



Scientific Panel on Plant Protection Products and their Residues

Minutes of the 108th Plenary meeting

Held on 18-19 November 2020 (webconference)

(Agreed on 4th December, 2020)

Participants

■ Panel Members:

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■ Hearing Experts:

Pernille Rosenskjold Jacobsen, Susanne Hougaard Bennekou

■ European Commission and/or Member States representatives:

Not Applicable

■ EFSA:

PREV Unit: Maria Arena, Arianna Chiusolo, Mathilde Colas, Federica Crivellente, Mark Egsmose, Olga Kulikova, Chris Lythgo, Iris Mangas, Martina Panzarea, Juan Parra Morte, Andrea Terron, Manuela Tiramani
AMU Unit: Laura Martino

■ Observers:

Not Applicable

■ Others:

Not Applicable

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants.

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted with slight changes in the order of the items.

3. Declarations of Interest of Scientific Committee/Scientific Panel/ Members

Declarations of Interest of Scientific Panel Members In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence and the Decision of the Executive Director on Competing Interest Management, 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. Scientific outputs submitted for discussion and/or possible adoption, updates on ongoing activities, new projects

4.1 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 comments received during the public consultation and the next steps for the finalisation of the Statement.

4.2 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 planning for outsourced activity (systematic review) related to the mandate.

4.3 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. Also, the planning for revision before endorsement of the draft output for public consultation was presented and agreed. Panel reviewers will be nominated by written procedure.

4.4 In vitro comparative metabolism studies ([EFSA-Q-2020-0055](#))

The Panel was informed that the internal procedure for converting the mandate from an EFSA Guidance to a Scientific Opinion of the PPR Panel was finalised. Olavi was appointed for acting as chair of the PPR Panel Working Group, starting from December 2020.

5. Scientific Opinion/Guidance Document on scientific criteria for grouping chemicals into assessment groups

The Panel was informed on the scientific criteria for grouping chemicals into assessment groups, as provided in the draft Opinion/Guidance document under development by the Scientific Committee.

6. Checklist for reviewers

This item was postponed to the next Plenary meeting in February 2021.

7. Investigation of the relationship between pyrethroids exposure and ADHD (attention deficit hyperactivity disorders)

The hearing expert from Danish Environmental Protection Agency presented the background for the request to the PPR Panel on the assessment of an epidemiological study conducted in DK (Dalsager et al., 2019). The evaluation of the study, including strengths, limitations and risk of bias assessment was presented for discussion by the Panel.

8. Guidance on appraising and integrating evidence from epidemiological studies for use in EFSA's scientific assessments-pilot phase

The Panel was informed on the elements captured in the draft Guidance document on appraising and integrating evidence from epidemiological studies, developed by the Scientific Committee and published for a testing phase of one year.

9. On-going activities of the Scientific Committee

The update will be provided via mail.

10. AOB

Following the update given by the European Commission at the 107th PPR Plenary, the Panel identified the need for a follow-up scientific exchange.