

Assessment of the interests declared pursuant to Article 13(2) of the Rules of Procedure of the EFSA Management Board

The present note provides an assessment on whether the interests newly declared by Board members represent a potential conflict in accordance with EFSA's internal rules and the Board Code of Conduct. Based on this assessment, the Board should reach a conclusion and where appropriate recommend a follow-up.

The following evaluation concerns newly declared interests. The advice takes into account the employment and activities of the member, his/her role in the Board and the responsibilities of the Board in view of the fact that, in terms of impact on EFSA's business, it primarily looks at the regularity and legality of EFSA's processes without entering into the merit of any scientific activity carried out by the other bodies of EFSA.

If an identified conflict that is substantially affecting the work of the Board or EFSA's reputation is not resolved by the proposed assessment and a member of the Board is not fulfilling his/her obligations in relation to independence in such a manner that this is substantially affecting the work of the Board, the Board, acting on a two-thirds majority, may ask for his or her replacement¹.

Herman Diricks

DoI submission date: 14 April 2020

New declared interests: No new interest was declared compared to the Declaration he submitted in 2019.

Assessment: Complying with the legal requirement demanding to the members of the Management Board to submit an updated DoI on annual basis, Mr Herman Diricks confirmed the interests already declared in 2019. In view of their public interest nature, it is unlikely that the interests declared by Mr Diricks may lead to conflicts, but as a precautionary approach, it is suggested that the Board re-examines their relevance to assess whether specific conflicts may exist when it discusses EFSA's outsourcing programmes.

¹ Article 15 of the Rules of Procedure of the Management Board.



Didier Houssin

DoI submission date: 6 May 2020

New declared interests:

- Since February 2020, Chair of the International Health Regulations Emergency Committee Coronavirus 2019 of the World Health Organisation.
- Since October 2019, President of the group "Dialogue and Ethics" of ALLICE (Union of breeding cooperatives active in the field of animal reproduction and selection).

Assessment: Mr Houssin's chairmanship of the International Health Regulations Emergency Committee Coronavirus 2019 does not represent a potential conflict, since the activities he implements are carried out in the public interest and in an area not pertaining to EFSA's mandate. Mr Houssin's presidency of the group "Dialogue and Ethics" of ALLICE does not represent a potential conflict either, since ethical aspects do not pertain to EFSA's mandate and the Management Board does not enter into the merit of EFSA's scientific outputs. As a precautionary approach, however, it is suggested that the Board re-examines the relevance of this interest to assess whether specific conflicts may exist when it discusses EFSA's outsourcing programmes.

Giuseppe Ruocco

DoI submission date: 20 May 2020

New declared interests: None. Mr Ruocco rectified the information on the impact of his salary as public officer in his annual earnings.

Assessment: The rectification does not raise elements constituting a potential conflict of interest.

Zita Čeponytė

DoI submission date: 26 May 2020

New declared interests: None. Ms Čeponytė rectified the information on the impact of his salary as public officer in his annual earnings.

Assessment: The rectification does not raise elements constituting a potential conflict of interest.

Annex:

- DoI Herman Diricks
- DoI Didier Houssin
- DoI Giuseppe Ruocco
- DoI Zita Čeponytė

ANNUAL DECLARATION OF INTERESTS (ADoI)

(Please note that high quality of scientific expertise is by nature based on prior experience and that therefore having an interest does not necessarily mean having a conflict of interest)

Name: DIRICKS, Herman

Title: Mr.

Profession: Civil Servant

Current EFSA involvements: Member-Management Board (MB)

Nature of Activities	Period	Organisation	Subject matter
I. Financial investments			NO INTEREST
II. Managerial role			NO INTEREST
III. Member of a scientific advisory entity			NO INTEREST
IV. Employment	06/2002 - now	-Name: Federal Agency for the Safety of the Food Chain	Chief Executive Officer Impact on annual earnings: >25%
V. Occasional consultancy			NO INTEREST
VI. Research funding			NO INTEREST
VII. Intellectual property rights			NO INTEREST
VIII. Other memberships or affiliations			NO INTEREST
IX. Other relevant interest	05/2018 - now	-Name: Sciensano, Brussels, National Scientific institute	Member of the board of directors Impact on annual earnings: 0%

X. Interests of close family members			NO INTEREST
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Involvements	Potential CoI (*)	Funding (**)
Management Board	No	-

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(**) - Indicates that the research (co-)funding received from the private sector during the last budgetary year exceeds 25% of the average annual research budget that is managed by you for the area under concern or that is otherwise benefiting you, including research funding by your organisation.

I hereby declare that I have read both the Guidance Document on Declarations of Interests and the Procedure for identifying and handling potential conflict of interests and that the above Declaration of Interests is complete.

Date: 14/04/2020 Signature: **SIGNED**

ANNUAL DECLARATION OF INTERESTS (ADoI)

(Please note that high quality of scientific expertise is by nature based on prior experience and that therefore having an interest does not necessarily mean having a conflict of interest)

Name: HOUSSIN, Didier

Title: Prof.

Profession: Professor of university in surgery

Current EFSA involvements: Member-Management Board (MB)

Nature of Activities	Period	Organisation	Subject matter
I. Financial investments			NO INTEREST
II. Managerial role	12/2016 - now	-Name: AP-HP International (Assistance Publique - Hopitaux de Paris), Paris, FRANCE	President of AP-HP International, which is the subsidiary of the Assistance Publique - Hopitaux de Paris. AP-HP International is a private company providing consultancy to private and public organisations outside France for the creation or re-organisation of hospitals. Impact on annual earnings: >25%
	06/2013 - now	-Name: HOPITAL FOCH, SURESNES, FRANCE	MEMBER OF THE MANAGEMENT BOARD OF HOSPITAL FOCH WHICH IS A PRIVATE HOSPITAL IN PARIS AREA Impact on annual earnings: 0%
	06/2016 - 05/2018	-Name: AMREF FLYING DOCTORS FRANCE, PARIS, FRANCE	MEMBER OF THE MANAGEMENT BOARD OF AMREF FLYING DOCTORS FRANCE. AMREF FLYING DOCTORS IS A NON GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATION SUPPORTING ACTIONS FOR PUBLIC HEALTH IN AFRICA, PARTICULARLY CONCERNING THE HEALTH OF WOMEN AND CHILDREN Impact on annual earnings: 0%

	11/2014 - 04/2017	-Name: FONDATION DE RECHERCHE DE LA FEDERATION HOSPITALIERE DE FRANCE (FONDATION DE RECHERCHE DE LA FHF), PARIS, FRANCE	MEMBER OF THE MANAGEMENT BOARD OF A FOUNDATION WHICH PROVIDES FINANCIAL SUPPORT TO FRENCH PUBLIC HOSPITALS Impact on annual earnings: 0%
	11/2013 - 06/2016	-Name: ANSES, Agence nationale de sécurité sanitaire de l'alimentation, de l'environnement et du travail, FRANCE, Maisons-Alfort	Chair of the management board of the ANSES which is the French Agency in charge of food safety Impact on annual earnings: >0% and <5%
III. Member of a scientific advisory entity	11/2011 - now	-Name: WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION (OMS), WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION, GENEVA, SWITZERLAND	Chair (2011-2014), then member (since 2014), of the Pandemic influenza preparedness framework advisory group Chair (2013-2016) of the technical expert working group about the use of gene sequence data in the context of the Pandemic influenza preparedness framework agreement Chair (2015-2016) of the review committee on the role of the International health regulations (IHR) in the Ebola outbreak and response Member (since 2015) of the technical advisory committee for the strategy of the Eastern Mediterranean WHO Regional Office (EMRO) (Cairo) Member (since 2015) of the expert group of the Eastern Mediterranean WHO Regional Office about the implementation of the IHR core capacities in the countries of the WHO EMRO Region (Cairo) Member (2014-2016) of the Eastern Mediterranean WHO Region expert group to assess the essential public health functions of Morocco Member (2015) of the Eastern Mediterranean WHO Region expert group about the health strategy of Tunisia Chair (2020) International Health Regulations Emergency committee Coronavirus 2019 Impact on annual earnings: 0%
	05/2015 - 11/2017	-Name: CONSEIL NATIONAL DE SANTE PUBLIQUE VETERINAIRE (CNSVP), PARIS, FRANCE	MEMBER OF THE RECENTLY CREATED (2015) CNSVP, WHICH IS A MULTISTAKEHOLDER SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE, THE TASK OF WHICH IS TO MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE GOVERNMENT (MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE) IN THE FIELD OF ANIMAL PUBLIC HEALTH Impact on annual earnings: 0%
	02/2016 - 03/2017	-Name: CONSEIL NATIONAL DE L'ALIMENTATION (CNA), PARIS, FRANCE	CHAIR OF THE WORKING GROUP INSTALLED TO DRAW, AFTER ABOUT 20 YEARS, LESSONS FROM THE 1996 BOVINE SPONGIFORM ENCEPHALOPATHY CRISIS IN FRANCE. THIS GROUP IS MULTISTAKEHOLDERS. IN 2017 IT WILL PRODUCE A REPORT WHICH WILL CONTAIN RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE GOVERNMENT (MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE) Impact on annual earnings: 0%

IV. Employment	09/2015 - 09/2017	-Name: UNIVERSITY PARIS-DESCARTES AND GREATER PARIS UNIVERSITY HOSPITALS, UNIVERSITE PARIS-DESCARTES ET ASSISTANCE PUBLIQUE-HOPITAUX DE PARIS, PARIS, FRANCE	Professor of surgery at University Paris-Descartes and medical advisor at the international Affairs Department of the Greater Paris University Hospitals CEO (2011-2015) of the French Agency (AERES)(now High Council (HCERES)) for the evaluation of research and higher education. This institution evaluates the French research units and higher education programs in all scientific domains, as well as the French higher education and research institutions (Universities, high schools) and research organizations (like CNRS or INRA). It conducts also evaluations abroad on request of foreign countries or institutions. It is not a funding entity, but the results of the evaluation made by AERES (now HCERES) are used by third parties (Ministries, universities, research organisms) to fund their research institutions or activities. Director general for health and interministerial delegate for pandemic influenza preparedness (2005-2011) Impact on annual earnings: 0%
V. Occasional consultancy	02/2016 - 03/2017	-Name: WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION EASTERN MEDITERRANEAN REGIONAL OFFICE (WHO EMRO), CAIRO, EGYPT	OCCASIONAL CONSULTANCY FOR THE PREPARATION OF A NEW PUBLIC HEALTH LAW IN MOROCCO OCCASIONAL CONSULTANCY FOR THE ASSESSMENT OF THE HEALTH TRANSFORMATION OF THE ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF IRAN Impact on annual earnings: >0% and <5%
VI. Research funding			NO INTEREST
VII. Intellectual property rights			NO INTEREST
VIII. Other memberships or affiliations	10/2019 - now	-Name: ALLICE union de coopératives d'élevage qui fédère les entreprises françaises (et une belge) de sélection et reproduction animale	Groupe de dialogue et d'éthique J'ai été nommé président de ce groupe Impact on annual earnings: 0%
IX. Other relevant interest			NO INTEREST
X. Interests of close family members			NO INTEREST

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Date: 06/05/2020

Signature:

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ANNUAL DECLARATION OF INTERESTS (ADoI)

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Name: RUOCCHI, Giuseppe

Title: Dr.

Profession: MD

Current EFSA involvements: Member-Management Board (MB)

Nature of Activities	Period	Organisation	Subject matter
I. Financial investments			NO INTEREST
II. Managerial role			NO INTEREST
III. Member of a scientific advisory entity			NO INTEREST
IV. Employment	11/2017 - now	-Name: Ministry of Health (Ministero della Salute), Ministero della Salute, Roma, ITALY	Secretary General of the Ministry and Chief Medical Officer Impact on annual earnings: >=5% and <=25%
	01/1984 - now	-Name: MINISTRY OF HEALTH (MINSAL), MINISTERO DELLA SALUTE, ROME, ITALY	Public Health Impact on annual earnings: >25%
V. Occasional consultancy			NO INTEREST
VI. Research funding			NO INTEREST
VII. Intellectual property rights			NO INTEREST

VIII. Other memberships or affiliations			NO INTEREST
IX. Other relevant interest			NO INTEREST
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(Please note that high quality of scientific expertise is by nature based on prior experience and that therefore having an interest does not necessarily mean having a conflict of interest)

Name: CEPONYTE, Zita

Title: Ms., Dr.

Profession: Lawyer

Current EFSA involvements: Member-Management Board (MB)

Nature of Activities	Period	Organisation	Subject matter
I. Financial investments			NO INTEREST
II. Managerial role			NO INTEREST
III. Member of a scientific advisory entity			NO INTEREST
IV. Employment	01/2000 - now	-Name: Lithuanian Consumer Institute (LVI), Lithuanian Consumer Institute, Vilnius, LITHUANIA	Management of organization, researches, communication with society Impact on annual earnings: >25%
V. Occasional consultancy			NO INTEREST
VI. Research funding			NO INTEREST
VII. Intellectual property rights			NO INTEREST
VIII. Other memberships or affiliations			NO INTEREST

IX. Other relevant interest			NO INTEREST
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