

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 79th 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 replacement¹.

Jaana Husu-Kallio

DoI submission date: 31 October 2018

New declared interests:

- Member of the Advisory Board of the University of Helsinki's Research Foundation as from June 2018.
- End of chairmanship of the Management Board of the University of Helsinki in December 2017.

Assessment: The Helsinki University is a public institution operating in the public interest and it is included among the organisations designated by Finland which may assist EFSA with its mission (Article 36 list). It is unlikely that the interest declared by Ms Husu-Kallio may lead to a conflict of interest. However, as a precautionary approach, it is suggested that the Board re-examines its relevance to assess whether specific conflicts may arise when it discusses EFSA's outsourcing programmes.

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

Geronimo Brănescu

DoI submission date: 14 November 2018

New declared interests:

- Owner of a research company (SC FARMMARC RESEARCH & INDUSTRIES SRL) since July 2001.
- Owner of agricultural fields in Bordusani and Fetesti (Romania).

Assessment:

It is noted that the company SC FARMMARC RESEARCH & INDUSTRIES SRL is not active since more than five years (i.e. April 2013) and that a procedure for liquidation is being instructed. The formal closure of this company is expected in the coming future. Not being active any longer, the company does not have the potential to become a possible EFSA applicant. Considering the practical inactivity of that company and with a view to 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, the property of SC FARMMARC RESEARCH & INDUSTRIES SRL does not lead to potential conflicts of interest. Mr Brănescu is invited to promptly communicate to the Management Board the formal liquidation of the company as soon as certified.

Mr Brănescu owns three agricultural fields in Fetesti and one in Bordusani (Romania). These properties are not exploited to carry out agricultural business activities but to farm feed for the animals he owns. Those animals are not bread for business purposes, but for hobby and leisure activities. The property of land and animals for recreational purposes does not lead to potential conflicts of interest.

Annex:

- DoI Jaana Husu-Kallio
- DoI Geronimo Brănescu

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: HUSU-KALLIO, Jaana

Title: Dr.

Profession: Permanent Secretary

Current EFSA involvements: Chair-Management Board (MB)

Nature of Activities	Period	Organisation	Subject matter
I. Financial investments			NO INTEREST
II. Managerial role	10/2016 - now	-Name: EFSA, European Food Safety Authority, Italy, Parma	Chair of the Management Board Impact on annual earnings: 0%
	01/2014 - 12/2017	-Name: HY, Helsinki University, University of Helsinki, FINLAND, Helsinki	Chair of the MB Impact on annual earnings: >=5% and <=25%
	10/2014 - 09/2016	-Name: EFSA, European Food Safety Authority, Italy, Parma	Vice-Chair of the MB Impact on annual earnings: 0%
	07/2012 - 09/2014	-Name: EFSA, European Food Safety Authority, Italy, Parma	member of MB Impact on annual earnings: 0%
	01/2010 - 12/2013	-Name: University of Helsinki, University of Helsinki, Helsinki, FINLAND	Vice-chair of the MB Impact on annual earnings: >=5% and <=25%

III. Member of a scientific advisory entity	06/2018 - now	-Name: HY, Helsinki University, University of Helsinki, FINLAND, Helsinki	Advisory Board of the University of Helsinki Research Foundation, member Impact on annual earnings: 0%
	01/2011 - 05/2012	-Name: Finnish Foundation of Veterinary Research, Finnish Foundation of Veterinary Research, Helsinki, FINLAND	vice-chair of the committee: Funding veterinary research Impact on annual earnings: 0%
	09/2009 - 05/2012	-Name: EFSA, European Food Safety Authority, Italy, Parma	Member - Advisory Forum (AF) Impact on annual earnings: 0%
	02/2010 - 02/2012	-Name: Walter Ehrström Foundation, Walter Ehrström Foundation, Helsinki, FINLAND	chair of the committee. Funding food and esp. milk research Impact on annual earnings: 0%
IV. Employment	02/2012 - now	-Name: Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry, Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry, Helsinki, FINLAND	Permanent Secretary Impact on annual earnings: >25%
	08/2006 - 01/2012	-Name: EVIRA, Finnish Food Safety Authority - EVIRA, FINLAND, Helsinki	Director General Impact on annual earnings: >25%
	10/2002 - 07/2007	-Name: European Commission DG SANCO, European Commission DG SANCO, Brussels, BELGIUM	Deputy Director General 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	01/2004 - now	-Name: The Royal Swedish Academy of Agriculture and Forestry, Stockholm	member Impact on annual earnings: 0%
IX. Other relevant interest	01/2017 - now	-Name: Order of the White Rose and of the Lion of Finland	Member of the Board Impact on annual earnings: 0%
	05/2012 - now	-Name: The Finnish 4H Foundation	Chair of the Committee, funding youth work Impact on annual earnings: 0%
X. Interests of close family members			NO INTEREST

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: 31/10/2018 **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: BRANESCU, Geronimo

Title: Dr.

Profession: PhD in Veterinary Medicine

Current EFSA involvements: Member-Management Board (MB)

Nature of Activities	Period	Organisation	Subject matter
I. Financial investments	01/2016 - now	-Name: --	4,2 hectares of agricultural land in Bordusani, Romania Agricultural land not included in the farming regime, property used for the maintenance of animals and birds, raised for hobby purposes by my family.
	01/2015 - now	-Name: --	5,0 hectares of agricultural land in Fetesti, Romania Agricultural land not included in the farming regime, property used for the maintenance of animals and birds, raised for hobby purposes by my family.
	01/2005 - now	-Name: --	2,5 hectares of agricultural land in Fetesti, Romania Agricultural land not included in the farming regime, property used for the maintenance of animals and birds, raised for hobby purposes by my family.

	01/1996 - now	-Name: SC FARMMARC IMPEX SRL	<p>Veterinary pharmacy.No implication in activity, no financial benefits,100% share.</p> <p>Small veterinary pharmacy, retail unit selling, among others, animal accessories, veterinary products, pet food and feed supplements, products manufactured by other companies.</p> <p>From this pharmacy no dividends have been received in the form of financial profit.</p> <p>For compliance:</p> <p>http://www.mfinante.gov.ro/infocodfiscal.html;jsessionid=4uaG__p_XcyMiMetLdM9dxmdSCiyYWyFf-SGBWUx.master:server31</p> <p>(input 8411761, ID company code)</p>
	01/1993 - now	-Name: --	<p>0,5 hectares of agricultural land in Fetesti, Romania</p> <p>Agricultural land not included in the farming regime, property used for the maintenance of animals and birds, raised for hobby purposes by my family.</p>
	07/2011 - 04/2013	-Name: SC FARMMARC RESEARCH & INDUSTRIES SRL	<p>The company is no longer active since 2013. As such, no activity has been carried out within this company.</p> <p>The procedures for closing the company were started some time ago and soon will be finalized.</p> <p>For compliance, the Ministry of Finance website:</p> <p>http://www.mfinante.gov.ro/infocodfiscal.html;jsessionid=4uaG__p_XcyMiMetLdM9dxmdSCiyYWyFf-SGBWUx.master:server31</p> <p>(input 28899641, ID company code)</p>
II. Managerial role	01/2017 - now	-Name: Romanian Sanitary Veterinary and Food Safety Authority, ROMANIA, BUCHAREST	<p>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</p> <p>Impact on annual earnings: >25%</p>
	10/2012 - 01/2017	-Name: Sanitary Veterinary and Food Safety Directorate Constanta (SVFSD Constanta County), Sanitary Veterinary and Food Safety Directorate, Constanta, ROMANIA	<p>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</p> <p>Impact on annual earnings: >25%</p>
III. Member of a scientific advisory entity	01/2017 - now	-Name: Romanian Sanitary Veterinary and Food Safety Authority, ROMANIA, BUCHAREST	<p>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.</p> <p>Impact on annual earnings: 0%</p>

	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%
IV. Employment	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%
V. Occasional consultancy	01/2002 - now	-Name: Romanian Sanitary Veterinary and Food Safety Authority, ROMANIA, BUCHAREST	Official Trainer on Food Safety - 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%
VI. Research funding			NO INTEREST
VII. Intellectual property rights			NO INTEREST
VIII. Other memberships or affiliations	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%
IX. Other relevant interest			NO INTEREST
X. Interests of close family members			NO INTEREST

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