

# SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON PLANT PROTECTION PRODUCTS AND THEIR RESIDUES

## MINUTES OF THE 104<sup>th</sup> PLENARY MEETING

**Held on 1 April 2020**

**(Agreed by written procedure on 14 April 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, Aaldrik Tiktak, Christopher Topping, Anneli Widenfalk, Gerrit Wolterink
  
- Hearing Experts:  
Not Applicable
  
- European Commission and/or Member States representatives:  
Not Applicable
  
- EFSA:  
Maria Arena, Domenica Auteri, Mathilde Colas, Arianna Chiusolo, Mark Egsmose, Alfonso Lostia, Christopher Lythgo, José Oriol Magrans Soria, Iris Mangas, Luca Martinenghi, Martina Panzarea, Juan Parra Morte, Agnès Rortais, Csaba Szentes, Andrea Terron, Manuela Tiramani
  
- Observers:  
Not Applicable



## 1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair of the Panel, Antonio Hernández-Jerez, welcomed the participants. The Chair informed the Panel about resignation 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 Independence<sup>1</sup> and the Decision of the Executive Director on Competing Interest Management<sup>2</sup>, 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 103<sup>rd</sup> Plenary meeting

None.

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

### 5.1. 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 updated results of the evidence retrieval and appraisal of the systematic literature review as well as the next steps for the integration and uncertainties analysis of the evidence were presented.

### 5.2. Development of Adverse Outcome Pathways relevant for the identification of substances having endocrine disruptors properties ([EFSA-Q-2019-00492](#))

The Panel was updated on the status of the activities of the WG for the development of Adverse Outcome Pathways (AOPs) relevant for the identification of substances having endocrine disruptors properties. The items discussed during the WG meeting in March, i.e. the definition of the adverse outcome (AO), possible putative AOPs as well as the methodology to be applied for the AOPs development were presented to the Panel.

<sup>1</sup>[http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate\\_publications/files/policy\\_independence.pdf](http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/policy_independence.pdf)

<sup>2</sup>[http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate\\_publications/files/competing\\_interest\\_management\\_17.pdf](http://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. Sabine Duquesne, Aldrik Tiktak and Gerrit Wolterink were identified as peer reviewers of the draft output which will be circulated for possible endorsement before the public consultation in the next plenary in June.

### **5.4. Scientific advice on the translocation potential by *Pseudomonas chlororaphis* MA342 in plants after seed treatment of cereals and peas and, if applicable, for a revision of the assessment of the risk to humans ([EFSA-Q-2020-00116](#))**

The Panel was updated on the status of activities of the WG for the development of a Statement on the microbial active substance *Pseudomonas chlororaphis* strain MA 342. The Panel was also informed that the consultation of EFSA Standing Working Group on genotoxicity has been initiated in March, in order to advise on the aneugenicity potential of the metabolite 2,3-deepoxy-2,3-didehydro-rhizoxin (DDR) produced by the microorganism.

### **5.5. Revision of the guidance on the risk assessment of plant protection products on bees (*Apis mellifera*, *Bombus* spp. and solitary bees) ([EFSA-Q-2019-00308](#))**

The Panel was updated on the status of activities for the revision of the EFSA guidance document on the risk assessment of plant protection products for bees.

### **5.6. Development of an integrated holistic approach for the risk assessment of multiple stressors in bees ([EFSA-Q-2018-00645](#))**

The Panel was informed about the status of activities for the development of a Scientific Opinion on the science behind the development of an integrated holistic approach for the risk assessment of multiple stressors in managed honey bees (*Apis mellifera*).

### **5.7. Testing and interpretation of comparative inter-species in-vitro metabolism ([EFSA-Q-2018-00444](#))**

The Panel was updated on the status of development of the EFSA guidance on *in vitro* comparative metabolism studies.

## **6. On-going activities of the Scientific Committee**

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

## **7. A closer look at integrated pest management-Assessment of the Dutch policy document 'Healthy Growth, Sustainable Harvest'**

This item was postponed due to the lack of time



## **8. Increasing efficiency of EFSA Panels/Scientific WG meetings**

EFSA presented a check-list document to support reviews of outputs before adoption/endorsement.

## **9. AOB**

The Panel was informed that the next PPR plenary meeting will be OPEN to external observers and will be held on 10-11 June, via web-conference.