

## 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 78<sup>th</sup> meeting 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 replacement<sup>1</sup>.

**Aivars Bērziņš**

**DoI submission date:** 12 July 2018

**New declared interest:** Member of the Latvian Academy of Science since September 2017 and member of the Promotion Council of the Latvia University of Agriculture (veterinary science and food science) since September 2016. In addition, Mr Bērziņš added information on the impact that the declared interests have on his annual earnings.

**Assessment:** The Latvian Academy of Science is a non-profit organisation, which main objective is to promote science and high-quality research, study the history, culture and language of the Latvian people and advise the government and the public about socially relevant scientific issues. The Latvia University of Agriculture is a public University which focuses its main activities around education and research. This organisation pursues public interest aims and it is included among the organisations designated by Latvia which may assist EFSA with its mission (Article 36 list). In view of the entrance into force of the EFSA's Executive Director's decision on Competing Interest Management on 1 July 2018, the interests already noted by the Board in the previous occasions were reviewed too. Overall, it

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<sup>1</sup> Article 15 of the Rules of Procedure of the Management Board.

is unlikely that the interests declared by Mr Bērziņš may lead to a conflict. However, as a precautionary approach, it is suggested that the Board re-examines their relevance to assess whether specific conflicts may arise when it discusses EFSA's outsourcing programmes.

## Herman Diricks

**DoI submission date:** 3 July 2018

**New declared interests:**

- Chief Executive Officer at the Belgian Federal Agency for the Safety of the Food Chain since June 2002.
- Member of the Board of Directors of Sciensano since May 2018.

**Assessment:** Mr Diricks was appointed as a member of the EFSA Management Board with the Council decision adopted on 26 June 2018<sup>2</sup>. The Belgian Federal Agency for the Safety of the Food Chain is responsible for laying down, implementing and enforcing measures related to food safety, animal health and plant protection. Sciensano is an organisation operating in the public interest that was born in 2017 with the merge of the former Scientific Institute of Public Health and the Veterinary and Agrochemical Research Centre. Sciensano mainly focusses on human and animal health and environmental issues. The Belgian Federal Agency for the Safety of the Food Chain is an organisation pursuing the public interest and it is included among the organisations designated by Belgium which may assist EFSA with its mission (Article 36 list). Sciensano was recently proposed by Belgium to be included in the Art. 36 list too. The Board will decide on the Belgian proposal at the meeting scheduled on 10 October 2018. In view of Mr Diricks' role in this organisation, he's advised to abstain from voting on its inclusion in the Art. 36 list.

As Chief Executive Officer of the Belgian Federal Agency for the Safety of the Food Chain, Mr Diricks holds risk management responsibilities in the food and feed areas. These shall be considered in view of the role exercised by the EFSA Management Board, which by law carries out governance functions without entering into the merit of scientific decision-making processes, the latter pertaining exclusively to the EFSA Scientific Committee and Scientific Panels. Hence, it is unlikely that these interests may lead to a conflict of interest. However, as a precautionary approach, it is suggested that the Board re-examines their relevance to assess whether specific conflicts may arise when it discusses EFSA's outsourcing programmes.

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<sup>2</sup> Council decision of 26 June 2018 appointing seven members of the Management Board of the European Food Safety Authority (2018/C 230/02).

## Raymond O'Rourke

**DoI submission date:** 25 July 2018

**New declared interest:** Consultant for a European Union funded technical assistance project in Montenegro (veterinary law) since July 2018. In addition, Mr O'Rourke added information on the impact that the declared interests have on his annual earnings.

**Assessment:** Mr O'Rourke was appointed by the Council as a member of the EFSA Management Board having a background in organisations representing consumers<sup>3</sup>. He is a legal practitioner providing legal services in the areas of food and consumer affairs. The above-mentioned project, financed by the European Union, aims to provide technical support to the government of Montenegro for the development or revision of its veterinary law in line with the EU *acquis communautaire*.

In view of the entrance into force of the EFSA's Executive Director's decision on Competing Interest Management on 1 July 2018, the interests already noted by the Board in previous occasions were reviewed too. Overall, it is unlikely that the interests declared by Mr O'Rourke may lead to a conflict. However, as a precautionary approach, it is suggested that the Board re-examines their relevance to assess whether specific conflicts may arise when it discusses EFSA's outsourcing programmes.

## Andrej Simončič

**DoI submission date:** 2 August 2018

**New declared interest:** No new interest was declared compared to the Declaration he submitted in 2016 and 2017. Information was added on the impact that the declared interests have on Mr Simončič's annual earnings.

**Assessment:** In view of the entrance into force of the EFSA's Executive Director's decision on Competing Interest Management on 1 July 2018, the interests already noted by the Board in previous occasions were reviewed. Overall, it is unlikely that the interests declared by Mr Simončič may lead to a conflict. However, as a precautionary approach, it is suggested that the Board re-examines their relevance to assess whether specific conflicts may arise when it discusses EFSA's outsourcing programmes.

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<sup>3</sup> Art. 25(1) of Regulation (EC) No 178/2002 of the European Parliament and of the Council.

## Libor Dupal

**DoI submission date:** 2 August 2018

**New declared interests:**

- Chairman of the Board (from July 2017) and former Executive Director (until June 2017) of the Czech Consumers Association.
- Executive Director of the Cabinet for Standardisation (KaStan) since January 2010.
- Member of the European Consumer Coordinating Group since September 2013.
- Advisor at the Coordinating Group for the Safety of Foodstuffs since January 2010.
- Member of the Steering Committee of the Czech Technological Platform for Foodstuffs since January 2010.
- Member of the Council for Quality of the Czech Ministry of Industry and Trade since January 2010.
- Former consultant for international cooperation projects in the areas of standardisation (September 2014 – January 2016) and consumer protection (July-November 2013).

**Assessment:** Mr Dupal was appointed as a member of the EFSA Management Board with the Council decision adopted on 26 June 2018<sup>2</sup> and he is among the members with a background in organisations representing consumers<sup>3</sup>.

The Czech Consumers Association is a Non-Governmental Organisation operating in the area of consumers' protection. The Cabinet for Standardisation is financed by the Czech Consumers Association and primarily operates in the area of standards for consumer products. The European Consumer Coordinating Group is supported and operates in favour of the European Union. The Coordinating Group for the Safety of Foodstuffs is a body of the Ministry of Agriculture of the Czech Republic. The Czech Technological Platform for Foodstuffs aims to strengthen the competitiveness of the Czech food industry within the common market. In this organisation Mr Dupal represents the interests of consumers. The Council for Quality is a body of the Czech Ministry of Industry and Trade.

Mr Dupal holds a managerial position in the Czech Consumers Association, which is his employing organisation. As an expert in the area of consumer protection, he's engaged in several projects and activities carried out by both public and private organisations. Over the past five years, he was engaged in a couple of international cooperation projects (standardisation and consumer protection) with the role of consultant. Mr Dupal's interests shall be assessed in view of Art. 25(1) of Regulation (EC) No 178/2002 and of the role exercised by the EFSA Management Board, which by law carries out governance functions without entering into the merit of scientific decision-making processes, the latter pertaining exclusively to the EFSA Scientific Committee and Scientific Panels.

Overall, it is unlikely that the interests declared by Mr Dupal may lead to a conflict of interest. However, as a precautionary approach, it is suggested that the Board re-examines their relevance to assess whether specific conflicts may arise when it discusses EFSA's outsourcing programmes.

## Geronimo Răducu Brănescu

**DoI submission date:** 4 August 2018

**New declared interests:**

- President – Secretary of State of the Romanian Sanitary Veterinary and Food Safety Authority since January 2017.
- President of the Scientific Centre “Timariu Savu” since May 2014.
- TAIEX (European Commission’s Technical Assistance and Information Exchange instrument) trainer on food safety since January 2002.
- Former Executive Director of the Sanitary Veterinary and Food Safety Directorate of Constanta (October 2012 – January 2017).
- Member of a research team from June 2010 to August 2016.
- Member of the College of Veterinary Physicians of Romania (since January 1998) and of the General Association of Veterinary Physicians of Romania (since January 1990).
- Owner of a veterinary pharmacy.

**Assessment:** Mr Brănescu was appointed as a member of the EFSA Management Board with the Council decision adopted on 26 June 2018<sup>2</sup>. The Romanian Sanitary Veterinary and Food Safety Authority operates as the national regulator in the field of veterinary and food safety and it is included among the organisations designated by Romania which may assist EFSA with its mission (Article 36 list). The Centre “Timariu Savu”, the College of Veterinary Physicians and the General Association of Veterinary Physicians are professional organisations primarily aimed at pursuing scientific dissemination and research support. TAIEX is an instrument funded by the European Commission.

As President – Secretary of State of the Romanian Sanitary Veterinary and Food Safety Authority, Mr Brănescu holds risk management responsibilities in the food and feed areas. These shall be considered in view of the role exercised by the EFSA Management Board, which by law carries out governance functions without entering into the merit of scientific decision-making processes, the latter pertaining exclusively to the EFSA Scientific Committee and Scientific Panels.

Overall, it is unlikely that these interests may lead to a conflict of interest. However, as a precautionary approach, it is suggested that the Board re-examines their relevance to assess whether specific conflicts may arise when it discusses EFSA’s outsourcing programmes.

## Annette Toft

**DoI submission date:** 13 August 2018

### **New declared interests:**

- Director of the Brussels' office of the Danish Agriculture and Food Council since October 2013
- Member of the Board of the Innovation Fund Denmark since April 2016
- Chair of the Copa-Cogeca working group on foodstuff since March 2018
- Member of the European Commission's Platform on Nutrition, Health and Physical Activity since January 2016
- Member of the European Commission's Platform on Food Waste since March 2015
- Former Vice-Chair of the Danish Council of Technology and Innovation (April 2007 - August 2014)
- Former member of the Advisory Board of food science education at the University of Copenhagen (March 2005 – March 2014)
- Former member of the Advisory Board on agricultural science at the Aarhus University (January 2009 – February 2013)

**Assessment:** Ms Toft was appointed as a member of the EFSA Management Board with the Council decision adopted on 26 June 2018<sup>2</sup> and she is among the members with a background in organisations representing interests in the food chain<sup>3</sup>.

Ms Toft is and was engaged in activities carried out by organisations either promoting sectoral interests or pursuing aims of public interest.

Among the former:

- The Danish Agriculture and Food Council represents the farming and food industries of Denmark including companies, trade and farmers' associations.
- Copa-Cogeca is a Europe wide organisation gathering representatives of the interests of farmers in the European Union.

Among the latter:

- The Innovation Fund Denmark invests in new knowledge and technology to support growth and employment in Denmark.
- The Danish Council of Technology and Innovation is a former public entity operating under the Danish Ministry of Higher Education and Science.
- The Platforms on Nutrition, Health and Physical Activity and on Food Waste are European Commission's fora open to the participation, *inter alia*, of representatives from the business, consumer protection, public health and scientific areas.
- The University of Copenhagen and the Aarhus University are higher education institutions and they are both included among the organisations designated by Denmark which may assist EFSA with its mission (Article 36 list).

Ms Toft's interests shall be assessed in view of Art. 25(1) of Regulation (EC) No 178/2002 and of the role exercised by the EFSA

Management Board, which by law carries out governance functions without entering into the merit of scientific decision-making processes, the latter pertaining exclusively to the EFSA Scientific Committee and Scientific Panels.

Overall, it is unlikely that the interests declared by Ms Toft may lead to a conflict of interest. However, as a precautionary approach, it is suggested that the Board re-examines their relevance to assess whether specific conflicts may arise when it discusses EFSA's outsourcing programmes.

## András Székács

**DoI submission date:** 2 October 2018

**New declared interests:** End of membership in the GMO Roundtable; End of research activity funded by NATO. Information was added on the impact that the declared interests have on Mr Székács' annual earnings.

**Assessment:** In view of the entrance into force of the EFSA's Executive Director's decision on Competing Interest Management on 1 July 2018, the interests already noted by the Board in previous occasions were reviewed. Overall, it is unlikely that the interests declared by Mr Székács may lead to a conflict. However, as a precautionary approach, it is suggested that the Board re-examines their relevance to assess whether specific conflicts may arise when it discusses EFSA's outsourcing programmes.

### Annex:

- DoI Aivars Bērziņš
- DoI Herman Diricks
- DoI Raymond O'Rourke
- DoI Andrej Simončič
- DoI Libor Dupal
- DoI Geronimo Răducu Brănescu
- DoI Annette Toft
- DoI András Székács

## 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:** BERZINS, Aivars

**Title:** Dr.

**Profession:** Director

**Current EFSA involvements:** Member-Management Board (MB)

Nature of Activities	Period	Organisation	Subject matter
<b>I. Financial investments</b>			NO INTEREST
<b>II. Managerial role</b>	07/2016 - now	-Name: EFSA, European Food Safety Authority, Italy, Parma	Management Board member Impact on annual earnings: >0% and <5%
	08/2003 - now	-Name: FVM, Latvia University of Agriculture - Faculty of Veterinary Medicine, LATVIA, Jelgava	Member of Faculty Board (advisory, decision making at the Faculty level) Part time employment Impact on annual earnings: 0%
<b>III. Member of a scientific advisory entity</b>	09/2017 - now	-Name: Latvian Academy of Sciences (LZA), Latvian Academy of Sciences, Riga, LATVIA	Corresponding Member Impact on annual earnings: 0%
	09/2016 - now	-Name: Latvia University of Agriculture (LLU), Jelgava, LATVIA	Member of Promotion Council in Veterinary Sciences and Food Sciences Impact on annual earnings: >0% and <5%



	11/2011 - now	-Name: Latvian Council of Science	Expert in Veterinary and Food Sciences Involvement in project evaluations No any scientific advice to Government is delivered Impact on annual earnings: >0% and <5%
	01/2013 - 06/2016	-Name: EFSA, European Food Safety Authority, Italy, Parma	EFSA Advisory Forum Member (Latvia) Impact on annual earnings: 0%
<b>IV. Employment</b>	06/2013 - now	-Name: BIOR, Institute of Food Safety, Animal Health and Environment, LATVIA, Riga	Director Impact on annual earnings: >25%
	09/2000 - now	-Name: FVM, Latvia University of Agriculture - Faculty of Veterinary Medicine, LATVIA, Jelgava	Research assistant- Lecturer- Assistant Professor (Docent)- Associate Professor, CURRENTLY: Professor Training of veterinary students, supervisor of PhD students Impact on annual earnings: >=5% and <=25%
	01/2010 - 05/2013	-Name: BIOR, Institute of Food Safety, Animal Health and Environment, LATVIA, Riga	Director of Department of Research and Development Coordination and management of R&D activities (part time, from 2011 full time) Impact on annual earnings: >25%
	01/2009 - 10/2010	-Name: University of Helsinki, Faculty of Veterinary Medicine, FINLAND, Helsinki	Researcher, University Instructor (Lecturer) Impact on annual earnings: >=5% and <=25%
	04/2006 - 12/2008	-Name: Ministry of Agriculture, Latvia	Deputy State Secretary responsible for food control and veterinary matters Management of Food and Veterinary sector and policy making in the relevant fields Impact on annual earnings: >25%
<b>V. Occasional consultancy</b>			NO INTEREST
<b>VI. Research funding</b>			NO INTEREST
<b>VII. Intellectual property rights</b>			NO INTEREST
<b>VIII. Other memberships or affiliations</b>			NO INTEREST
<b>IX. Other relevant interest</b>			NO INTEREST
<b>X. Interests of close family members</b>			NO INTEREST

<b>Involvements</b>	<b>Potential CoI (*)</b>	<b>Funding (**)</b>
Management Board	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: 12/07/2018**

**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:** DIRICKS, Herman

**Title:** Mr.

**Profession:** Civil Servant

**Current EFSA involvements:** Invited -Management Board (MB)

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

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

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**Date:** 03/07/2018      **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:** O'ROURKE, Raymond

**Title:** Mr

**Profession:** Lawyer

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

Nature of Activities	Period	Organisation	Subject matter
<b>I. Financial investments</b>			NO INTEREST
<b>II. Managerial role</b>	06/2015 - now	-Name: Bord Bia, Dublin. IRELAND, IRELAND	Bord Bia is the Irish Government's trade development & promotion body for the Irish food sector. The Management Board is responsible for any assests owned by Bord Bia, the keeping of proper Accounts and the prevention & detection of fraud. Impact on annual earnings: >0% and <5%
	02/2008 - now	-Name: Consumers Association Of Ireland (CAI)	CAI Council Member since 2009 and appointed Chairperson of CAI (2013-2017), Vice-Chair since 2017. The CAI is a BEUC affiliated Consumer NGO. Impact on annual earnings: 0%
	02/2013 - 01/2016	-Name: Food Safety Authority of Ireland, IRELAND, Dublin	Board Member Impact on annual earnings: 0%
<b>III. Member of a scientific advisory entity</b>	03/2004 - 06/2014	-Name: GMOs Advisory Committee	Consumer Stakeholder on Irish Government' s Advisory Committee on GMOs established by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Impact on annual earnings: 0%

<b>IV. Employment</b>	01/2005 - now	-Name: Food & Consumer Lawyer	Own-practice providing legal services in the areas of food & consumer affairs Impact on annual earnings: >25%
<b>V. Occasional consultancy</b>	07/2018 - 04/2020	-Name: Agrotec, Rome, Italy, MONTENEGRO	EU Technical Assistance project - Support to the Veterinary Sector. Drafting veterinary laws to be in alignment with EU Acquis Impact on annual earnings: >0% and <5%
	10/2014 - 12/2017	-Name: Agrotec, Rome, ITALY	EU Technical Assistance PAZA-2 project in Albania in the area of food & veterinary affairs. Legal Drafting advice Impact on annual earnings: 0%
	05/2017 - 08/2017	-Name: Lattanzio Group, Milano, ITALY	EU Technical Assistance project in Macedonia - to provide recommendations on the harmonisation of the current national Veterinary Health Law with Mutual Recognition of Professional Qualifications provisions for the Veterinary profession with Directives 2005/36/EC & 2013/55/EU Impact on annual earnings: 0%
	11/2015 - 03/2017	-Name: Agrotec, Rome, ITALY	Short-term legal expert for KAH project Technical Assistance for the Animal Health Department of the KVFA and the Food & Veterinary Laboratory (Kosovo). Impact on annual earnings: 0%
	05/2015 - 09/2015	-Name: GFA, Hamburg, GERMANY	EU Trade Policy project in Kosovo. Further technical assistance to Kosovo Food & Veterinary Agency and Kosovo Ministry of Agriculture on plant health and food labelling issues as a follow-up to work completed in 2014 Impact on annual earnings: 0%
	06/2014 - 10/2014	-Name: DMI Associates, Lyon, FRANCE	EU Technical Assistance project - PLAC - in Serbia. Drafting EU compliant laws on Food Contact Materials and Nutrition & Health Claims Impact on annual earnings: 0%
	04/2014 - 06/2014	-Name: GFA, Hamburg, GERMANY	EU Trade Policy project in Kosovo. Provided technical assistance to Kosovo Food & Veterinary Agency and Kosovo Ministry of Agriculture on plant health and food labelling issues. Impact on annual earnings: 0%
	01/2014 - 02/2014	-Name: Cardno, Brussels, BELGIUM	EU-China Trade Project II - provided legal advice and completed a Workshop on Food Safety Liability Insurance (Beijing, China) Impact on annual earnings: 0%
	03/2013 - 10/2013	-Name: GFA, Hamburg, GERMANY	EU Market Surveillance project in Serbia. Drafted EU-compliant laws on Organic Food & Food Contact Materials. Impact on annual earnings: 0%
	08/2013 - 09/2013	-Name: Transtec, Brussels, BELGIUM	EU- Indonesia Trade Support Project. Gave legal advice and completed three 2-day Workshops on EU Rules on Exporting Food Products to the EU. Impact on annual earnings: 0%
	04/2010 - 07/2013	-Name: Agrotec, Rome, Italy	EU technical assistance project in Albania. Gave legal advice & drafted a new Veterinary Law and secondary legislation in line with the EU acquis communautaire Impact on annual earnings: 0%
	02/2012 - 12/2012	-Name: Qatar National Food Security Programme (QNFSP)	Drafted a new Food Safety Law and gave advice on the establishment of a Qatar Food Safety Authority Impact on annual earnings: 0%
	01/2011 - 11/2012	-Name: Agrotec, Rome, Italy	EU technical assistance project in Montenegro. Drafted legislation on classical swine fever & rabies in line with EU acquis communautaire Impact on annual earnings: 0%
<b>VI. Research funding</b>			NO INTEREST

<b>VII. Intellectual property rights</b>			NO INTEREST
<b>VIII. Other memberships or affiliations</b>	08/2016 - now	-Name: European Consumer Consultative Group (ECCG) - alternate member (Ireland)	European Commission Advisory Grouping 3 year mandate as of August 2016 Commission Decision (2016/C 306/05) of 18th August 2016 Impact on annual earnings: 0%
	10/2010 - now	-Name: Irish Codex Committee	Consumer Stakeholder representative on Irish Codex Committee Impact on annual earnings: 0%
	05/2009 - now	-Name: Food Lawyers Network (FLN)	Co-operative network of Food Lawyers Impact on annual earnings: 0%
	02/2006 - now	-Name: Taste Council	The Taste Council assists the Irish artisan and speciality food sector. Impact on annual earnings: 0%
<b>IX. Other relevant interest</b>			NO INTEREST
<b>X. Interests of close family members</b>			NO INTEREST

<b>Involvements</b>	<b>Potential CoI (*)</b>	<b>Funding (**)</b>
Management Board	No	-

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Date: 25/07/2018      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:** SIMONCIC, Andrej

**Title:** Prof.

**Profession:** Head of the Agricultural Institute of Slovenia

**Current EFSA involvements:** Member-Management Board (MB)

Nature of Activities	Period	Organisation	Subject matter
<b>I. Financial investments</b>			NO INTEREST
<b>II. Managerial role</b>	10/2003 - now	-Name: Agricultural Institute of Slovenia, SLOVENIA, Ljubljana	Dr. Andrej Simoni is researcher and the Head of the Agricultural Institute of Slovenia. His work consists of managing, scientific and expert work in the field of plant health, pesticides and environment protection, advisory service, professional help to the Ministry of Agriculture and Environment and education. Impact on annual earnings: >25%
<b>III. Member of a scientific advisory entity</b>			NO INTEREST
<b>IV. Employment</b>	10/2003 - now	-Name: Agricultural Institute of Slovenia, SLOVENIA, Ljubljana	Dr. Andrej Simoni is researcher and the Head of the Agricultural Institute of Slovenia. His work consists of managing, scientific and expert work in the field of plant health, pesticides and environment protection, advisory service, professional help to the Ministry of Agriculture and Environment and education. Impact on annual earnings: >25%



<b>V. Occasional consultancy</b>			NO INTEREST
<b>VI. Research funding</b>			NO INTEREST
<b>VII. Intellectual property rights</b>			NO INTEREST
<b>VIII. Other memberships or affiliations</b>	03/2010 - now	-Name: Slovenian Ministry for Education, Science and Sport	Member to the Council for Higher Education of the Slovenian Ministry for Education, Science and Sport. Impact on annual earnings: 0%
	02/2010 - now	-Name: Slovenian Ministry for Agriculture, Food and Forestry	Member to the Council for Agriculture of the Slovenian Ministry for Agriculture, Food and Forestry. Impact on annual earnings: 0%
	10/2003 - now	-Name: University of Maribor - Faculty of Agriculture and Life Science	Assoc. Prof. for Plant Protection and Ecology of Pesticides at University of Maribor - Faculty of Agriculture and Life Science Impact on annual earnings: >0% and <5%
	10/2003 - now	-Name: Environmental Protection College Velenje	Assoc. Prof. for Agriculture and Ecology at Environmental Protection College Velenje. Impact on annual earnings: >0% and <5%
	10/2003 - now	-Name: University of Primorska - Faculty of Mathematics, Natural Sciences and Information Technologies	Assoc. Prof. for Plant Protection at University of Primorska - Faculty of Mathematics, Natural Sciences and Information Technologies, Koper Impact on annual earnings: >0% and <5%
	01/1990 - now	-Name: European Weed Research Society (EWRS)	Member and Secretary General (January 2008 until December 2015) of the European Weed Research Society (EWRS). Member to the National Pesticide Registration Commission from 1998 until 2013. Member to the Council for Agriculture of the Slovenian Ministry for Agriculture, Food and Forestry from 2010 on and Member to the Council for Higher Education of the Slovenian Ministry for Education, Science and Sport from 2010 on. Impact on annual earnings: 0%
<b>IX. Other relevant interest</b>			NO INTEREST
<b>X. Interests of close family members</b>			NO INTEREST

<b>Involvements</b>	<b>Potential CoI (*)</b>	<b>Funding (**)</b>
Management Board	No	-

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**Date:** 02/08/2018

**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:** DUPAL, Libor

**Title:** Mr.

**Profession:** Consumer affairs expert

**Current EFSA involvements:** Invited -Management Board (MB)

Nature of Activities	Period	Organisation	Subject matter
I. Financial investments			NO INTEREST
II. Managerial role	07/2017 - now	-Name: Sdružení českých spotřebitelů - Czech Consumers Association (SS), Czech Consumers Association, Praha 10, CZECH REPUBLIC	- Chairman of the Board of the Association; - Responsibility for the strategic and conceptual direction of the organization Impact on annual earnings: 0%

	01/2010 - now	-Name: Cabinet for Standardization (KaStan), Cabinet for Standardization, Praha 10, CZECH REPUBLIC	- Executive Director - Team leading of projects aimed at consumer participation into standardization (Norms and standards, accreditation, conformity assessment, market surveillance). Main projects: - National model of consumer participation in standardization (2008-09) – team leader, “creator” of the idea; - Development and implementing of national sectoral program for participating of consumers in standardization, with priorities involving quality and safety of foodstuffs; Participation of in national standardization Technical committees (e.g. Foodstuffs) - Development of web <a href="http://www.top-normy.cz">www.top-normy.cz</a> ; - team leader, coordination of collecting information; All the initiatives and activities are based at coordinative cooperation with interested parties, incl. market surveillance, standardizators, small and medium enterprising etc. Impact on annual earnings: >=5% and <=25%
	01/2010 - 06/2017	-Name: Sdružení eských spotebitel - Czech Consumers Association (SS), Czech Consumers Association, Praha 10, CZECH REPUBLIC	- Executive Director of the Association; - Overall management, oversight & coordination of the Czech Consumers Association. Core areas of responsibility: • Management of various projects related to consumer protection (CP): I. Team leader for coordinating projects under the Czech Technology Platform for Foodstuffs – Foods and consumers; - editing publications, web sites ( <a href="http://www.spotrebitelzakvalitou.cz">www.spotrebitelzakvalitou.cz</a> ) etc... II. Team leader in approx. 20 consumer protection projects, funded by the Czech Government, EC, Norway or Switzerland, involving among other the development of a consumer NGO & development of related standards; cooperation with the national market surveillance authority, coordination of training of inspectors, market monitoring; III. Management of several standardization projects (safety of child shoes, electro-technical marks, standardization of services); achievements: standards, studies aimed at the various topics, training materials and handbooks for officials in CP, market surveillance & standardization; • Developing international relations and activities including cross border cooperation and European consumers networks; • Review of governmental policies in the field and elaboration of recommendations in various areas including enforcement of law, market surveillance, standardization, accreditation, conformity assessment etc. both in food and –non food areas; • Design & delivery of educational & training activities on consumer protection. Impact on annual earnings: >=5% and <=25%
<b>III. Member of a scientific advisory entity</b>	09/2013 - now	-Name: DG Just, European Commision - European Consumer Coordinating Group (ECCG), European Consumer Coordinating Group, Brussels, BELGIUM	- Full Member ECCG 2013 - 2016 - Alternate Member ECCG 2016 - now - ECCG is an advisory group in area of consumer issues in EC Impact on annual earnings: 0%
	01/2010 - now	-Name: (Advisory) Coordinating Group for safety of foodstuffs - Ministry of Agriculture (MZe), (Advisory) Coordinating Group for safety of foodstuffs, Prague, CZECH REPUBLIC	- The Group of high rank officials and heads og public bodies related to food safety (ministries, official control of food etc.) - Advicory role concerning coordinaion of activities related to safety of foodstuffs in the CzR - Member, representative of consumers in the body Impact on annual earnings: 0%

	01/2010 - now	-Name: Czech Technological Platform for Foodstuffs (TPP), Czech Technological Platform for Foodstuffs, Praha, CZECH REPUBLIC	- Member of the Steering Committee of CTPP, Chairman of the Working Group Foodstuffs and Consumers (WG) - Coordinating of the WG activities; - Administration of websites <a href="http://www.spotrebitelzakvalitou.cz">www.spotrebitelzakvalitou.cz</a> ; - Leading the publication "How We Know the Quality" - <a href="http://www.konzument.cz/publikace/jak-pozname-kvalitu.php">www.konzument.cz/publikace/jak-pozname-kvalitu.php</a> Impact on annual earnings: >0% and <5%
	01/2010 - now	-Name: Council for Quality of CzR, Ministry of Industry and Trade (RK R, MPO), Council for Quality of CzR, Ministry of Industry and Trade, Praha, CZECH REPUBLIC	- Member of the Council for Quality, Ministry of Industry and Trade - Chairman of the Steering Committee of the Program for the Czech Quality (under the Council for Quality) - Chairman of the Working Group Quality in Consumer Protection (under the Council for Quality) - The bodies cover supporting in number of areal concerning quality of product and services incling safety and quality of foodstuffs; - Particularly the Council for Quality is directly linked to Minister of Industry and Trade, or to the Governemtn respectively. Impact on annual earnings: 0%
<b>IV. Employment</b>	04/2002 - now	-Name: Sdružení eských spotebitel (SS), Czech Consumer Association, Prague, CZECH REPUBLIC	- Program director and team leader for various Consumer Protection Projects - • Management of various projects related to consumer protection (CP): I. Team leader for coordinating projects (since 1999) under the Czech Technology Plaltform for Foodstuffs – Foods and consumers; - editing publications, web sites ( <a href="http://www.spotrebitelzakvalitou.cz">www.spotrebitelzakvalitou.cz</a> ) etc... II. Team leader in approx. 20 consumer protection projects, funded by the Czech Government, EC, Norway or Switzerland, involving among other the development of a consumer NGO & development of related standards; cooperation with the national market surveillance authority, coordination of training of inspectors, market monitoring; III. Management of several standardization projects (safety of child shoes, electro-technical marks, standardization of services); achievements: standards, studies aimed at the various topics, training materials and handbooks for officials in CP, market surveillance & standardization; Impact on annual earnings: >25%
<b>V. Occasional consultancy</b>	09/2014 - 01/2016	-Name: ADETEF/AFNOR - France (ADETEF/AFNOR - France), ADETEF/AFNOR - France, Baku, AZERBAIJAN	- Medium term key expert; short term expert - Participation as Senior consultant in projects - market surveillance, standardization, conformity assessment etc; achievements: assessment of laws, development of new laws, development of models of market surveillance; transmission to voluntary standards; development programs incl. of ToRs for trainings, seminars etc.; Impact on annual earnings: >0% and <5%
	07/2013 - 11/2013	-Name: Alternative Cons., Serbia (N/A), Alternative Cons, Skopje, MACEDONIA, THE FORMER YUGOSLAV REPUBLIC OF	Team leader; Drafting Terms of Reference for the service contract 'Legal Harmonisation and Capacity Building in the field of Consumer Protection' including foodstuffs safety Ref. IPA/TAIB2009/4.2/LOT10/02.2 Impact on annual earnings: >0% and <5%
<b>VI. Research funding</b>			NO INTEREST

<b>VII. Intellectual property rights</b>	01/2010 - now	-Name: Czech Consumer Association, Czech Republic, Prague, SS	Publicatins (examples) - Delicatessen - Traditions and Trends; ISBN 978-80-87719-65-7 (Sdružení eských spotebitel, z. ú.) 2018; - Consumer "decalog" for choosing good food; ISBN 978-80-87719-64-0 (Sdružení eských spotebitel, z. ú.); 2018 - Honey; ISBN 978-80-87719-29-9 (Sdružení eských spotebitel, z.ú.); 2015 - GDA labeling on food packaging; ISBN – 978-80-904633-3-2, 2011 - Food treated with ionization; ISBN – 978-80-903930-7-3, 2010 Impact on annual earnings: >0% and <5%
<b>VIII. Other memberships or affiliations</b>			NO INTEREST
<b>IX. Other relevant interest</b>			NO INTEREST
<b>X. Interests of close family members</b>			NO INTEREST

<b>Involvements</b>	<b>Potential CoI (*)</b>	<b>Funding (**)</b>
Management Board	No	-

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## ANNUAL DECLARATION OF INTERESTS (ADoI)

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**Name:** BRANESCU, Geronimo

**Title:** Dr.

**Profession:** PhD in Veterinary Medicine

**Current EFSA involvements:** Invited -Management Board (MB)

Nature of Activities	Period	Organisation	Subject matter
<b>I. Financial investments</b>	01/1996 - now	-Name: SC FARMMARC IMPEX SRL	Veterinary pharmacy. No implication in activity, no economic benefits. 100% share  Small veterinary pharmacy selling veterinary products, pet food, pet cosmetics, protein-vitamin-mineral supplements for dogs, cats or other pets and farm animals, pet accessories
<b>II. Managerial role</b>	01/2017 - now	-Name: Romanian Sanitary Veterinary and Food Safety Authority, ROMANIA, BUCHAREST	President – Secretary of State of NSVFSA. With 42 territorial structures, NSVFSA operates as a regulator in the field of veterinary and food safety, a specialized body of central public administration, with legal personality, subordinated to the Government and coordinated by the Prime Minister through the Prime Minister Office. National authority's mission is accomplished by protecting the health along the food chain - for every stage of production, from farm to fork - preventing food contamination and promoting food hygiene and transparent information to consumers on food and health and welfare animals Impact on annual earnings: >25%

	10/2012 - 01/2017	-Name: Sanitary Veterinary and Food Safety Directorate Constanta (SVFSD Constanta County), Sanitary Veterinary and Food Safety Directorate, Constanta, ROMANIA	Executive Director of Sanitary Veterinary and Food Safety Directorate Constanta. One of the 42 territorial structures of Romanian National Sanitary Veterinary and Food Safety Authority. Director organizes, coordinates and controls the implementation of the legislation in the field of animal health, public health, safety of animal and non-animal food, animal welfare and protection, environmental protection in the county of Constanta; Responsible for the proper conducting of the activities of all subordinated structures Impact on annual earnings: >25%
<b>III. Member of a scientific advisory entity</b>	01/2017 - now	-Name: Romanian Sanitary Veterinary and Food Safety Authority, ROMANIA, BUCHAREST	President of the Advisory Council - Formed by representatives of ministries, other public administration authorities, representatives of associations and non-governmental organizations. The Advisory Council provides advisory opinions at the request of the NSVFSA on the prioritization of requests for scientific consultations on risk identification, assessment and management, as well as crisis situations, and the examination and discussion of issues in the veterinary and food safety field. Impact on annual earnings: 0%
	01/2017 - now	-Name: Romanian Sanitary Veterinary and Food Safety Authority, ROMANIA, BUCHAREST	Participating member of the Scientific Council - Scientific Forum composed of the most prestigious scientists in the field of sanitary veterinary and food safety, with a role in assessing the risks to human health, animal health and environmental protection. The views expressed by the Scientific Council are used to formulate policies and management measures that NSVFSA undertake in the field of sanitary veterinary and food safety Impact on annual earnings: 0%
	05/2014 - now	-Name: Scientific Circle "Timariu Savu", Scientific Circle "Timariu Savu", Constanta, ROMANIA	President of the Scientific Circle "Timariu Savu" from Sanitary Veterinary and Food Safety Directorate - Constanta. Scientific research, theoretical, practical and experimental interdisciplinary research (veterinarian practitioner, laboratory veterinarian, chemists, biologists, ecologists), inter-professional collaborations with representatives of human physicians, pharmacists, biologists, and creating a favorable climate for confrontation of ideas; Founder, President, active member and participant to all decisions Impact on annual earnings: 0%
<b>IV. Employment</b>	01/2017 - now	-Name: Romanian Sanitary Veterinary and Food Safety Authority, ROMANIA, BUCHAREST	President – Secretary of State of Romanian National Sanitary Veterinary and Food Safety Authority. N.S.V.F.S.A. has 42 territorial structures - Sanitary Veterinary and Food Safety Directorates and operates as a regulator in the field of veterinary and food safety, a specialized body of central public administration, with legal personality, subordinated to the Government and coordinated by the Prime Minister through the Prime Minister Office. National authority's mission is accomplished by protecting the health along the food chain - for every stage of production, from farm to fork - preventing food contamination and promoting food hygiene and transparent information to consumers on food and health and welfare animals. Impact on annual earnings: >25%
	10/2012 - 01/2017	-Name: Sanitary Veterinary and Food Safety Directorate Constanta (SVFSD Constanta), Sanitary Veterinary and Food Safety Directorate Constanta, Constanta, ROMANIA	Executive Director of SVFSD Constanta. One of the 42 territorial structures of Romanian National Sanitary Veterinary and Food Safety Authority. Subject : Animal health and welfare, Animal Nutrition, Food Safety . Responsible for the proper conduct of all the activities carried out by institution's structures; Organizes, coordinates and responsible for controlling how the legislation of animal health is comply, prevention and control of animal diseases, public health, food safety, animal welfare and protection, environment protection – under the territory of institution's competence Impact on annual earnings: >25%



<b>V. Occasional consultancy</b>	01/2002 - now	-Name: Minister of Foreign Affairs - the national contact point for the TAIEX Office of the European Commission (TAIEX), TAIEX Office of the European Commission, Bucharest, ROMANIA	Official Trainer on Food Safety - Unique representative of Romania, designated by TAIEX, trainer for Food Safe in Romania, being prepared by the EC in this respect to further prepare the Romanian specialists to work with the Community Food Safety Legislative Framework Impact on annual earnings: 0%
<b>VI. Research funding</b>	06/2010 - 08/2016	-Name: C.C.P.R.M - Research, Production and Promotion Centre for Medicinal Remedies	Research on medicinal remedies, plant extracts and physiological impact. The first human and veterinary mixed pharmacy created in Romania, under the coordination of its own team and in association with specialists of university competence – production activity and own research centre. Main objective: prophylaxis and native therapy with maximum tested effect.  Without financial advantages
<b>VII. Intellectual property rights</b>			NO INTEREST
<b>VIII. Other memberships or affiliations</b>	01/1998 - now	-Name: College of Veterinary Physicians in Romania CVPR	Member - The College of Veterinarians is a strong organization with a form of autonomous, non-governmental, apolitical and non-profit organization, made up of 8820 veterinary surgeons operating in the most diverse professional spectrum. Impact on annual earnings: 0%
	01/1990 - now	-Name: General Association of Veterinary Physicians in Romania GAVPR	AGMVR is a scientific, professional and apolitical organization with over 100 existence, member of the World Veterinary Association (WVA), Federation of Veterinarians of Europe (FVE), collaborations with "Veterinaries Sans Frontiers" (VSF); founding member of the "Cooper et Echanges Veterinaires Est-Ouest" (CEVEO) Lyon, France; founding member of the "Balkan Veterinary Association of the Balkans and the Black Sea Region" (BaBSeVA); participated in the establishment of the Francophone Veterinary Association, Paris. Impact on annual earnings: 0%
<b>IX. Other relevant interest</b>			NO INTEREST
<b>X. Interests of close family members</b>			NO INTEREST

<b>Involvements</b>	<b>Potential CoI (*)</b>	<b>Funding (**)</b>
Management Board	No	No

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**Signature:**

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## ANNUAL DECLARATION OF INTERESTS (ADoI)

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**Name:** TOFT, Annette

**Title:** Ms.

**Profession:** director

**Current EFSA involvements:** Invited -Management Board (MB)

Nature of Activities	Period	Organisation	Subject matter
<b>I. Financial investments</b>			NO INTEREST
<b>II. Managerial role</b>			NO INTEREST
<b>III. Member of a scientific advisory entity</b>	04/2016 - now	-Name: IFD, Innovation Fund Denmark, DENMARK, Copenhagen	I am member of the board of the IDF. it is a public fund that finances innovation projects, phd projects, make reports of interest to the government regarding R&I trends etc. Impact on annual earnings: >0% and <5%
	04/2007 - 08/2014	-Name: rådet for Teknologi og Innovation (RTI), council of technology and innovation, Copenhagen, DENMARK	Council of Technology and innovation i was vicechair. A public fund to support the new use of technology and innovation in both public and private business. The Council of Technology and innovation was under the Ministry of Research and Education. Impact on annual earnings: >0% and <5%

<b>IV. Employment</b>	10/2013 - now	-Name: Landbrug & fødevarer (L&F), danish Agriculture & Food Council, Copenhagen + Aarhus, DENMARK	Danish Agriculture & Food Council is a private organization with all sectors of primary producers as members and Agri-cooperatives. The organization is working with: Common agricultural policy, food-, veterinary-, R&D- trade- tax etc policies. and has an advisory service too.  i am director of the Bruxelles based office. Impact on annual earnings: >25%
<b>V. Occasional consultancy</b>			NO INTEREST
<b>VI. Research funding</b>			NO INTEREST
<b>VII. Intellectual property rights</b>			NO INTEREST
<b>VIII. Other memberships or affiliations</b>	03/2018 - now	-Name: Copa- Cogeca	Copa-Cogeca is a private organization for European farmers from all countries and Agricultural Cooperatives. i am chairman of the working party on Foodstuffs. Impact on annual earnings: 0%
<b>IX. Other relevant interest</b>	01/2016 - now	-Name: platform on nutrition, health and physical activity. and Platform on food waste	I am a member of the European commissions platform on health, nutrition and physical activity. representing the farmers and agricultural cooperations in Europe. Impact on annual earnings: 0%
	03/2015 - now	-Name: Comission platform on Food Waste. DG Sante	I am a European NGO- member of the Commission Platform on food waste. Impact on annual earnings: 0%
	03/2005 - 03/2014	-Name: advisory board of food science education university of Copenhagen	member of the advisory board concerning food science education at the university of Copenhagen. stopped in 2014. Impact on annual earnings: 0%
	01/2009 - 02/2013	-Name: advisory board on agricultural science, Aarhus university.	member of the advisory board concerning agricultural sciences at Aarhus university. stopped in 2013 Impact on annual earnings: 0%
<b>X. Interests of close family members</b>			NO INTEREST

<b>Involvements</b>	<b>Potential CoI (*)</b>	<b>Funding (**)</b>
Management Board	No	-

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**Date:** 13/08/2018

**Signature:**

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## ANNUAL DECLARATION OF INTERESTS (ADoI)

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**Name:** SZEKACS, Andras

**Title:** Prof

**Profession:** Specialist in pesticide chemistry and biochemistry

**Current EFSA involvements:** Member-Management Board (MB)

Nature of Activities	Period	Organisation	Subject matter
<b>I. Financial investments</b>			NO INTEREST
<b>II. Managerial role</b>			NO INTEREST
<b>III. Member of a scientific advisory entity</b>	02/2013 - now	-Name: Gene Technology Advisory Committee (GEVB), Budapest, HUNGARY	<p>The Committee advises the Hungarian Gene Technology Authority (Ministry of Agriculture) on issues related to authorization of the use of genetically modified organisms and facilities involved in such activities in Hungary, in accordance with the current Hungarian legislation. The Committee is not a decision making body, and does not examine or discuss GM variety documentation. Participation appointed by the Minister of Agriculture is voluntary.</p> <p>Meetings are scheduled monthly. Opinions of the Committee are reached by voting in sub-committees.</p> <p>Impact on annual earnings: 0%</p>

	03/2012 - now	-Name: Hungarian Codex Alimentarius Committee, Budapest, HUNGARY	<p>The The Committee advises the Minister and State Secretaries of Agriculture on issues related to food safety and registration of food products and components. The Committee is not a decision making body, and does not examine or discuss manufacturer documentation. Participation appointed by the Minister of Agriculture by law is voluntary and non-honorary.</p> <p>Meetings are scheduled according to the needs of the Ministry. I am a Member in the Committee on behalf of the Hungarian National Agricultural Research and Innovation Centre. In such capacity, I cover issues related to food analysis, biochemical, environmental and ecotoxicological scientific aspects of food components.</p> <p>Impact on annual earnings: 0%</p>
	11/2011 - now	-Name: Expert Committee of the National Association for Consumer Protection in Hungary, Budapest, HUNGARY	<p>The Committee advises the National Association for Consumer Protection in Hungary on issues related consumer concerns in food safety. Participation is voluntary and non-honorary.</p> <p>Meetings are scheduled case by case. I am a Member as an independent expert in the Committee. In such capacity, I cover issues of consumer protection related to food analysis, biochemical, environmental and ecotoxicological scientific aspects of food components.</p> <p>Impact on annual earnings: 0%</p>
	09/2011 - now	-Name: Plant Protection Committee, Hungarian Ministry of Agriculture	<p>The Committee advises the Minister and State Secretaries of Agriculture on issues related to the national plant protection strategy and policies, pesticide registration, integrated pest management (IPM), pesticides complying with IPM, national authorization guidelines for pesticide preparations, as well as technological, scientific and legislative issues related to plant protection practices. The Committee is not a decision making body, and does not examine or discuss manufacturer documentation. Participation appointed by the Minister of Agriculture by law is voluntary and non-honorary.</p> <p>Meetings are scheduled according to the needs of the Ministry. I am a Member in the Committee on behalf of the Hungarian National Agricultural Research and Innovation Centre. In such capacity, I cover analytical, biochemical, environmental and ecotoxicological scientific aspects of pesticides.</p> <p>Impact on annual earnings: 0%</p>
	09/2010 - now	-Name: GMO Working Group, Hungarian Ministry of Agriculture	<p>The GMO Working Group advises the Minister and State Secretaries of Agriculture in issues related to authorization / moratorium / risk assessment of GM crops in Hungary, in accordance with the current European Union legislation. The Committee is not a decision making body, and does not examine or discuss GM variety documentation. Participation appointed by the Minister of Agriculture is voluntary and non-honorary.</p> <p>Meetings are scheduled according to the needs of the Ministry. Opinions of the Working Groups are reached by voting by its certain (voting) members. I am a non-voting Member (Expert) in the GM Working Group, selected as an independent researcher of the National Agricultural Research and Innovation Centre. In such capacity, I cover analytical, biochemical, environmental and ecotoxicological scientific aspects of GM crops.</p> <p>Impact on annual earnings: 0%</p>

	07/2006 - now	-Name: Scientific Committee on Pesticides, Hungarian Food Safety Office	<p>The committee advises the Hungarian Food Safety Office on issues related to pesticide residues in food. Issues covered include the occurrence of food/feed/water contamination with pesticides, statistical requirements (number of analyses required, rate and range of outliers allowed in order to meet maximal residue level criteria). The Committee is not a decision making body, and does not examine or discuss manufacturer documentation. Participation is voluntary and non-honorary.</p> <p>The committee holds regular meetings or E-mail discussions at occasions and on topics requested the Hungarian Food Safety Office. I am a Member in the Committee, selected as an independent researcher of the National Agricultural Research and Innovation Centre. In such capacity, I cover analytical, biochemical, environmental and ecotoxicological scientific aspects of pesticides.</p> <p>Impact on annual earnings: 0%</p>
	05/2006 - now	-Name: Scientific Committee on GMOs, Hungarian Food Safety Office	<p>The committee advises the Hungarian Food Safety Office on issues related to GM crops in food safety. Issues covered include the elucidation of the allowed 0.1% GM contamination limit, statistical issues related to GM determination (copy numbers of transgenes, methodological limits of detection, etc.). The Committee is not a decision making body, and does not examine or discuss GM crop documentation. Participation is voluntary and non-honorary.</p> <p>The committee holds regular meetings or E-mail discussions at occasions and on topics requested the Hungarian Food Safety Office. I am a Member in the committee, selected as an independent researcher of the National Agricultural Research and Innovation Centre. In such capacity, I cover analytical, biochemical, environmental and ecotoxicological scientific aspects of GM crops.</p> <p>Impact on annual earnings: 0%</p>
	09/2005 - 04/2018	-Name: GMO Roundtable, Budapest, HUNGARY	<p>The GMO Roundtable advises the Agricultural Committee and the Committee on Sustainable Development of the Hungarian Parliament on issues related to authorization / moratorium / risk assessment of GM crops. The Committee is not a decision making body, and does not examine or discuss GM variety documentation. Participation is voluntary and non-honorary.</p> <p>Meetings are scheduled case by case. I was a Founding Member of the GMO Roundtable until its dissolution, and served as its Chair (2009-2013).</p> <p>Impact on annual earnings: 0%</p>
	10/2004 - 12/2010	-Name: Pesticide Registration Harmonization Committee, Hungarian Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development	<p>The Committee advised the Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development on issues related to chemical plant protection (pesticides) and partly to agricultural biotechnology (GM crops). Issues covered included the definition of the range of pesticides entitled to receive environmental subsidy (to the farmers), high education of plant protection products experts in Hungary, compliance of pesticides and GM crops with integrated pest management practices, compliance with EU pesticide regulations. The Committee was not a decision making body, and did not have authorization to examine or discuss manufacturer documentation. Participation was voluntary and non-honorary.</p> <p>I was a Member in the Committee, selected as an independent researcher of the Hungarian Academy of Sciences. In such capacity, I covered analytical, biochemical and ecotoxicological scientific aspects of pesticides.</p> <p>Impact on annual earnings: 0%</p>



<b>IV. Employment</b>	11/2011 - now	<p>-Name: Agro-Environmantal Research Institute (AERI), National Agricultural Research and Innovation Centre (NARIC), Budapest, HUNGARY</p>	<p>- Director-General of CFRI (name of institute changed to Central Environmental and Food Science Research Institute in 2012).  - As of Jan 1, 2014, CFRI was merged with other research institutes of the Hungarian Ministry of Agriculture into legal successor National Agricultural Research and Innovation Centre (NARIC). Within NARIC, Director of the Agro-Environmantal Research Institute (AERI).  - Head of the Extension Department of Ecotoxicology of Szent István University operating at the Institute (the Extension Department Head position does not involve employment by the university,it is being served as a full-time NARIC employee).</p> <p>Research topics (AERI NARIC): research on environmental and food safety; chemical and genetic safety of agricultural technologies; residue analysis and ecotoxicology of pesticides and mycotoxin, environmental risks of GM crops.</p> <p>Disclaimer of involvement in official pesticide registration issues: the National Agricultural Research and Innovation Centre (NARIC) is not involved in decision-making regarding registration of any particular pesticide or GM crop. Scientific opinion on pesticide or GM crop issues may be requested on a voluntary and non-honorary basis, but decision-making is the competency of the national authority (National Food Safety Office of the Hungarian Government).  In particular  - NARIC has no rights/ownership on any published RA guidance, methodology, software and/or computational model used in regulatory processes of PPPs,  - NARIC is not involved in the authority regulatory assessment process of pesticides, and  - NARIC has no official capacity of Risk Management (authorisation of PPPs, MRL setting, control activities). Pesticide and GMO monitoring carried out at NARIC serve fundamental aspects in environmental science, and does not constitute part of any official regulatory process.  Impact on annual earnings: &gt;25%</p>
<b>V. Occasional consultancy</b>	09/2001 - now	<p>-Name: Ministry of Agriculture, Hungary</p>	<p>In certain occasions, delegated environmental expert of the Ministry (earlier Ministry of Rural Development and its predecessor Ministry of the Environment and Water). Participation is voluntary and non-honorary.</p> <p>In this competency, the Ministry has occasionally delegated me, selected as an independent researcher of the Hungarian Academy of Sciences or later the National Agricultural Research and Innovation Centre, to:  - EFSA discussion meetings at Parma and Brussels (re-registration of MON 810, discussion of EFSA ERA guidelines on GMOs)  - the Open ended Expert Group on Risk Assessment and Risk Managment of LMOs (GMOs) to the Cartagena Biosafety Protocol  - OECD Co-operative Research Programme (CRP) Governing Body, delegate (04/2011 - now); Scientific Advisory Body, member (12/2014 – now)  My participation at these events have been advisory and did not include formal membership in Standing Committees.  Impact on annual earnings: 0%</p>

<b>VI. Research funding</b>	02/2017 - now	-Name: National Research, Development and Innovation Office, Hungary	- Development of a modular immunofluorescence and laser plasma spectroscopy sensing device family capable for in situ complex water assessment Role: coordinator
	01/2004 - now	-Name: Hungarian Ministry of Agriculture	Annual budgets for research on environmental risk identification/assessment of GM crops. Role in the projects: Subcoordinator for Cry1Ab toxin analysis in GM crop (MON 810 maize)
	02/2015 - 08/2018	-Name: NATO	Science for Peace and Security project 'Development of optical bio-sensors for detection of bio-toxins', international collaboration (Hungary, UK, France, Ukraine, Israel) Role: coordinator
	09/2013 - 09/2017	-Name: Hungarian Scientific Research Fund	- Research on side-effects of pesticide adjuvants and detergents, their possible combined toxicological and ecotoxicological effects with pesticide active ingredients Role: principal investigator
	07/2013 - 06/2016	-Name: FP7 project 'SPICED' (Coordinated by BfR, Germany)	- Research on environmental and food safety in spice production and distribution in Europe within FP7 project 'Securing the spices and herbs commodity chains in Europe against deliberate, accidental or natural biological and chemical contamination (SPICED)' Role: principal investigator
	05/2005 - 04/2011	-Name: Hungarian National Research and Technology Office	- Research projects on pesticide analysis and bioanalysis, immunoassay development for pesticides, mycotoxins, microbial toxins (Cry1Ab), immunosensor development Role: principal investigator - Research projects on pesticide contamination in various modes of agriculture including intensive and ecological (organic) agriculture Role: participant, subcoordinator - Research projects on agricultural biotechnology, environmental assessment of GM crops MON 810 and DAS 59122-7 (the latter followed by a study for Pioneer Hi-Bred, Inc., see at bottom *) Role: participant, subcoordinator - Projects on endocrine disrupting effect monitoring/endocrine disruptor detection Role: principal investigator - Projects on environmentally friendly mosquito control, use/analysis of <i>Bacillus thuringiensis</i> toxins. Role: participant  * as a follow-up Pioneer Hi-Bred, Inc. has entered a research collaboration (2009-2011) with our institute (PPI) to carry out insect exposure studies on DAS 59122-7. The Lead Researcher at PPI was Prof. Balázs Barna. As Head of Department, I was a participant.
	01/2008 - 12/2009	-Name: NATO	Collaborative Linkage Grant development of immunosensors for toxins international collaboration (UK, Italy, Czech Republic, Hungary) Role: subcoordinator
<b>VII. Intellectual property rights</b>			NO INTEREST
<b>VIII. Other memberships or affiliations</b>	06/2011 - now	-Name: Hungarian Society of Ecotoxicology	- Member - Member of the Control Committee - Editor-in-Chief of Biokontroll since 2010 Impact on annual earnings: 0%
	09/2009 - now	-Name: European Network of Scientists for Social and Environmental Responsibility	Critical assessment of emerging technologies Member and Non-Executive Trustee Impact on annual earnings: 0%

	09/1990 - now	-Name: Hungarian Biochemical Society	- Member - Secretary of Environmental Biochemistry Division since 1992 - Editor of Biokémia (Quarterly Bulletin of the Hungarian Biochemical Society) since 1995; Editor-in-Chief 1998-2008 Impact on annual earnings: 0%
<b>IX. Other relevant interest</b>			NO INTEREST
<b>X. Interests of close family members</b>			NO INTEREST

<b>Involvements</b>	<b>Potential CoI (*)</b>	<b>Funding (**)</b>
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: 02/10/2018      Signature: **SIGNED**