

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 before their 77th meeting represent a potential conflict in accordance with EFSA's internal rules and 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 of the appointment and selection processes of EFSA's Scientific Committee or Panels and of EFSA's outsourcing programmes.

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.

Robert Van Gorcom

DoI submission date: 3 April 2018

New declared interest: End of vice-chairmanship of the Board of the International Centre of Excellence on Food in Chile (Wageningen UR/Chile).

Assessment: The above-mentioned assignment ended in February 2018 following the closure of the Centre. Changes in this interest do not lead to the identification of any conflicts.

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

Giuseppe Ruocco

DoI submission date: 25 April 2018

New declared interest: Appointment as Secretary General of the Italian Ministry of Health since November 2017.

Assessment: The Italian Ministry of Health is Mr Ruocco's employing organisation, for which he performs activities in the public interest. Hence, it is unlikely that this interest may lead to a conflict of interest, but as a precautionary approach, it is suggested that the Board re-examines its relevance to assess whether specific conflicts may exist when it discusses EFSA's outsourcing programmes (scientific).

Pieter Vanthemsche

DoI submission date: 30 April 2018

New declared interests: Appointment as Chair of the Board of Directors of the Belgian Federation of Food Banks since March 2018. Appointment as Vice-Chair of the Board of Trustees of the KU Leuven.

Assessment: The Belgian Federation of Food Banks is a non-profit organisation, which main objective is to facilitate food donations and fight against food waste. It is unlikely that this interest may lead to a conflict of interest, since food security and fight against food waste is outside EFSA's remit. KU Leuven is a public University which focuses its main activities around education and research in a wide range of fields. KU Leuven is included among the organisations designated by Belgium which may assist EFSA with its mission (Article 36 list). As well, it is unlikely that this interest may lead to a conflict of interest, since KU Leuven primarily operates in the public interest. However, as a precautionary approach, it is suggested that the Board re-examines its relevance to assess whether specific conflicts may exist when it discusses EFSA's outsourcing programmes (scientific).

Annex:

- DoI Robert Van Gorcom
- DoI Giuseppe Ruocco
- DoI Pieter Vanthemsche

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: VAN GORCOM, Robert

Title: Dr.ir.

Profession: Director RIKILT - Institute of Food Safety, Wageningen UR

Current EFSA involvements: Vice-Chair-Management Board (MB)

Nature of Activities	Period	Organisation	Subject matter
I. Financial investments			NO INTEREST
II. Managerial role	01/2017 - now	-Name: Wageningen University & Research, Wageningen University & Research, Wageningen, NETHERLANDS	Coordination of all statutory tasks. Representation of the cluster of statutory tasks towards the Ministry of Agriculture, Nature and Food Quality. Responsible for the performance interviews of the heads of the statutory tasks units. Representation of the statutory tasks within the board of directors.
	01/2010 - now	-Name: RIKILT, Institute of Food Safety, NETHERLANDS, Wageningen	General Director. Food and feed safety research institute
	10/2004 - now	-Name: Graduate School VLAG Wageningen & Maastricht University	School for PhD research & education

	07/2012 - 02/2018	-Name: Wageningen UR/Chile	<p>Vice chair of the board of the International Center of Excellence on Food in Chile (called Wageningen UR/Chile). This initiative of the Chilean government aim to boost the innovation of the Chilean Agro and Food sector and is a collaboration of 7 Chilean universities and research institute and Wageningen UR and is managed by Wageningen UR. The center works under the supervision of Corfo (Corporación de Fomento de la Producción), part of the Chilean government.</p> <p>It was planned that I was going to be replaced in March 2015. However this tasks has been extended since it was decided to stop our activities under this Foundation in Chile. The tasks of the board since March 2015 have been to close down the foundation in a proper way. All projects have ended by the November 2015 and the contract of most employees stoped on November 30, 2015. Currently the final reporting is being done and evaluated by CORFO and it is planned that the foundation will be closed in July 2016.</p>
	06/2011 - 01/2015	-Name: Federation of Dutch Accredited Laboratories (FENELAB)	Representation of intersts of accredited analitical and calibration laboraties
	01/2008 - 12/2010	-Name: NoGU association (n/a), NoGU association, Wageningen, NETHERLANDS	Scientific association on nutrigenomics
	01/2005 - 12/2009	-Name: NuGO Network of Excellence (n/a), Wageningen, NETHERLANDS	EU FP6 NoE on nutrogeonomics
III. Member of a scientific advisory entity	01/2016 - now	-Name: Council of State Laboratories (Rijkslabraad), Council of State Laboratories, Bilthoven, NETHERLANDS	We have taken the initiative to organise a regular meeting of the directors of all state laboratories (Customs, Forensics, Water, Food Safety, Plant Quarantine, Animal Diseases, Environment, and Weather). In these meetings we look for synergy, best practises and better joint programming on new technological developments.
	01/2016 - now	-Name: Steering Committee Crisis Expert Team environment and drinking water (The Human Environment and Transport Inspectorate) (ILT Crisisadviesnetwerk voor milieu en drinkwater), Steering Committee Crisis Expert Team environment and drinking water (The Human Environment and Transport Inspectorate), The Hague, NETHERLANDS	This is part of the governmental national emergency organisation.
	01/2015 - 01/2016	-Name: Adviescommissie Kennissynthese Veilig, Gezond en Duurzaam Voedsel, advisory committee Knowledge Synthesis Healthy, Safe and Sustainable Food, Bilthoven, NETHERLANDS	The advisory committee Knowledge Synthesis Healthy, Safe and Sustainable Food assesses the scientific quality, coherence and consistency of the knowledge synthesis and contributes to the policy relevance and the usefulness for policy. The committee consists of 15 leading scientific experts and directors or representatives of relevant policy departments / ministries. The project is executed by the Dutch State Institute of Public Health and Environment together with experts from several universities and institutes.
	04/2012 - 09/2014	-Name: EFSA, European Food Safety Authority, Italy, Parma	Member - EFSA Scientific Network for the RA of GMOs 2010-2013 (GMO)
	03/2012 - 12/2013	-Name: European Commission (EC), DG Joint Research Centre (JRC)	Steering Committee EU JRC Foresight Study Food & Health - Foresight study Food & Hewalth for programming Horizon 2020

	05/2012 - 05/2013	-Name: Scientific Advisory Board, EU Joint Research Centre IRMM, Geel Belgium	Institute Advisory Board
	09/2010 - 05/2011	-Name: FQH First International Conference on Organic Food Quality and Health Research	Scientific committee of conference
	01/2005 - 01/2010	-Name: EuroFIR (n/a), EuroFIR, Brussels, BELGIUM	Network of excellence and follow up association on food information data
IV. Employment	01/2010 - now	-Name: RIKILT - Wageningen UR (part of the DLO Foundation)	Food safety Research Institute General Director
	03/2002 - 12/2009	-Name: RIKILT - Wageningen UR (part of the DLO Foundation)	Food Safety Research institute. Business Unit Manager Safety & Health
	09/2000 - 03/2002	-Name: Applied Plant Research (PPO) Wageningen UR, Wageningen, NETHERLANDS	Glasshouse horticulture research
	01/1981 - 08/2000	-Name: TNO, Rijswijk Zeist, NETHERLANDS	Microbial and Plant Biotechnology
V. Occasional consultancy			NO INTEREST
VI. Research funding	01/2010 - now	-Name: Ministry of Economic Affairs, Agriculture & Innovation	My institute is funded primarily by the Dutch Ministry of EL&I. Our work is for a large part aimed to support the Dutch Food and Consumer Product Safety Authority (VWA). Next to this we work for many Dutch and international subsidy funds, the EU. We also analyse products on behalf of companies but only under strict regulation of the Dutch government
VII. Intellectual property rights			NO INTEREST
VIII. Other memberships or affiliations	01/1990 - now	-Name: Netherlands Biotechnological Association (NBV)	Professional association
	01/2007 - 12/2015	-Name: Network for food experts (NVVL)	I am member of NVVL - Network for Food Experts
IX. Other relevant interest			NO INTEREST
X. Interests of close family members			NO INTEREST

Involvements	Potential CoI (*)	Funding (**)
Management Board	No	No

(*) - Indicates that you consider yourself to be in a potential Conflict of Interest (CoI) with respect to the EFSA activity.

(**) - 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: 03/04/2018

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: RUOCCO, 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	01/2015 - now	-Name: ACCREDIA, ACCREDIA, Rome, ITALY	National Accreditation Body
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
	01/1984 - now	-Name: MINISTRY OF HEALTH (MINSAL), MINISTERO DELLA SALUTE, ROME, ITALY	Public Health
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
X. Interests of close family members			NO INTEREST

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ANNUAL DECLARATION OF INTERESTS (ADoI)

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Name: VANTHEMSCHE, Piet

Title: Dr.

Profession: Self employed

Current EFSA involvements: Member-Management Board (MB)

Nature of Activities	Period	Organisation	Subject matter
I. Financial investments			NO INTEREST
II. Managerial role	03/2018 - now	-Name: Fédération Belge des Banques Alimentaires (FBBF), Fédération Belge des Banques Alimentaires, Brussels, BELGIUM	Chairman of the Board of Directors. The FBBA is a non-profit organisation. The basic objective of the Food Banks is to facilitate food donation and to turn food waste into food against hunger.
	01/2017 - now	-Name: 3D Investments, Zwijnaarde, BELGIUM	President of the Management Board 3D aims to create value by long-term investments in companies with a good track record and growth potential and by developing unique real estate projects
	05/2016 - now	-Name: Urban Crops, Waregem, BELGIUM	Member of the Advisory Board Urban Crops creates fully automated vertical farming systems using LED lighting that are both efficient and effective under any given climate conditions.

	03/2016 - now	-Name: Zonnestraal vzw (Zonnestraal), Sunbeam (non-profit association), Sint-Kwintens-Lennik, BELGIUM	Subject matter: Is a social profit organization that offers assistance to persons with a handicap. Frequency: attending the meetings of the Board of Directors.
	03/2016 - now	-Name: CAPRICORN nv (Capricorn), Capricorn, Leuven, BELGIUM	Subject matter: Capricorn sustainable chemistry fund is a technology focused venture fund for next generation feedstock, chemicals & materials. Member of the Advisory Board Attendance: a few meetings a year
	01/2016 - now	-Name: Yellow White Cross of Flanders (WGK), Brussels, BELGIUM	- Chairman of the Board of Directors - The Yellow White Cross is a social profit organization offering home nursing services. The organization is active in the Flanders region and covers 150.000 patients a year. - Frequency: two days a week
	01/2016 - now	-Name: Imelda Hospital, Bonheiden, BELGIUM	- Member of the Board of Directors - General hospital - Six meetings a year (6 days)
	12/2015 - now	-Name: The Flemish Fish Auction (VLV), Zeebrugge - Oostende, BELGIUM	- Chairman of the Board of Directors - The Flemish fish auction, a private company, operates two auctions localized in the 2 Flemish fishingports of Zeebrugge and Ostend. It brings together the supply and demand of fresh wild fish in order to obtain the best price for producers and buyers. - Six meetings a year (6 days)
	03/2013 - now	-Name: University of Leuven	Member of the Board of Trustees of the KU Leuven
	11/2010 - now	-Name: EFSA	Member of the Management Board Chair of the Audit Committee
	03/2016 - 12/2016	-Name: 3D Investments, Zwijnaarde, BELGIUM	Member of the Management Board 3D aims to create value by long-term investments in companies with a good track record and growth potential and by developing unique real estate projects.
	03/2011 - 05/2016	-Name: KBC Bank and Insurances	Board of Directors
	04/2010 - 05/2016	-Name: KBC Group	Board of Directors - Banking
	10/2014 - 11/2015	-Name: World Farmers' Organisation, Organisation Mondiale de l'Agriculture, Rome, ITALY	Vice-president
	10/2008 - 11/2015	-Name: SALV - Strategische Adviesraad voor Landbouw en Visserij	Strategic Advisory Board for Agriculture and Fishery

	03/2008 - 11/2015	-Name: MRBB Holding - Agri Investment Fund	Holding Company: Acerta cvba - Holding of the Acerta Group (Social Services Group); A.I.F. cvba - Holding for investments in the agro-food sector; Aktiefinvest cvba - Real estate; Aveve nv - Supply agriculture and horticulture / commercialization of agricultural produce; SBB Bedrijfsdiensten cvba - Accountants, tax consultants, environmental advice, legal advice; KBC Groep nv - Financial group; Arda Immo nv - Real estate; Kortrijk Xpo cvba - Organization of fairs; Incofin cvso - Investment in financially sustainable microfinance institutions in developing countries; Rural Impulse Microfinance Investment Fund nv - Investment in financially sustainable microfinance institutions in developing countries; Covalis nv - Meat processing; Better3Fruit nv - Development of new fruit varieties; Gimv - Agri+ Investment Fund nv - Investment fund for innovative companies in the agrosector and related sectors in the Benelux and neighbouring countries; Iscal Sugar nv - Production of sugar out of beets; Capricorn Cleantech Fund nv - Investment fund in clean tech - GreenYard Foods: producer of frozen vegetables, convenience food and canned vegetables
	01/2012 - 04/2015	-Name: Belgian Pharmacist Association	Member of the Management Board. Professional development and defense of professional interests of community pharmacists. -
	03/2013 - 10/2014	-Name: World Farmers' Organisation	European representative in the WFO Board
	12/2005 - 03/2014	-Name: King Baudouin Foundation	Independant and pluralistic foundation that pursues ways to bring about justice, democracy and respect for diversity.
III. Member of a scientific advisory entity			NO INTEREST
IV. Employment	03/2007 - 11/2015	-Name: Boerenbond en Landelijke Gilden	President Belgian Farmers' Union and Rural Guilds
	07/2006 - 04/2007	-Name: Belgian Medicines Agency - FAGG	Managing Director
	07/2002 - 07/2006	-Name: Belgian Food Safety Agency - FAVV	Managing Director
V. Occasional consultancy			NO INTEREST
VI. Research funding			NO INTEREST
VII. Intellectual property rights			NO INTEREST
VIII. Other memberships or affiliations	10/2012 - now	-Name: Veterinary Medicines Authority	The Veterinary Medicines Authority is committed to the responsible use of antimicrobial agents in livestock farming in the Netherlands,taking into account the interest of public health and the safeguarding of animal welfare.
IX. Other relevant interest	04/2018 - now	-Name: KULeuven, Leuven, Belgium	Vice-chairman of the Board of Trustees
	05/2013 - now	-Name: KU Leuven, BELGIUM, Leuven	Member of the Board of Trustees
	10/2010 - now	-Name: KU Leuven, BELGIUM, Leuven	Guest Professor Centre for Food and Microbial Technology: Food Law
	09/2007 - now	-Name: Ghent University - Faculty of Veterinary Medicine, BELGIUM, Merelbeke	Guest Professor - Department of Obstetrics, reproduction and herd health
	06/2010 - 05/2016	-Name: Agricord - Alliance of Agri-Agencies	President

	03/2008 - 11/2015	-Name: COPA - European Farmers' Union	Member of the Praesidium
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