

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 : **Pier Sandro Cocconcelli**

Title: **PROF**

Profession : -

Current EFSA Involvements

- Member - CEP Panel Experts (2018-2024)
- Hearing Expert - SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE Panel Experts (2018-2024)
- Member - WG/P/GMO/2018/02 - GMO Applications molecular characterisation 2018-2024
- Chair - WG/P/SC/2018/07 - WG Synbio GMM ERA
- Member - WG/P/CEP/2018/05 - WG Enzymes
- Hearing Expert - WG/P/FAF/2018/07 - WG Food Additives Applications
- Member - WG/P/BIOHAZ/2016/01 - BIOHAZ WG on the update of the list of QPS recommended biological agents intentionally added to food or feed as notified to E...
- Member - WG/P/FEEDAP/2018/06 - Microbiology 2018-2024
- Chair - WG/P/SC/2019/03 - WG SynBioM

Interests

I. Financial investments

No interests

II. Managerial role

No interests

III. Member of a scientific advisory entity

Period: **01/01/2018 - 01/12/2020**

Organisation: **Consorzio di Tutela del Formaggio Grana Padano DOP**

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

Subject matter: Member of the Scientific Committee of the Grana Padano PDO cheese Protection Consortium . This body has been established by a a decree by the Italian Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry and pursuits the EC Regulation Nr. 510/2006 on PDO products. The subject is microbiology aspects of hard

cheese production, mainly the natural starter cultures of lactic acid bacteria, used for cheese manufacturing, and spoilage butyric clostridia. QPS deals with microorganisms intentionally introduced in the food chain and subject to a authorisation under specific regulations (e.g. Feed additives, plant protection products), but not with starter cultures for food fermentation. Moreover, according to the PDO regulation, in the manufacturing of Grana Padano selected starter cultures cannot be used. Therefore, I retain that there is not any relation to the QPS mandate.

IV. Employment

Period: **01/03/2011 - now**

Organisation: **Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore**

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

Subject matter: Research and Teaching Rector's delegate for internationalisation President of the Centre for Higher Education Internationalisation Director of TROFIC the Transdisciplinary Research on Food Issues Center. Teaching in the following courses: Advanced Food Microbiology Emerging Food Risk Food Hygiene Research is focused on: Food Microbiology, Agricultural and Environmental microbiology, Omics in bacteriology.

V. Occasional consultancy

Period: **01/04/2005 - now**

Organisation: **Formec-Biffi S.p.a**

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

Subject matter: The Occasional advisory activity is focused on microbiological aspects of Formec Biffi Products, fresh and thermally treated sauces. The activity deals with the processes conditions (e.g. thermal treatment, acidification) to control of food pathogenic and spoilage microorganisms. QPS deals with microorganisms intentionally introduced in the food chain and subject to a authorisation under specific regulations (e.g. Feed additives, plant protection products). Formec biffi doesn't use any microbial culture in their products, including those assessed in the framework of QPS approach to risk assessment. Moreover, Formec Biffi, produces sauces using non-GM ingredients and has no interest in synthetic biology or genome editing. Therefore, I retain that there is not any relation to the QPS and WG Synbio GMM ERA mandates.

Period: **01/11/2002 - now**

Organisation: **Sacco S.r.l – Private**

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

Subject matter: Member of the Scientific Board (quality of microbial starter cultures) and occasional advisory activity on microbiology of bacterial dairy starter cultures. Sacco s.r.l. produces conventional (non OGM) cultures for food fermentation. The occasional advisory activity focuses on lactic acid bacterial cultures used for food fermentation (dairy products and fermented meats). These cultures are not genetically modified and are used a direct inoculum of food and not for the production of enzymes. The occasional advisory activity doesn't relate with GMM or not GMM culture or products to be used as food enzymes. An average

frequency is 5 time/year (two hours each). The activity is mainly study report and microbiological data assessment Moreover, Sacco, producing starter cultures for food fermentation purposes has no interest in synthetic biology or genome editing. Therefore, I retain that there is not any relation the WG Synbio GMM ERA mandate.

VI. Research funding

Period: **01/06/2020 - 01/06/2023**

Organisation: **European Commission - DG Research and Innovation**

Subject matter: PRIMA-2019-AGROFOOD Bio-protective cultures and bioactive extracts as sustainable combined strategies to improve the shelf-life of perishable Mediterranean food - BioProMedFood Principal investigator of the Università Cattolica Unit

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: **01/11/2017 - 01/11/2018**

Organisation: **Consorzio di Tutela del Formaggio Grana Padano DOP**

Subject matter: Germination and growth of butyric clostridia in the gut of dairy cows. The project is aimed to identify the feeding conditions that may affect the fecal shedding of butyric clostridia in dairy cows, by using omic approaches.

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: **01/04/2015 - 31/08/2020**

Organisation: **Fondazione Cariplo**

Subject matter: MICROPLAST Study of Pseudomonas strains, whit plastic degrading properties

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: **01/04/2003 - now**

Organisation: **Società Italiana di Microbiologia Agro-Alimentare e Ambientale (SIMTREA)**

Impact on annual earnings: **0%**

Subject matter: membership at the Italian Society for Agricultural , Food and Environmental microbiology

Period: **01/04/2003 - now**

Organisation: **American Society for Microbiology (ASM)**

Impact on annual earnings: **0%**

Subject matter: membership at the American Society for Microbiology

Period: **01/04/2003 - now**

Organisation: **SIMGBM**

Impact on annual earnings: **0%**

Subject matter: membership at the Italian Society of Microbiology and Molecular Biology

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
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Remarks:

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