%**

Subject matter: Editorial Board

Interest related to close family member: **No**

Period: **01/01/2005 - 01/05/2024**

Organisation: Editorial Board Letters in Applied Microbiology

Impact on annual earnings: **0%**

Subject matter: Editorial Board

Interest related to close family member: **No**

Period: **01/01/2019 - now**

Organisation: Editorial Board in food Microbiology

Impact on annual earnings: **0%**

Subject matter: Editorial Board

Interest related to close family member: **No**

Period: **01/01/2013 - now**

Organisation: Editorial Board in American Journal of Current Microbiology

Impact on annual earnings: **0%**

Subject matter: Editorial Board

Interest related to close family member: **No**

Period: **01/01/2012 - now**

Organisation: Editorial Board Frontiers in Food Microbiology

Impact on annual earnings: **0%**

Subject matter: Editorial Board

Interest related to close family member: **No**

Period: **01/01/2000 - now**

Organisation: Editorial Board Journal of Food Protection

Impact on annual earnings: **0%**

Subject matter: Editorial Board

Interest related to close family member: **No**

Period: **01/01/2013 - now**

Organisation: Editorial Board PLoS ONE

Impact on annual earnings: **0%**

Subject matter: Editorial Board

Interest related to close family member: **No**

Period: **01/01/2012 - now**

Organisation: Editorial Board in Frontiers in Microbial physiology and Metabolism

Impact on annual earnings: **0%**

Subject matter: Editorial Board

Interest related to close family member: **No**

Period: **01/04/2014 - now**

Organisation: Hellenic (Greek) Agricultural Academy for agriculture, food & environment

Impact on annual earnings: **0%**

Subject matter: Member of the National Academy of Agriculture

Interest related to close family member: **No**

IX. Other relevant interest

No interests

User Agreement

I confirm that:

- I think I do not have a conflict of interest with respect to my activity(ies) at EFSA
- ~~I think I have a conflict of interest with respect to my activity(ies) at EFSA~~

Remarks: -

I hereby declare that I have read the [EFSA Decision on Competing Interest Management](#) implementing EFSA's Policy on Independence and that the above declaration is truthful and complete.

Submitted on: 21-05-2025 - 11:49 (UTC)

Signature: SIGNED

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