



Scientific Panel on Plant Health

Minutes of the 84th Plenary meeting

Held on 18 December 2019, via Skype conference

(Agreed on 14 January 2020)

Participants

■ Panel Members:

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■ European Commission and/or Member States representatives:

Maria Kammenou (DG SANTE)

■ EFSA:

ALPHA Unit: Laura Carotti, Eduardo De La Peña, Ciro Gardi, Svetla Kozelska, Alzbeta Mikulova, Marco Pautasso, Maria Chiara Rosace, Oresteia Sfyrá; Giuseppe Stancanelli, Franz Streissl, Emanuela Tacci

AMU Unit: Olaf Mosbach Schulz

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants. Apologies were received from Lucia Zappalà and Marie-Agnès Jacques

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

3. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members

Nothing to declare

4. Agreement of the minutes of the 83rd Plenary meeting

The minutes of the 83rd Plenary minutes were agreed by written procedure.

5. Scientific outputs submitted for discussion and possible adoption

5.1. Art. 29 Scientific opinion on Commodity Risk Assessment of High risk plants - ISRAEL - *Robinia pseudoacacia* (EFSA-Q-2019-00108)

Before the discussion on the scientific Opinion, the working group chair presented the Opinion with a Power Point presentation. The comments proposed from the Panel members on the *Robinia pseudoacacia* Opinion were discussed. The main points raised were on the new definition terms used for describing pest freedom status and on the presentation of uncertainty on pest freedom. Other elements discussed were related to editorials issues.

The Opinion was not adopted during this Plenary and the Panel proposed to proceed for adoption after the proposed changes have been implemented and circulated.

The Panel also agreed to apply similar editorial changes to the *Albizia julibrissin* Opinion, still to be published, to further improve clarity of figures and legends.

6. Feedback from Scientific Panel including their Working Groups

6.1. Update from WG on High Risk Plants Section I

6.2. Update from WG on High Risk Plants Section II

6.3. Update from WG on High Risk Plants Section III

We experienced time constraints due to connection issues, therefore the Update from WG on High Risk Plants Section II will be provided during the next PLH Panel plenary meeting.

7. Other Scientific topics

7.1. Self-Reading on Panel training needs on Quantitative risk assessment and uncertainty guidance

We experienced time constraints due to connection issues, therefore there was no opportunity for the Panel to read the published quantitative pest risk assessments. Training needs on this topic will be collected at a later stage.

7.2. Self-reading on Panel training needs on the new EU Plant Health Law

We experienced time constraints due to connection issues, therefore there was not opportunity to work on it.

8. Update from Scientific Committee and its Working Groups

We experienced time constraints due to connection issues, therefore there was not opportunity to present the update from Scientific Committee

9. AOB

9.1. Update & agreement of PLH Panel plenary meeting dates in Q1 and Q2 2020

- a. 86th PLH Panel plenary meeting, 25-26 March 2020:

Panel were reminded that a block booking at Star hotel du Parc were made until December 20, invitations for the Plenary and the WG meeting were already sent out.

- b. 87th PLH Panel plenary meeting: moved from May 2020 to 10-11 June 2020. The Panel agreed with the new date proposed

- c. 88th Panel plenary meeting on 8-9 July 2020 will be open to observer (Open Plenary)
Panel agreed with the swapping of the OPEN plenary from May to July due to the high hotel rate in Parma