



NUTRITION UNIT

SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON NUTRITION, NOVEL FOODS AND FOOD ALLERGENS

MINUTES OF THE 97th PLENARY MEETING

**Held on 18 December 2019 via web conference
(Agreed on 20 December 2019)**

Participants

■ Panel Members:

Jacqueline Castenmiller, Stefaan de Henauw, Karen Ildico Hirsch-Ernst, John Kearney, Helle Katrine Knutsen, Alexandre Maciuk, Inge Mangelsdorf, Harry J. McArdle, Androniki Naska, Carmen Pelaez, Kristina Pentieva, Alfonso Siani, Frank Thies, Sophia Tsabouri, Dominique Turck (Chair) and Marco Vinceti.

■ Hearing Experts:

Not Applicable

■ European Commission:

Ivona Babic, Panagiotis Daskaleros

■ EFSA:

NUTRI Unit: Valeriu Curtui, Reinhard Ackerl, Domenico Azzollini, Paolo Colombo, Lucien Ferreira, Wolfgang Gelbmann, Andrea Germini, Leng Heng, Eirini Kouloura, Leonard Matijevic, Gabriela Precup, Annamaria Rossi, Hans Steinkellner, Roman Svejstil, Emanuela Turla, Ermolaos Ververis.

Applications Desk: Catalina Manieu

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants. No apologies were received.

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.



3. Declarations of Interest of Scientific Panel members

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence¹ and the Decision of the Executive Director on Competing Interest Management², EFSA screened the Annual Declarations of Interest filled out by the Panel members invited to the present meeting. No Conflicts of Interest related to the issues discussed in this meeting have been identified during the screening process, and no interests were declared orally by the members at the beginning of this meeting.

4. Agreement of the minutes of the 96th Plenary meeting held on 27-29 November 2019 in Parma (Italy)

The minutes of the 96th Plenary meeting held on 27-29 November 2019 were agreed by written procedure on 13 December 2019.

5. Scientific outputs submitted for discussion and/or possible adoption

5.1. Draft opinion on Selenium-enriched biomass from *Yarrowia lipolytica*. **Applicant: SKOTAN S.A (EFSA-Q-2018-00796)**

The draft opinion was presented. The Panel reviewed and discussed the sections related to production process, composition, proposed uses and use levels, anticipated daily intake, nutritional information and toxicology. The opinion was adopted by the Panel on 18 December subject to the incorporation of editorial changes. The full text will be published in the EFSA Journal in the coming weeks via this link: <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/efsajournal/pub/5992>

5.2. Draft opinion on Astaxanthin (EFSA-Q-2018-00247)

The draft opinion was presented. The NDA Panel took note of the opinion adopted by the FEEDAP Panel in November 2019, which concerned the renewal of the authorisation of dimethyldisuccinate-astaxanthin, and, particularly, the newly derived ADI which replaced the former ADI established in 2014. The Panel noted that most of the information submitted by stakeholders within the frame of the public call for data on astaxanthin has been considered in the FEEDAP Panel's opinion.

The opinion was adopted by the NDA Panel on 18 December subject to the incorporation of editorial changes. The full text will be published in the EFSA Journal in the coming weeks via this link: <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/efsajournal/pub/5993>

6. New Mandates

Not applicable

¹ http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/policy_independence.pdf

² http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/competing_interest_management_17.pdf



7. Feedback from the Scientific Committee/Scientific Panels, EFSA, the European Commission

Not applicable

8. Other scientific topics for information and/or discussion

Not applicable

9. Any Other Business

Next plenary meeting of the NDA Panel is scheduled on 22-23 January 2020 in Parma.