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NOTE

on the evaluation of Scientific Experts considered for the PPR Scientific Panel of the European Food Safety Authority

INTRODUCTION TO THE REPLACEMENT PROCEDURE

With the consolidated decision of EFSA's Management Board dated 14 June 2012 on the appointment of experts in the Scientific Committee and eight Scientific Panels, which was based on the results of the re-screening of ADols under the newly implemented rules of Independence and on the fact that some nominated candidates could not take up the function assigned, the PPR Panel counted the membership of 19 experts. Hence, there is the need to fill the two vacant positions remaining open.

This note provides information on the two new members proposed for the PPR Panel that are intended to strengthen the Panel in its work for the current term up to summer 2015.

In application of EFSA's procedure on the appointment of experts, the details of the new PPR Panel members will be disclosed to the public after their formal acceptance of the position.

PPR SCIENTIFIC PANEL

Two candidates are proposed to fulfil the two vacant posts for this Panel. The first proposed candidate has main expertise in ecotoxicology, ecology and population dynamics and environmental exposure and risk assessment. The second proposed candidate has expertise in environmental fate and behaviour of pesticides, ecotoxicology, ecology and population dynamics and environmental exposure and risk assessment. Both have acquired a long experience in regulatory risk assessment for various animal species at both national and international level and are therefore very familiar with the scientific procedures supporting decision making processes in the area of pesticides. Therefore their profiles usefully complement the academic expertise already present in the PPR Panel to address the ongoing mandates on the development of risk assessment methodologies supporting the implementation of Regulation (EC) No 1107/2009 concerning the placing on the market of plant protection products.

The inclusion of these two experts in the PPR Panel would increase the Panel scientific expertise with reference to the above-mentioned scientific areas, resulting in an enhanced operational capacity of the Panel in performing the scientific activities related to its mandate.

The proposed nominations also improve the gender balance (5 females) of the PPR Panel and increase the number of Member States represented by one (i.e. 21 experts from 11 European countries).

PROPOSAL

The Management Board is kindly required to appoint the new members for the vacant posts in the PPR Panel.