

## Note to the Management Board

### **Withdrawal and appointment of members of the Scientific Panels on Genetically Modified Organisms (GMO), Food Contact Materials, Enzymes, Flavourings and Processing Aids (CEF), and Additives and Products or Substances Used in Animal Feed (FEEDAP)**

Following the selection procedure EFSA/E/2013/001, with decision adopted on 20 March 2014, the Management Board appointed the members of the Scientific Panels on Food Additives and Nutrient Sources Added to Food (ANS) and on Food Contact Materials, Enzymes, Flavourings and Processing Aids (CEF) – 2014-2017.

Based on the results of the selection procedure EFSA/E/2014/001, with decision adopted on 19 March 2015, the Management Board appointed the members of the Scientific Committee and Scientific Panels on Animal Health and Welfare (AHAW), Biological Hazards (BIOHAZ), Contaminants in the Food Chain (CONTAM), Additives and Products or Substances used in Animal Feed (FEEDAP), Genetically Modified Organisms (GMO), Dietetic Products, Nutrition and Allergies (NDA), Plant Health (PLH), Plant Protection Products and their Residues (PPR) – 2015-2018.

With decision adopted on 10 June 2015, the Board revised the composition of the BIOHAZ, CEF, CONTAM, GMO, PLH and PPR Scientific Panels. Two posts in the GMO Panel remained vacant. With the same decision, the Management Board adopted an updated reserve list of suitable candidates for membership in all Scientific Panels and the Scientific Committee.

Since the adoption of the latter decision, three experts informed EFSA of their resignation from the Panels on GMO (Prof. Howard Davies), CEF (Prof. Fidel Toldrá) and FEEDAP (Dr. María Luisa Fernández Cruz).

Whilst the Selection Committees of the GMO and the CEF Panels propose to fill the vacant positions at a later stage, the Selection Committee of the FEEDAP Panel proposes the nomination of an expert selected from the reserve list. The name of the expert will be made public once the appointing procedure is concluded.

The expert has a high level of expertise in environmental risk assessment, which is an area of growing importance in the field of feed additives and in the work of the FEEDAP Panel. Currently, only one member of the FEEDAP Panel has expertise in this scientific area. Therefore, it would be considered appropriate to strengthen the Panel's competence in this field.

With the resignation of the above-mentioned members, the GMO and CEF Scientific Panels include 18 and 20 members respectively. The GMO Panel is composed of 15 male and 3 female experts representing 10 different nationalities. The CEF Panel is composed of 13 male and 7 female experts representing 11 different nationalities.

Should the Management Board agree with EFSA's proposal to replace the former FEEDAP Panel member with the selected candidate, the composition of the FEEDAP Panel would not change in terms of gender and geographical representation (16 male and 5 female experts representing 10 different nationalities).

The Management Board is kindly invited to note the withdrawal of the three former members of the GMO, CEF and FEEDAP Scientific Panels and consider the appointment of a new member to the FEEDAP Scientific Panel. Simultaneously, the Board is invited to adopt a revised list of candidates suitable for membership in the EFSA Scientific Committee and all Scientific Panels, which would include the three former Panel members.