

Assessment of interests declared pursuant to Article 13(2) of the Rules of Procedure of the Management Board

The present note provides an assessment on whether the interests newly declared by Board members before the scheduled Management Board meeting of 1 October 2015 represent a potential conflict in accordance with EFSA's internal rules and Code of Conduct. Based on this assessment, the Board should reach a conclusion and where appropriate recommend a follow-up.

The following evaluation concerns newly declared interests. The advice takes into account the employment and activities of the member, his or her role in the Board and the responsibilities of the Board in view of the fact that, in terms of impact on EFSA's core business, the MB primarily looks at the regularity of the appointment and selection processes of EFSA's Scientific Committee or Panels and of EFSA's outsourcing programmes.

If an identified conflict that is substantially affecting the work of the Board or EFSA's reputation is not resolved by the proposed assessment, and a member of the Board is not fulfilling his or her obligations in relation to independence in such a manner that this is substantially affecting the work of the Board, the Board, acting on a two-thirds majority, may ask for his or her replacement¹.

Name: SZÉKÁCS, András			
Subject matter of activity, precise role	Organisation	Reasoning	Advice
Employment with a Food Safety Organisation within the meaning of Article 2 of the Decision of the Executive Director on Declarations of Interests.	National Agricultural Research and Innovation Centre (NARIC). NARIC was founded by the governmental act 1476 (VII.24.), on 1 January 2014 and now includes 13 public research institutes in the field of agriculture and food science.	In his capacity of NARIC employee, Mr Székács is both Director of the Agro-Environmental Research Institute (AERI) and since 2010 Head of the Extension Department of Ecotoxicology of Szent István University. Those activities were known to the Council when Mr Székács was appointed as member of the Board in June 2014. The MB primarily looks at the regularity and legality of EFSA's processes.	No potential for CoI may be identified.
Occasional consultancy on	Hungarian Ministry of	As a consultant of the Hungarian Ministry of	It is unlikely that the

¹ Article 15 of the Rules of Procedure of the Management Board.

<p>environmental issues and the sustainable use of natural resources in the areas of food, agriculture, forests and fisheries.</p>	<p>Agriculture.</p>	<p>Agriculture, Mr Székács became a member of the Scientific Advisory Body of the OECD Co-operative Research Programme in December 2014.</p> <p>The objectives of the OECD's Co-operative Research Programme overlap with EFSA activities.</p> <p>The nature of the organisation where the interest is held is of a public nature.</p> <p>The MB primarily looks at the regularity and legality of EFSA's processes.</p>	<p>interest may lead to a conflict of interest. It is suggested that, as a precautionary approach, the Board re-examines the relevance of such interest to assess whether a specific conflict of interest may exist when it discusses the appointment and selection processes of EFSA's Scientific Committee or Panels and of EFSA's outsourcing programmes (scientific/non-scientific).</p>
<p>Research funding on the Science for Peace and Security Programme of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO). In the context of this programme, Mr Székács is coordinator for the project on the development of optical bio-sensors for detection of bio-toxins.</p>	<p>NATO.</p>	<p>The project on the development of optical bio-sensors for detection of bio-toxins which Mr Székács has the task of coordinating within the NATO does not fall directly within EFSA's remit.</p> <p>The nature of the organisation where the interest is held is of a public nature.</p> <p>The MB primarily looks at the regularity of the appointment and selection processes of EFSA's Scientific Committee or Panels and of EFSA's outsourcing programmes (scientific/non-scientific).</p>	<p>No potential for CoI may be identified.</p>

Name: O'ROURKE, Raymond			
Subject matter of activity, precise role	Organisation	Reasoning	Advice
Member of a managing entity or equivalent structure in charge of the promotion, trade development and marketing of the Irish food, drink and horticulture industry.	Bord Bia, the Irish Government's trade development & promotion body for the Irish food sector.	<p>As a member of Bord Bia's Management Board, Mr O'Rourke is responsible, together with the other members of the Board, for any assets owned by Bord Bia, the keeping of proper accounts and the prevention & detection of fraud.</p> <p>Those activities were not known to the Council when Mr O'Rourke was appointed.</p> <p>The nature of the organisation where the interest is held is of a public nature. Due to its mission, Bord Bia appears to be active in fields falling outside EFSA's remit.</p> <p>The MB primarily looks at the regularity and legality of EFSA's processes.</p>	No potential for CoI may be identified.
Occasional consultancy on plant health and food labelling issues as a follow-up to a work completed in 2014, within the framework of the Technical Assistance to Further Development of Kosovo's Trade Policy Project, i.e. the EU Trade Policy Project in Kosovo.	GFA Consulting Group.	<p>As a consultant of GFA Consulting Group, Mr O'Rourke provided both the Kosovo Food & Veterinary Agency and the Kosovo Ministry of Agriculture with technical assistance on plant health and food safety issues.</p> <p>The activities terminated in September 2015 and concerned matters falling clearly within EFSA's remit.</p> <p>The MB primarily looks at the regularity and legality of EFSA's processes.</p>	It is unlikely that the interest may lead to a conflict of interest. It is suggested that, as a precautionary approach, the Board re-examines the relevance of such interest to assess whether a specific conflict of interest may exist when it discusses the appointment and selection processes of

			EFSA's Scientific Committee or Panels and of EFSA's outsourcing programmes (scientific/non-scientific).
Occasional consultancy consisting in providing legal advice to a co-operative social enterprise organising country markets throughout Ireland every week.	Country Markets Ltd.	<p>Those occasional activities were known to the Council when Mr O'Rourke was appointed</p> <p>The activities have now been completed by means of a Hygiene Guide published by the Food Safety Authority of Ireland (FSAI).</p> <p>The MB primarily looks at the regularity and legality of EFSA's processes.</p>	No potential for CoI may be identified.

Enclosures:

- ADoI of Mr Székács
- ADoI of Mr O'Rourke

ANNUAL DECLARATION OF INTERESTS (ADoI)

(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: SZEKACS, Andras

Title: Prof

Profession: Specialist in pesticide chemistry and biochemistry

Current EFSA involvements: Member-Management Board (MB)

Nature of Activities	Period	Organisation	Subject matter
I. Economic interest			NO INTEREST
II. Member of a managing entity or equivalent structure			NO INTEREST
III. Member of a scientific advisory entity	02/2013 - now	-Name: Gene Technology Advisory Committee (GEVB), Budapest, HUNGARY	The Committee advises the Hungarian Gene Technology Authority (Ministry of Agriculture) on issues related to authorization of the use of genetically modified organisms and facilities involved in such activities in Hungary, in accordance with the current Hungarian legislation. The Committee is not a decision making body, and does not examine or discuss GM variety documentation. Participation appointed by the Minister of Agriculture is voluntary. Meetings are scheduled monthly. Opinions of the Committee are reached by voting in sub-committees.

	03/2012 - now	-Name: Hungarian Codex Alimentarius Committee, Budapest, HUNGARY	<p>The The Committee advises the Minister and State Secretaries of Agriculture on issues related to food safety and registration of food products and components. The Committe is not a decision making body, and does not examine or discuss manufacturer documentation. Participation appointed by the Minister of Agriculture by law is voluntary and non-honorary.</p> <p>Meetings are scheduled according to the needs of the Ministry. I am a Member in the Committee on behalf of the Hungarian National Agricultural Research and Innovation Centre. In such capacity, I cover issues related to food analysis, biochemical, environmental and ecotoxicological scientific aspects of food components.</p>
	11/2011 - now	-Name: Expert Committee of the National Association for Consumer Protection in Hungary, Budapest, HUNGARY	<p>The Committee advises the National Association for Consumer Protection in Hungary on issues related consumer concerns in food safety. Participation is voluntary and non-honorary.</p> <p>Meetings are scheduled case by case. I am a Member as an independent expert in the Committee. In such capacity, I cover issues of consumer protection related to food analysis, biochemical, environmental and ecotoxicological scientific aspects of food components.</p>
	09/2011 - now	-Name: Plant Protection Committee, Hungarian Ministry of Agriculture	<p>The Committee advises the Minister and State Secretaries of Agriculture on issues related to the national plant protection strategy and policies, pesticide registration, integrated pest management (IPM), pesticides complying with IPM, national authorization guidelines for pesticide preparations, as well as technological, scientific and legislative issues related to plant protection practices. The Committee is not a decision making body, and does not examine or discuss manufacturer documentation. Participation appointed by the Minister of Agriculture by law is voluntary and non-honorary.</p> <p>Meetings are scheduled according to the needs of the Ministry. I am a Member in the Committee on behalf of the Hungarian National Agricultural Research and Innovation Centre. In such capacity, I cover analytical, biochemical, environmental and ecotoxicological scientific aspects of pesticides.</p>
	09/2010 - now	-Name: GMO Working Group, Hungarian Ministry of Agriculture	<p>The GMO Working Group advises the Minister and State Secretaries of Agriculture in issues related to authorization / moratorium / risk assessment of GM crops in Hungary, in accordance with the current European Union legislation. The Committee is not a decision making body, and does not examine or discuss GM variety documentation. Participation appointed by the Minister of Agriculture is voluntary and non-honorary.</p> <p>Meetings are scheduled according to the needs of the Ministry. Opinions of the Working Groups are reached by voting by its certain (voting) members. I am a non-voting Member (Expert) in the GM Working Group, selected as an independent researcher of the National Agricultural Research and Innovation Centre. In such capacity, I cover analytical, biochemical, environmental and ecotoxicological scientific aspects of GM crops.</p>

	07/2006 - now	-Name: Scientific Committee on Pesticides, Hungarian Food Safety Office	<p>The committee advises the Hungarian Food Safety Office on issues related to pesticide residues in food. Issues covered include the occurrence of food/feed/water contamination with pesticides, statistical requirements (number of analyses required, rate and range of outliers allowed in order to meet maximal residue level criteria). The Committee is not a decision making body, and does not examine or discuss manufacturer documentation. Participation is voluntary and non-honorary.</p> <p>The committee holds regular meetings or E-mail discussions at occasions and on topics requested the Hungarian Food Safety Office. I am a Member in the Committee, selected as an independent researcher of the National Agricultural Research and Innovation Centre. In such capacity, I cover analytical, biochemical, environmental and ecotoxicological scientific aspects of pesticides.</p>
	05/2006 - now	-Name: Scientific Committee on GMOs, Hungarian Food Safety Office	<p>The committee advises the Hungarian Food Safety Office on issues related to GM crops in food safety. Issues covered include the elucidation of the allowed 0.1% GM contamination limit, statistical issues related to GM determination (copy numbers of transgenes, methodological limits of detection, etc.). The Committee is not a decision making body, and does not examine or discuss GM crop documentation. Participation is voluntary and non-honorary.</p> <p>The committee holds regular meetings or E-mail discussions at occasions and on topics requested the Hungarian Food Safety Office. I am a Member in the committee, selected as an independent researcher of the National Agricultural Research and Innovation Centre. In such capacity, I cover analytical, biochemical, environmental and ecotoxicological scientific aspects of GM crops.</p>
	09/2005 - now	-Name: GMO Roundtable, Budapest, HUNGARY	<p>The GMO Roundtable advises the Agricultural Committee and the Committee on Sustainable Development of the Hungarian Parliament on issues related to authorization / moratorium / risk assessment of GM crops. The Committee is not a decision making body, and does not examine or discuss GM variety documentation. Participation is voluntary and non-honorary.</p> <p>Meetings are scheduled case by case. I am a Founding Member of the GMO Roundtable, and serves as its Chair (2009-2013).</p>
	10/2004 - 12/2010	-Name: Pesticide Registration Harmonization Committee, Hungarian Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development	<p>The Committee advised the Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development on issues related to chemical plant protection (pesticides) and partly to agricultural biotechnology (GM crops). Issues covered included the definition of the range of pesticides entitled to receive environmental subsidy (to the farmers), high education of plant protection products experts in Hungary, compliance of pesticides and GM crops with integrated pest management practices, compliance with EU pesticide regulations. The Committee was not a decision making body, and did not have authorization to examine or discuss manufacturer documentation. Participation was voluntary and non-honorary.</p> <p>I was a Member in the Committee, selected as an independent researcher of the Hungarian Academy of Sciences. In such capacity, I covered analytical, biochemical and ecotoxicological scientific aspects of pesticides.</p>

IV. Employment	11/2011 - now	<p>-Name: Agro-Environmantal Research Institute (AERI), National Agricultural Research and Innovation Centre (NARIC), Budapest, HUNGARY</p>	<p>- Director-General of CFRI (name of institute changed to Central Environmental and Food Science Research Institute in 2012). - As of Jan 1, 2014, CFRI was merged with other research institutes of the Hungarian Ministry of Agriculture into legal successor National Agricultural Research and Innovation Centre (NARIC). Within NARIC, Director of the Agro-Environmantal Research Institute (AERI). - Head of the Extension Department of Ecotoxicology of Szent István University operating at the Institute (the Extension Department Head position does not involve employment by the university,it is being served as a full-time NARIC employee).</p> <p>Research topics (AERI NARIC): research on environmental and food safety; chemical and genetic safety of agricultural technologies; residue analysis and ecotoxicology of pesticides and mycotoxin, environmental risks of GM crops.</p> <p>Disclaimer of involvement in official pesticide registration issues: the National Agricultural Research and Innovation Centre (NARIC) is not involved in decision-making regarding registration of any particular pesticide or GM crop. Scientific opinion on pesticide or GM crop issues may be requested on a voluntary and non-honorary basis, but decision-making is the competency of the national authority (National Food Safety Office of the Hungarian Government). In particular - NARIC has no rights/ownership on any published RA guidance, methodology, software and/or computational model used in regulatory processes of PPPs, - NARIC is not involved in the authority regulatory assessment process of pesticides, and - NARIC has no official capacity of Risk Management (authorisation of PPPs, MRL setting, control activities). Pesticide and GMO monitoring carried out at NARIC serve fundamental aspects in environmental science, and does not constitute part of any official regulatory process.</p>
V. Occasional consultancy	09/2001 - now	<p>-Name: Ministry of Agriculture, Hungary</p>	<p>In certain occasions, delegated environmental expert of the Ministry (earlier Ministry of Rural Development and its predecessor Ministry of the Environment and Water). Participation is voluntary and non-honorary.</p> <p>In this competency, the Ministry has occasionally delegated me, selected as an independent researcher of the Hungarian Academy of Sciences or later the National Agricultural Research and Innovation Centre, to: - EFSA discussion meetings at Parma and Brussels (re-registration of MON 810, discussion of EFSA ERA guidelines on GMOs) - the Open ended Expert Group on Risk Assessment and Risk Managment of LMOs (GMOs) to the Cartagena Biosafety Protocol - OECD Co-operatice Research Programme (CRP) Governing Body, delegate (04/2011 - now); Scientific Advisory Body, member (12/2014 – now) My participation at these events have been advisory and did not include formal membership in Standing Committees.</p>
VI. Research funding	02/2015 - now	<p>-Name: NATO</p>	<p>Science for Peace and Security project 'Development of optical biosensors for detection of bio-toxins', international collaboration (Hungary, UK, France, Ukraine, Israel) Role: coordinator</p>

	09/2013 - now	-Name: Hungarian Scientific Research Fund	- Research on side-effects of pesticide adjuvants and detergents, their possible combined toxicological and ecotoxicological effects with pesticide active ingredients Role: principal investigator
	06/2013 - now	-Name: FP7 project 'SPICED' (Coordinated by BfR, Germany)	- Research on environmental and food safety in spice production and distribution in Europe within FP7 project 'Securing the spices and herbs commodity chains in Europe against deliberate, accidental or natural biological and chemical contamination (SPICED)' Role: principal investigator
	01/2004 - now	-Name: Hungarian Ministry of Agriculture	Annual budgets for research on environmental risk identification/assessment of GM crops. Role in the projects: Subcoordinator for Cry1Ab toxin analysis in GM crop (MON 810 maize)
	05/2005 - 04/2011	-Name: Hungarian National Research and Technology Office	- Research projects on pesticide analysis and bioanalysis, immunoassay development for pesticides, mycotoxins, microbial toxins (Cry1Ab), immunosensor development Role: principal investigator - Research projects on pesticide contamination in various modes of agriculture including intensive and ecological (organic) agriculture Role: participant, subcoordinator - Research projects on agricultural biotechnology, environmental assessment of GM crops MON 810 and DAS 59122-7 (the latter followed by a study for Pioneer Hi-Bred, Inc., see at bottom *) Role: participant, subcoordinator - Projects on endocrine disrupting effect monitoring/endocrine disruptor detection Role: principal investigator - Projects on environmentally friendly mosquito control, use/analysis of Bacillus thuringiensis toxins. Role: participant * as a follow-up Pioneer Hi-Bred, Inc. has entered a research collaboration (2009-2011) with our institute (PPI) to carry out insect exposure studies on DAS 59122-7. The Lead Researcher at PPI was Prof. Balázs Barna. As Head of Department, I was a participant.
	01/2008 - 12/2009	-Name: NATO	Collaborative Linkage Grant development of immunosensors for toxins international collaboration (UK, Italy, Czech Republic, Hungary) Role: subcoordinator
VII. Intellectual property rights			NO INTEREST
VIII. Other memberships or affiliations	06/2011 - now	-Name: Hungarian Society of Ecotoxicology	- Member - Member of the Control Committee - Editor-in-Chief of Biokontroll since 2010
	09/2009 - now	-Name: European Network of Scientists for Social and Environmental Responsibility	Critical assessment of emerging technologies Member and Non-Executive Trustee
	09/1990 - now	-Name: Hungarian Biochemical Society	- Member - Secretary of Environmental Biochemistry Division since 1992 - Editor of Biokémia (Quarterly Bulletin of the Hungarian Biochemical Society) since 1995; Editor-in-Chief 1998-2008
IX. Other relevant interest			NO INTEREST
X. Interests of close family members			NO INTEREST

Involvements	Potential CoI (*)	Funding (**)
Management Board	No	No

(*) - Indicates that you consider yourself to be in a potential Conflict of Interest (CoI) with respect to the EFSA activity.

(**) - Indicates that the research (co-)funding received from the private sector during the last budgetary year exceeds 25% of the average annual research budget that is managed by you for the area under concern or that is otherwise benefiting you, including research funding by your organisation.

I hereby declare that I have read both the Guidance Document on Declarations of Interests and the Procedure for identifying and handling potential conflict of interests and that the above Declaration of Interests is complete.

Date: 13/08/2015 Signature: **SIGNED**

ANNUAL DECLARATION OF INTERESTS (ADoI)

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Name: O'ROURKE, Raymond

Title: Mr

Profession: Lawyer

Current EFSA involvements: Member-Management Board (MB)

Nature of Activities	Period	Organisation	Subject matter
I. Economic interest			NO INTEREST
II. Member of a managing entity or equivalent structure	06/2015 - now	-Name: Bord Bia, Dublin. IRELAND, IRELAND	Bord Bia is the Irish Government's trade development & promotion body for the Irish food sector. The Management Board is responsible for any assets owned by Bord Bia, the keeping of proper Accounts and the prevention & detection of fraud.
	02/2013 - now	-Name: Food Safety Authority of Ireland, IRELAND, Dublin	Board Member, Chair of Audit Committee
	02/2008 - now	-Name: Consumers Association Of Ireland (CAI)	CAI Council Member since 2009 and appointed Chairperson of CAI in June 2013. The CAI is a BEUC affiliated Consumer NGO.
III. Member of a scientific advisory entity	03/2004 - 06/2014	-Name: GMOs Advisory Committee	Irish Government' s Advisory Committee on GMOs established by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to give advice to the EPA on all GMO applications. Membership expired on 30 June 2014
IV. Employment	01/2005 - now	-Name: Food & Consumer Lawyer	Own-practice providing legal services in the areas of food & consumer affairs

V. Occasional consultancy	10/2014 - now	-Name: Agrotec, Rome, ITALY	EU Technical Assistance PAZA-2 project in Albania in the area of food & veterinary affairs. Legal Drafting advice
	05/2015 - 09/2015	-Name: GFA, Hamburg, GERMANY	EU Trade Policy project in Kosovo. Further technical assistance to Kosovo Food & Veterinary Agency and Kosovo Ministry of Agriculture on plant health and food labelling issues as a follow-up to work completed in 2014
	01/2011 - 05/2015	-Name: Country Markets Ltd	Legal advice to a co-operative organising country markets throughout Ireland every week. Work has been completed by means of a Hygiene Guide published by the Food Safety Authority of Ireland (FSAI)
	06/2014 - 10/2014	-Name: DMI Associates, Lyon, FRANCE	EU Technical Assistance project - PLAC - in Serbia. Drafting EU compliant laws on Food Contact Materials and Nutrition & Health Claims
	04/2014 - 06/2014	-Name: GFA, Hamburg, GERMANY	EU Trade Policy project in Kosovo. Provided technical assistance to Kosovo Food & Veterinary Agency and Kosovo Ministry of Agriculture on plant health and food labelling issues.
	01/2014 - 02/2014	-Name: Cardno, Brussels, BELGIUM	EU-China Trade Project II - provided legal advice and completed a Workshop on Food Safety Liability Insurance (Beijing, China)
	03/2013 - 10/2013	-Name: GFA, Hamburg, GERMANY	EU Market Surveillance project in Serbia. Drafted EU-compliant laws on Organic Food & Food Contact Materials.
	08/2013 - 09/2013	-Name: Transtec, Brussels, BELGIUM	EU- Indonesia Trade Support Project. Gave legal advice and completed three 2-day Workshops on EU Rules on Exporting Food Products to the EU.
	04/2010 - 07/2013	-Name: Agrotec, Rome, Italy	EU technical assistance project in Albania. Gave legal advice & drafted a new Veterinary Law and secondary legislation in line with the EU <i>acquis communautaire</i>
	12/2012 - 03/2013	-Name: West Cork Distillers Ltd, Ireland	Legal advice on an application to get approval to produce Irish Whiskey
	10/2012 - 12/2012	-Name: Kelkin Ltd, Ireland	Legal advice on the labelling of food products (breakfast cereals) and food supplements
	02/2012 - 12/2012	-Name: Qatar National Food Security Programme (QNFSF)	Drafted a new Food Safety Law and gave advice on the establishment of a Qatar Food Safety Authority
	01/2011 - 11/2012	-Name: Agrotec, Rome, Italy	EU technical assistance project in Montenegro. Drafted legislation on classical swine fever & rabies in line with EU <i>acquis communautaire</i>
	02/2011 - 03/2011	-Name: Northwest Natural Products	Legal advice to a North American company on the labelling of food supplements for export to the EU
	09/2010 - 11/2010	-Name: BWG Ltd, Ireland	Legal advice on the labelling of numerous food products sold under the SPAR label in Ireland
	02/2010 - 04/2010	-Name: Bord Bia, Ireland	Legal advice on Bord Bia's Quality Assurance Schemes
	04/2009 - 11/2009	-Name: Icon, Koln, Germany	EU technical assistance project in St. Lucia. Drafted a Food Jurisdictional Law and various Food Standards for the St Lucia Bureau of Standards
VI. Research funding			NO INTEREST
VII. Intellectual property rights			NO INTEREST
VIII. Other memberships or affiliations	10/2010 - now	-Name: Irish Codex Committee	Advises Government on Codex Alimentarius issues
	05/2009 - now	-Name: Food Lawyers Network (FLN)	Co-operative network of Food Lawyers
	02/2006 - now	-Name: Taste Council	The Taste Council assists the Irish artisan and speciality food sector.
IX. Other relevant interest	01/2012 - now	-Name: World Food Regulation Review	Member of the Advisory Board

	02/2012 - 02/2015	-Name: University of Ulster, UNITED KINGDOM	Visiting Professor at the School of Biomedical Sciences
X. Interests of close family members			NO INTEREST

Involvements	Potential CoI (*)	Funding (**)
Management Board	No	-

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