

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 : **Laurence Castle**

Title: **DR.**

Profession : **Analytical Chemist**

Current EFSA Involvements

- Member - FAF Panel Experts (2018-2024)
- Hearing Expert - CEP Panel Experts (2018-2024)
- Member - WG/P/CEP/2018/01 - WG Food Contact Materials
- Member - WG/P/FAF/2018/06 - WG on Specifications of Food Additives
- Chair - WG/P/FAF/2018/07 - WG Food Additives Applications
- Hearing Expert - WG/U/SCER/2018/02 - Cross-cutting WG nanotechnologies
- Member - WG/P/NDA/2019/01 - Protein hydrolysate-based formula
- Member - NT/P/CEP/2018/01 - FIP Network on Food Contact Materials (FCM)
- Chair - WG/P/CEP/2020/02 - WG on preparation for re-evaluation of phthalates, structurally similar substances and replacement substances
- Vice Chair - WG/P/BIOHAZ/2020/03 - BIOHAZ WG on high pressure processing of food (EFSA-Q-2020-00380)

Interests

I. Financial investments

No interests

II. Managerial role

No interests

III. Member of a scientific advisory entity

Period: **01/11/2017 - 01/11/2017**

Organisation: **Swiss Federal Food Safety and Veterinary Office**

Impact on annual earnings: **0%**

Subject matter: I participated as an invited expert in a 1-day meeting (22-11-2017) held by the Swiss Federal Food Safety and Veterinary Office (FSVO) to evaluate the supporting documentation of the European polyolefin industries. My travel and accommodation was paid for by the FSVO.

IV. Employment

Period: **01/01/1986 - 01/03/2015**

Organisation: **The Food and Environment Research Agency, Department for Environment Food & Rural Affairs**

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

Subject matter: I was employed full-time at Fera (the Food and Environment Research Agency, formerly the Central Science Laboratory, and before that the Food Science Laboratory) which was an Agency of the UK Department for Environment Food and Rural Affairs (Defra, formerly MAFF - The Ministry of Agriculture Fisheries and Food). Fera was a not-for-profit full-costs-recovery government Agency of Defra. Fera offered, in open competition, its R&D and analytical services to bodies such as its parent department Defra and to other UK and non-UK Government departments, industry world-wide, the EU Research programmes, and consumer organisations. This included research projects and the analysis of samples for food and feed additives, residues, chemical migrants from packaging, markers of authenticity, and contaminants of all sorts. I was a civil servant. My salary was fixed and I had no other paid employment, contracted work, or fee income of any kind. I was most recently a member of the Food Quality & Safety programme within Fera. This programme had approximately 120 staff members plus visiting workers and students. The programme ran more than 130 projects per annum for its customers and provided analytical services too. I retired from Fera on 31 March 2015. My occupational pension comes from the UK Principal Civil Service Pension Scheme.

V. Occasional consultancy

No interests

VI. Research funding

No interests

VII. Intellectual property rights

No interests

VIII. Other memberships or affiliations

No interests

IX. Other relevant interest

Period: **01/02/2017 - 01/02/2017**

Organisation: **Euro Consultants**

Impact on annual earnings: **<5%**

Subject matter: On 7-8 Feb 2017 I acted as a trainer at a course in Treviso (IT) run by Euro Consultants under their contract to the European Commission for the BTSF (better training for safer foods) initiative. The course was entitled "Auditing Plastic Recycling Processes" and my part was to make 5 presentations and facilitate group exercises on Safety Assessment.

Period: **01/11/2016 - 01/11/2016**

Organisation: **ILSI (International Life Science Institut)**

Impact on annual earnings: **0%**

Subject matter: I made a 25 min presentation on 'Recent Progress in the Risk Assessment of FCMs' at the 6th International Symposium on Food Packaging, entitled: 'Scientific developments supporting safety and innovation' organised by ILSI Europe and held on 16-18 November 2016 in Barcelona, Spain. I attended in my personal capacity as a scientific expert. No payment was involved. The conference fee was waived for invited speakers, I received no fee, and I paid my travel and subsistence expenses myself.

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.

Doi submitted on: 20-01-2022 - 15:09 (UTC)

Signature: SIGNED

Note regarding the processing of personal data

EFSA processes all Declarations of Interests (Dols) in accordance with Regulation (EU) 2018/1725. DoI processing is necessary in order to safeguard the independence of EFSA and enable the Authority to carry out its mission and comply with its obligations under Regulation (EC) No 178/2002.

The Executive Director of EFSA is the data controller with respect to the handling of Dols.

Concerned individuals have the right to access, rectify, erase and object to the processing of their ADol at any time. Nevertheless, for certain categories of individuals (e.g., experts), it may be a mandatory requirement to submit a DoI to EFSA so as to verify the absence of conflicts of interests and thus protect the independence of EFSA. Concerned individuals will be contacted if EFSA becomes aware of information that is not consistent with the declared interest such as on the occasion of compliance monitoring activities outlined in the relevant [Standard Operating Procedure](#).

Certain ADols shall be made publicly available in accordance with Article 38(1)(d) of Regulation (EC) No 178/2002. Furthermore, ADols may be transferred to bodies in charge of monitoring, auditing or inspection in conformity with EU Law.

The conservation period for ADols per category of data subjects is 10 years from the date of submission of the relevant ADol.

Concerned individuals may direct any queries regarding personal data processing by EFSA to the data protection officer DataProtectionOfficer@efsa.europa.eu. They are entitled to submit a complaint at any time to the European Data Protection Supervisor: <http://www.edps.europa.eu>

The legal basis for ADol processing is provided for in Articles 22, 37 and 38 of Regulation (EC) No 178/2002.