



SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON PLANT PROTECTION PRODUCTS AND THEIR RESIDUES

MINUTES OF THE 103rd PLENARY MEETING

Held on 12 February 2020

(Agreed by written procedure on 25th February 2020)

Participants

- Panel Members:
Paulien Adriaanse, Annette Aldrich, Philippe Berny, Tamara Coja, Sabine Duquesne, Antonio Hernandez-Jerez (chair), Marina Marinovich, Maurice Millet, Olavi Pelkonen, Silvia Pieper, Aldrik Tiktak, Christopher Topping, Anneli Widenfalk, Gerrit Wolterink
- Hearing Experts:
Not Applicable
- European Commission and/or Member States representatives:
Not Applicable
- EFSA:
Laima Abromaityte, Maria Arena, Arianna Chiusolo, Mathilde Colas, Daniele Court-Marques, Olga Kulikova, Mark Egsmose, Christopher Lythgo, José Oriol Magrans Soria, Iris Mangas, Luca Martinenghi, Martina Panzarea, Juan Parra Morte, Andrea Terron
- Observers:
Not Applicable



1. Welcome and apologies for absence

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

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted with no 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. Report on written procedures since 102nd Plenary meeting

None.

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

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

Conclusions of the assessment on the genotoxic potential of triazine amine were presented and agreed. The Panel adopted the Scientific Opinion.

5.2. Cumulative risk assessment: outcome from the public consultation ([EFSA-Q-2019-00500](#) and [EFSA-Q-2019-00501](#))

The Panel was informed on the outcome of the public consultation on the two draft EFSA Scientific Reports on cumulative dietary risk characterisation of pesticides that have acute effects on the nervous system and chronic effects on the thyroid.

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



5.3. Framework for conducting environmental exposure and risk assessment for transition metals when used as active substances in PPPs ([EFSA-Q-2019-00374](#))

The Panel was updated on the status of activities of the WG for the development of the Statement and the next steps.

5.4. 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](#))

The Panel was updated on the status of the Scientific Opinion for developing IATA case studies on DNT risk assessment. The results of the evidence retrieval and appraisal of the systematic literature review as well as timelines for the following steps of the project were presented.

5.5. New mandate: *Pseudomonas chlororaphis* strain MA 342

The Panel discussed the new mandate received from the European Commission on the microbial active substance *Pseudomonas chlororaphis* strain MA 342. Anneli Widenfalk was appointed by the chair of the Panel as chair of the Working Group. The expertise needed to address the activity according to the terms of reference were presented. The Panel agreed that the EFSA Standing Working Group on genotoxicity should be consulted for elucidating the aneugenicity potential of the metabolite 2,3-deepoxy-2,3-didehydro-rhizoxin (DDR) produced by the microorganism.

6. New expert compensation scheme, extension of current Panel mandate and mutual assessment of EFSA staff and experts

The Head of the REPRO department attended the Plenary meeting to inform the Panel about the changes introduced by the New Transparency Regulation and the implication to the Scientific Committee and Panels, in particular in relation to the Panel mandate extension, the increase in expert indemnity, expert mutual assessment and timelines.

7. Increasing efficiency of EFSA Panels/Scientific WG meetings

EFSA presented some recommendations for increasing the efficiency in the organization of WG meetings. Furthermore, EFSA also presented some general rules on how to systematically perform reviews of outputs before adoption/endorsement.

8. On-going activities of the Scientific Committee

The chair informed the Panel on the status of the on-going activities of the Scientific Committee.

9. AOB

The Panel was informed that the next PPR plenary meeting will be held on 1st April, via teleconference. The Panel was also informed that the meeting in June will be an open plenary to external observers.