

Scientific Panel on Plant Protection Products and their Residues

Minutes of the 100th Plenary meeting

Held on 19-20 June, 2019, Parma (Italy)

(Agreed on 5 July, 2019)

Participants

■ Panel Members:

Paulien Adriaanse, Annette Aldrich, Tamara Coja, Sabine Duquesne, Anne Louise Gimsing, Antonio Hernandez-Jerez, Marina Marinovich, Maurice Millet, Olavi Pelkonen, Silvia Pieper, Aaldrik Tiktak, Christopher Topping, Anneli Widenfalk and Gerrit Wolterink.

■ Hearing Experts:

Not Applicable

■ European Commission and/or Member States representatives:

Not Applicable

■ EFSA:

Arena Maria, Chiusolo Arianna, Parra Morte Juan, Sharp Rachel, Streissl Franz

19th June: Ferreira Lucien, Ardizzone Michele

20th June: Dujardin Bruno, Egsmose Mark, Leuschner Renata, Mohimont Luc, Serafimova Rositsa, Terron Andrea, Vagenende Benedicte

■ Observers:

Not Applicable



1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair of the Panel, Antonio Hernández-Jerez, welcomed the participants. Apologies were received from Philippe Berny and Ioanna Tzoulaki.

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted with slight changes.

3. Declarations of Interest of Scientific Panel Members

Declarations of Interest of Scientific Panel Members In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence¹ and the Decision of the Executive Director on Competing Interest Management², EFSA screened the Annual Declarations of Interest filled out by the Panel members invited to the present meeting. No Conflicts of Interest related to the issues discussed in this meeting have been identified during the screening process, and no interests were declared orally by the members at the beginning of this meeting.

4. Agreement of the minutes of the 99th Plenary meeting held on 3-4 April 2019, Parma (Italy)

The minutes of the 99th PPR Plenary were agreed via written procedure on 23rd April.

5. Report on written procedures since 99th Plenary meeting

The EFSA report on the establishment of cumulative assessment groups of pesticides for their effects on the thyroid was endorsed via written procedure on 24 May. Publication is foreseen in September 2019.

6. Info session on independence progress in 2018

The Legal Unit of EFSA informed the Panel on activities related to Independence since the adoption of the new Independence Policy in June 2017, implemented in July 2018.

7. Update of the General Food Law (Regulation (EC) No. 178/2002)

The item was postponed to the next PPR Plenary.

¹http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/policy_independence.pdf

²http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/competing_interest_management_17.pdf



8. Scientific outputs submitted for discussion and/or possible adoption, updates on ongoing activities, new projects

8.1. Scientific Statement on the coverage of bats by the current pesticide risk assessment for birds and mammals ([EFSA-Q-2018-00615](#))

The Secretariat circulated a revised draft of the Scientific Opinion to the Panel on 23rd May 2019. The document was presented to the Panel.

Minor changes were agreed after discussion and the panel adopted unanimously the Scientific Opinion. The output will be published by July 2019.

Main scope of the statement was to investigate whether the current risk assessment for birds and ground dwelling mammals exposed to pesticides covered bats.

8.2 EFSA GMO WG on animal dietary exposure ([EFSA-Q-2018-01020](#))

An EFSA report on Animal Dietary Exposure prepared by GMO Unit with the participation of other EFSA Units, including the Pesticide Residue Unit (PRES), was presented to the Panel for collecting feedbacks before finalisation of the output, foreseen in September 2019.

8.3 Request of an opinion on the genotoxic potential of triazine amine (metabolite common to several sulfonylurea active substances) ([EFSA-Q-2018-00830](#))

The Panel was informed on the status of the project. The deadline for the finalisation of the Scientific Opinion was postponed in order to consider in the assessment newly submitted studies by the applicant. The new evidence will be taken into consideration by the SCER SWG during the meeting in June and the outcomes from the assessment will be presented to the Panel for discussion in October. The draft output will be submitted in advance to the PPR Panel for its possible adoption in November 2019.

9. The EFSA Executive Director meets the Panel

Bernhard Url, the Executive Director of EFSA, met the Panel in occasion of the 100th PPR Plenary meeting. In this occasion, the prioritisation exercise for developmental activities was explained to the Panel.



10. Scientific outputs submitted for discussion and/or possible adoption, updates on ongoing activities, new projects

10.1. Draft EFSA scientific report on the cumulative risk assessment of pesticide residues regarding their combined acute effects on the nervous system ([EFSA-Q-2018-00346](#))

An overview of all the activities related to the cumulative risk assessment of pesticides was provided. The secretariat presented the output, focusing on the changes triggered by the uncertainty analysis exercise and by the revision done by Panel members. All changes were agreed and the EFSA Scientific Report was endorsed unanimously by the Panel. Publication is foreseen in September 2019.

10.2. Draft EFSA scientific report on the cumulative risk assessment of pesticide residues regarding their combined chronic effects on the thyroid ([EFSA-Q-2018-00345](#))

The output was presented and the changes triggered by the uncertainty analysis exercise and by the revision done by Panel members were discussed and agreed. The EFSA Scientific Report was endorsed unanimously by the Panel. Publication is foreseen in September 2019.

10.3 Framework for conducting environmental exposure and risk assessment for transition metals when used as active substances in PPPs

The Panel was informed on the status of the internal procedure for acceptance of the mandate. The Expertise identified by the appointed chair in consultation with the Pesticide Peer Review Unit were presented and agreed by the Panel.

10.4 Update from the Pesticide Residues Unit on the proposal for establishing a permanent PPR Panel WG on Pesticides Residues

The Panel was informed that the initiative of having a Standing Working Group to receive *ad-hoc* support and contributions for the core activities (i.e. MRL setting), led by the Pesticide Residues Unit, was put on hold until it will be further clarification on the remit of such Working Group.

10.5 EFSA guidance on testing and interpretation of comparative inter-species in-vitro metabolism ([EFSA-Q-2018-00444](#))

The Panel was updated on the status of the activities related to EFSA guidance on testing and interpretation of comparative inter-species in-vitro metabolism. The establishment of the WG is ongoing. The PPR Panel will be updated regularly as well as for the final endorsement of the output, foreseen in March 2021.



10.6 Development of Adverse Outcome Pathways relevant for the identification of substances having endocrine disruptors properties

The expertise identified as relevant to the development of the Scientific Opinion was presented and agreed. The Panel appointed Marina Marinovich as the chair of the Working Group.

10.7 Scientific Opinion of the PPR Panel for developing Integrated Approaches to Testing and assessment (IATA) case studies on developmental neurotoxicity (DNT) risk assessment ([EFSA-Q-2019-00100](#))

An update on the status of the activities of the Working Group was presented. Possible case studies on DNT were presented and discussed. Next WG meeting will be held in July 2019.

10.8 External Scientific Report 'Evaluation of the applicability of existing (Q)SAR models for predicting the genotoxicity of pesticides and similarity analysis related with genotoxicity of pesticides for facilitating of grouping and read across'

The outcome of the External Scientific Report was presented to the Panel. Possible future activities related to the topic were discussed.

11. On-going activities of the Scientific Committee

The chair updated the Panel on the on-going activities at the level of the Scientific Committee in the area of mammalian toxicology.

12. AOB

A paper published in Archives of Toxicology with some Panel Members as authors was shared with the Panel. The paper presents the activities already performed by EFSA (PPR Panel and WGs) regarding the use of epidemiological evidence for pesticide risk assessment in humans.