

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 : **frank thies**

Title: **MR.**

Profession : **Reader in Human Nutrition**

Current EFSA Involvements

- Member - NDA Panel Experts (2018-2024)
- Hearing Expert - WG/P/NDA/2018/02 - Novel Foods 2018-2024
- Member - WG/P/NDA/2018/01 - Claims 2018-2024

Interests

I. Financial investments

No interests

II. Managerial role

Period: **01/10/2020 - now**

Organisation: **Federation of European Nutrition Societies (non profit)**

Impact on annual earnings: **0%**

Subject matter: The Federation of European Nutrition Societies (FENS) is a non-profit Federation consisting of 26 European Nutrition societies, each representing one country. FENS aims to promote the advancement in nutrition science, research and development through international cooperation. I am a member of the Board and Treasurer. Responsibilities include advice on organising meetings and on educational programs/content of meetings I am also responsible for overseeing the finance, including managing/collecting memberships from European nutrition society members, and overseeing costs related to FENS activity (workshops/working groups and scientific meeting. I attend around 3 meetings per year, non- remunerated. No Risk Assessment and no Risk Management duties.

Period: **01/03/2012 - 01/07/2021**

Organisation: **The Nutrition Society (non profit)**

Impact on annual earnings: **0%**

Subject matter: The nutrition Society is an independent non profit Learned Society. which aims to promote evidence-based scientific evidence in the field of Nutrition.

- I have chaired the Scottish section committee of the Nutrition Society from April 2012 to March 2015.

- I was a member of Board of Trustees of the nutrition Society and member of council since July 2015 until July 2021. I was also a member of the strategic communication committee of the Nutrition Society, and represented the Society as observer in the Association for Nutrition council. Responsibilities included advice on publishing/organising meetings, educational programs/content of meetings in view of developing & disseminating nutrition science. No Risk Assessment and no Risk management duties I attended around 6 meetings per year, non-remunerated.

III. Member of a scientific advisory entity

Period: **01/06/2020 - 01/04/2023**

Organisation: **Università degli Studi di Napoli Federico II**

Impact on annual earnings: **0%**

Subject matter: Member of External Advisory Board for the EU-funded SHEALTHY project, coordinated by ENCO and UNINA.

SHEALTHY aims to assess and develop an optimal combination of non-thermal sanitization, preservation and stabilization methods to improve the safety, while preserving the nutritional quality and prolonging the shelflife of minimally fruit and vegetables products.

As a member of the External Advisory Board, I support the project activities, providing relevant advices in relevant fields of SHEALTHY

IV. Employment

Period: **01/03/2001 - now**

Organisation: **University of Aberdeen**

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

Subject matter: The University Aberdeen is public higher education and research organization. It has no official responsibility in carrying out risk management. I am a Reader. I lead the metabolic Health Theme within the Rowett Institute which is part of the University of Aberdeen. My Duties include:

Management/administration

- (a) Managing research theme, including 10 principal investigators, providing strategic and scientific leadership, and line management duties
- (b) Managing research group including research fellows, research assistants and PhD students and day to day management and informal mentoring of other staff,
- (c) Managing timely execution of grant contracts in line with research governance principles
- (d) Management of own budgets
- (e) recruitment/appraisal of staff Teaching
- (e) Coordinating MSc course in metabolic nutrition supervising undergraduate and postgraduate students
- (f) Lecturing and marking exams
- (g) Carrying out oral examination for MSc students
- (h) Tutor/adviser for undergraduate and postgraduate students

Research duties include:

- Leading and managing research objectives, research deliverable.
- Writing and dissemination of results to scientific and lay audiences

See also Title VI below.

V. Occasional consultancy

No interests

VI. Research funding

Period: **01/02/2021 - 07/07/2022**

Organisation: **BritishCouncil/Newton Fund**

Subject matter: This is a grant funded by the Newton Fund (public funding) in collaboration with the University of Hidalgo, aiming to characterise the nutritional values of Mesquite pods with the view of introducing a more sustainable agricultural practice by exploiting the potential of this native crop as a food product.

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: **01/10/2018 - 01/10/2022**

Organisation: **Unilever (Vlaardingen, Holland) and Biotechnology and Biological Sciences Research Council (BBSRC, London, UK)**

Subject matter: This is a 4 year PhD studentship funded under a Collaborative Training Partnership between Unilever and the BBSRC. The aim of the project is to determine modelling individual responses to healthier diets as new ways to quantify the importance of physiology and behaviour for successful dietary changes. I am not listed as a co-applicant on this application and will have no responsibility with regards to the management of this grant and will not benefit from this grant income. However, I will act as academic co-supervisor for the PhD student.

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: **01/09/2017 - 01/09/2018**

Organisation: **Grampian NHS endowment trust**

Subject matter: Awarded a small grant (for consumables) to assess the effect of a novel potential neuroprotectant as a treatment for ischaemic stroke. No private company involved.

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:

Period: **01/04/2016 - 01/04/2018**

Organisation: **British Heart foundation**

Subject matter: Co-applicant for a grant awarded by the British Heart Foundation (Charity) to support a project (salary for researcher and consumables) related to muscle fat compartments and turnover as a determinant of insulin sensitivity. No private company involved.

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:

Period: **01/04/2015 - 01/03/2022**

Organisation: **Scottish Government**

Subject matter: Most of my research activities are included in a 5 year rolling programme funded by the Scottish Government in activities related to studying the effects of wholegrains and plant foods on cardiovascular risk. This does not include any funding from the private sector.

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: **01/01/2007 - 01/01/2020**

Organisation: **International Society for the Study of Fatty Acids and Lipids**

Impact on annual earnings: **0%**

Subject matter: Member. ISSFAL (a not-for-profit organization) is an International Scientific Society aiming to increase understanding through research and education of the role of fatty acids and lipids in health and disease. I was holding a Membership role, which entailed access to latest news/scientific publications related to research in the field.

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:

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: 30-08-2021 - 08:25 (UTC)

Signature: SIGNED

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