

# 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)*

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Title: **PROF**

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## Current EFSA Involvements

- Management Board (2022-2026)

## Interests

### I. Financial investments

No interests

### II. Managerial role

No interests

### III. Member of a scientific advisory entity

Period: **01/01/2014 - 01/01/2019**

Organisation: Croatian Food Agency (HAH)

Impact on annual earnings: **>0% but <5%**

*Subject matter:* Chair of the Scientific Committee for Biological Risks.

The Panel on biological hazards deals with biological hazards in relation to food safety and food-borne diseases. The panel covers food-borne zoonoses, transmissible spongiform encephalopathies (BSE/TSE), food microbiology and food hygiene as well as other matching domains. The Panel also proposes, designs and evaluates scientific studies necessary for risk assessment and public health risks from food and feed as well as work on the preparation of scientific opinions related to biological hazards in food. Chair of the Committee coordinates the aforementioned activities.

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

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Period: **01/01/2005 - 01/01/2019**

Organisation: Croatian Food Agency (HAH)

Impact on annual earnings: **>0% but <5%**

*Subject matter:* Member of the Scientific Council.

The Scientific Council is responsible for the overall coordination required to ensure the consistency of the adopting procedure of scientific opinions, particularly regarding working procedures and harmonization of methodology. It is also responsible for providing an opinion on interdisciplinary issues that are under the jurisdiction of various scientific bodies and on issues which do not belong to the competence of any scientific body. The Scientific Committee is comprised of Chairs of the Scientific Panels and four independent scientific experts who are not members of any of the Panels.

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

## IV. Employment

Period: **01/01/2010 - 01/10/2023**

Organisation: Sveučilište u Zagrebu, Veterinarski fakultet

Impact on annual earnings: **>25%**

*Subject matter:* Professor at the Faculty of Veterinary Medicine of the University of Zagreb (Croatia).

Teaching and researching food hygiene and technology, food safety, veterinary public health.

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

## V. Occasional consultancy

No interests

## VI. Research funding

Period: **01/01/2018 - 01/01/2019**

Organisation: Sveučilište u Zagrebu, Veterinarski fakultet

*Subject matter:* Application of molecular pathogen detection in food safety control, University grant.

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

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

*Additional Info:*

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Period: **01/01/2018 - 01/02/2023**

Organisation: Hrvatsku zakladu za znanost

*Subject matter:* Innovative functional lamb products.

The goal of this project is to evaluate the influence of white button mushrooms feed supplementation on lambs meat quality which would then be suitable as a material for the production of functional products based on innovative solutions in technological procedures.

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

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

*Additional Info:*

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Period: **01/01/2019 - 01/01/2020**

Organisation: Sveučilište u Zagrebu, Veterinarski fakultet

*Subject matter:* Development of traditionally fermented hen meat sausage, University grant.

The main goal of the research is to develop hen meat fermented sausages with functional properties, ie a healthier and more nutritionally acceptable product compared to standard red-meat fermented sausages. From a microbiological point of view, the composition of the natural microflora that would participate in the fermentation of hen's meat is unknown, as well as its influence on the sensory properties and undesirable microflora.

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

Does the funding received from the private sector during the two years preceding the submission of the ADoI 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: **01/01/2016 - now**

Organisation: South Asian Journal of Research in Microbiology

Impact on annual earnings: **0%**

*Subject matter:* Member of Editorial team (Academic Editors).

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

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Period: **01/01/2017 - 01/03/2024**

Organisation: Agency for science and higher education

Impact on annual earnings: **>0% but <5%**

*Subject matter:* Member of the Patent Board for the field of biomedicine and health — Scientific Field Committee for Veterinary Sciences.

Scientific field committees carry out a part of the procedure for scientific positions and make the final decisions on the appointments. The appointment to scientific grade is the basis for the appointment to scientific-teaching grade. Mandate for members is four years.

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

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Period: **01/01/2022 - now**

Organisation: Journal Mljekarstvo (Journal for dairy production and processing improvement)

Impact on annual earnings: **0%**

*Subject matter:* Member of Advisory Board journal Mljekarstvo.  
Interest related to close family member: **No**

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Period: **01/01/2018 - now**  
Organisation: Croatian Microbiology Society  
Impact on annual earnings: **0%**

*Subject matter:* President of the section on food microbiology.  
Member of the Executive Board.

The CMS brings together microbiologists and experts in related fields with the aim of improving all branches of microbiology.

The Food Microbiology Section brings together food microbiologists in industry, public health institutes, veterinary institutes and stations.  
The mandate of the section president is four years, but they can be elected for another term. The President convenes the meetings of the Section, coordinates the work of the members, and participates in the work of the Executive Board of the company.

The Executive Board of the CMS is the executive and administrative body.  
Interest related to close family member: **No**

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Period: **01/01/2004 - now**  
Organisation: Journal Meso: Prvi hrvatski Casopis o mesu (Meat, First Croatian Journal on Meat)  
Impact on annual earnings: **0%**

*Subject matter:* Professional editor of the journal Meso.  
Interest related to close family member: **No**

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Period: **01/01/2017 - now**  
Organisation: Croatian Dairy Association  
Impact on annual earnings: **0%**

*Subject matter:* Member of the Association (members exercise the right to all forms of scientific and professional training, receipt of the newsletters, access to the annual conference).  
Interest related to close family member: **No**

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Period: **01/01/2017 - now**  
Organisation: Hrvatska veterinarska komora, Zagreb. Croatian Veterinary Chamber (HVK)  
Impact on annual earnings: **0%**

*Subject matter:* Member of Croatian Veterinary Chamber.  
Interest related to close family member: **No**

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Period: **01/01/2004 - now**  
Organisation: Croatian Academy of Medical Sciences  
Impact on annual earnings: **0%**

*Subject matter:* Full member of CAMS (participate in the professional and scientific work of the Academy, member of the Collegium of Veterinary Medical Sciences)

The Academy is a scientific association established for the purpose of promoting medical sciences and advancement of public health. The Collegium of Veterinary Medical Sciences manifests its work in connecting and exchanging scientific experiences with other branches of medicine, emphasizing the need for multidisciplinary cooperation to improve the quality of animal health, and thus human health and the environment.

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

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Period: **01/01/2016 - now**  
Organisation: Microbiology Research Journal International  
Impact on annual earnings: **0%**

*Subject matter:* Member of Editorial team (Academic Editors).  
Interest related to close family member: **No**

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Period: **01/01/2017 - now**  
Organisation: World Poultry Science Association  
Impact on annual earnings: **0%**

*Subject matter:* Member of Association (receipt of the newsletter, access to the annual conference).  
Interest related to close family member: **No**

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## IX. Other relevant interest

Period: **01/03/2015 - now**  
Organisation: Croatian Accreditation Agency  
Impact on annual earnings: **>0% but <5%**

*Subject matter:* Expert in the field of accreditation of testing laboratories and inspection bodies for the field of T 11 microbiological testing.  
Interest related to close family member: **No**

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## User Agreement

I confirm that:

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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.

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