

Scientific Panel on  
Genetically Modified Organisms  
Minutes of the 28th meeting of the Working  
Group on Annual Post-Market Environmental  
Monitoring (PMEM) reports  
Held on 20 December 2016 (TELE/WEB)  
(Agreed on 20 December 2016)

**Participants**

- **Working Group Members**
  - Salvatore Arpaia, Barbara Manachini, Antoine Messéan (chair) and Jeremy Sweet
  
- **Hearing Experts<sup>1</sup>**
  - None
  
- **European Commission and/or Member States representatives**
  - None
  
- **EFSA**
  - GMO Unit: Fernando Álvarez
  - AMU Unit: Marios Georgiadis, Laura Martino and Daniela Tomcikova

**1. Welcome and apologies for absence**

The Chair welcomed the participants.

**2. Adoption of agenda**

The agenda was adopted without changes.

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<sup>1</sup> As defined in Article 17 of the Decision of the Executive Director on the selection of external experts: <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/expertselection.pdf>

### **3. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members**

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence and Scientific Decision-Making Processes<sup>2</sup> and the Decision of the Executive Director on Declarations of Interests,<sup>3</sup> EFSA screened the Annual Declaration of Interest (ADoI) and the Specific Declaration of Interest filled in by the working group members invited for the present meeting. No Conflicts of Interest related to the issues discussed in this meeting have been identified during the screening process or at the Oral Declaration of Interest at the beginning of this meeting.

### **4. Agreement of the minutes of the 27<sup>th</sup> Working Group meeting held on 17 November 2016 (Parma)**

The minutes of the of the 27<sup>th</sup> Working Group meeting held on 17 November 2016 were agreed by written procedure on 18 November 2016.<sup>4</sup>

### **5. Any Other Business**

The Working Group discussed the implementation of the EFSA's draft uncertainty guidance in the assessment of annual PMEM reports of genetically modified plants. Further discussion is needed.

### **6. Next meetings**

- 23 January 2017 (Parma)

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<sup>2</sup> <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/independencepolicy.pdf>

<sup>3</sup> <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/independencerules2014.pdf>

<sup>4</sup> <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/gmopmemreports2016.pdf>

## Scientific Panel on Genetically Modified Organisms

### Minutes of the 27<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Working Group on Annual Post-Market Environmental Monitoring (PMEM) reports

**Held on 17 November 2016 (Parma)  
(Agreed on 18 November 2016)**

#### **Participants**

- **Working Group Members**

- Salvatore Arpaia, Barbara Manachini, Antoine Messéan (chair) and Jeremy Sweet

- **Hearing Experts<sup>1</sup>**

- None

- **European Commission and/or Member States representatives**

- None

- **EFSA**

- GMO Unit: Fernando Álvarez and Giacomo de Sanctis
- AMU Unit: Marios Georgiadis and Laura Martino

#### **1. Welcome and apologies for absence**

The Chair welcomed the participants.

#### **2. Adoption of agenda**

The agenda was adopted without changes.

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<http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/expertselection.pdf>

### **3. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members**

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### **4. Agreement of the minutes of the 26<sup>th</sup> Working Group meeting held on 5 October 2016 (TELE/WEB)**

The minutes of the of the 26<sup>th</sup> Working Group meeting held on 5 October 2016 were agreed by written procedure on 6 October 2016.<sup>4</sup>

### **5. Scientific topics for discussion**

#### **5.1 Annual 2015 PMEM report on maize MON 810<sup>5</sup>**

The Working Group discussed the information provided by the consent holder in its 2015 PMEM report on maize MON 810. Upon request of the European Commission, the Working Group assessed the findings of the monitoring activities and the appropriateness of the methodology taking into account the comments received from Member States. Further discussion is needed.

### **6. Any Other Business**

The Working Group discussed the implementation of the EFSA's project Prometheus (Promoting methods for evidence use in scientific assessments) in future PMEM reports of genetically modified plants. Further discussion is needed.

### **7. Next meetings**

- 20 December 2016 (TELE/WEB)

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<sup>3</sup> <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/independencerules2014.pdf>

<sup>4</sup> <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/gmopmemreports2016.pdf>

<sup>5</sup> <http://registerofquestions.efsa.europa.eu/roqFrontend/questionLoader?question=EFSA-Q-2016-00690>

## Scientific Panel on Genetically Modified Organisms

### Minutes of the 26th meeting of the Working Group on Annual Post-Market Environmental Monitoring (PMEM) reports

**Held on 5 October 2016 (TELE/WEB)**

**(Agreed on 6 October 2016)**

#### **Participants**

- **Working Group Members**

- Salvatore Arpaia, Barbara Manachini, Antoine Messéan (chair) and Jeremy Sweet

- **Hearing Experts<sup>1</sup>**

- None

- **European Commission and/or Member States representatives**

- None

- **EFSA**

- GMO Unit: Fernando Álvarez
- AMU Unit: Marios Georgiadis and Laura Martino

#### **1. Welcome and apologies for absence**

The Chair welcomed the participants.

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<sup>1</sup> As defined in Article 17 of the Decision of the Executive Director on the selection of external experts:  
<http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/expertselection.pdf>

## **2. Adoption of agenda**

The agenda was adopted without changes.

## **3. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members**

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence and Scientific Decision-Making Processes<sup>2</sup> and the Decision of the Executive Director on Declarations of Interests<sup>3</sup>, EFSA screened the Annual Declaration of Interest (ADoI) and the Specific Declaration of Interest filled in by the working group members invited for the present meeting. No Conflicts of Interest related to the issues discussed in this meeting have been identified during the screening process or at the Oral Declaration of Interest at the beginning of this meeting.

## **4. Agreement of the minutes of the 25<sup>th</sup> Working Group meeting held on 14-15 September 2016, Parma**

The minutes of the of the 25<sup>th</sup> Working Group meeting held on 14-15 September July 2016 were agreed by written procedure on 21 September 2016<sup>4</sup>.

## **5. Any Other Business**

The Working Group discussed the implementation of the EFSA's project Prometheus (Promoting methods for evidence use in scientific assessments) in future PMEM reports of genetically modified plants. Further discussion is needed.

## **6. Next meetings**

- 17 November 2016 (Parma)

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<sup>2</sup> <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/independencepolicy.pdf>

<sup>3</sup> <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/independencerules2014.pdf>

<sup>4</sup> <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/gmopmemreports2016.pdf>

Scientific Panel on  
Genetically Modified Organisms  
Minutes of the 25th meeting of the Working  
Group on Annual Post-Market Environmental  
Monitoring (PMEM) reports  
Held on 14-15 September 2016 (Parma)  
(Agreed on 21 September 2016)

**Participants**

- **Working Group Members**
  - Salvatore Arpaia, Antoine Messéan (chair) and Jeremy Sweet
  
- **Hearing Experts<sup>1</sup>**
  - None
  
- **European Commission and/or Member States representatives**
  - None
  
- **EFSA**
  - GMO Unit: Fernando Álvarez
  - AMU Unit: Marios Georgiadis and Laura Martino

**1. Welcome and apologies for absence**

The Chair welcomed the participants. Barbara Manachini could not participate by phone due to technical issues.

**2. Adoption of agenda**

The agenda was adopted without changes.

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<sup>1</sup> As defined in Article 17 of the Decision of the Executive Director on the selection of external experts:  
<http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/expertselection.pdf>

### **3. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members**

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence and Scientific Decision-Making Processes<sup>2</sup> and the Decision of the Executive Director on Declarations of Interests<sup>3</sup>, EFSA screened the Annual Declaration of Interest (ADoI) and the Specific Declaration of Interest filled in by the working group members invited for the present meeting. No Conflicts of Interest related to the issues discussed in this meeting have been identified during the screening process or at the Oral Declaration of Interest at the beginning of this meeting.

### **4. Agreement of the minutes of the 24<sup>th</sup> Working Group meeting held on 7 July 2016, Parma**

The minutes of the of the 24<sup>th</sup> Working Group meeting held on 7 July 2016 were agreed by written procedure on 10 July 2016<sup>4</sup>.

### **5. Any Other Business**

The Working Group discussed the implementation of the EFSA's project Prometheus (Promoting methods for evidence use in scientific assessments) in future PMEM reports of genetically modified plants. Further discussion is needed.

### **6. Next meetings**

- 5 October 2016 (TELE/WEB)

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<sup>2</sup> <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/independencepolicy.pdf>

<sup>3</sup> <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/independencerules2014.pdf>

<sup>4</sup> <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/gmopmemreports2016.pdf>



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## Minutes of the 24<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Working Group on Annual Post-Market Environmental Monitoring (PMEM) reports

**Held on 7 July 2016 (TELE/WEB)  
(Agreed on 12 July 2016)**

### **Participants**

- **Working Group Members**
  - Salvatore Arpaia, Barbara Manachini, Antoine Messéan (chair) and Jeremy Sweet
  
- **Hearing Experts<sup>1</sup>**
  - None
  
- **European Commission and/or Member States representatives**
  - None
  
- **EFSA**
  - GMO Unit: Fernando Álvarez
  - AMU Unit: Marios Georgiadis and Laura Martino

### **1. Welcome and apologies for absence**

The Chair welcomed the participants.

### **2. Adoption of agenda**

The agenda was adopted without changes.

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<sup>1</sup> As defined in Article 17 of the Decision of the Executive Director on the selection of external experts:  
<http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/expertselection.pdf>

### **3. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members**

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence and Scientific Decision-Making Processes<sup>2</sup> and the Decision of the Executive Director on Declarations of Interests<sup>3</sup>, EFSA screened the Annual Declaration of Interest (ADoI) and the Specific Declaration of Interest filled in by the working group members invited for the present meeting. No Conflicts of Interest related to the issues discussed in this meeting have been identified during the screening process or at the Oral Declaration of Interest at the beginning of this meeting.

### **4. Agreement of the minutes of the 23<sup>rd</sup> Working Group meeting held on 8 June 2016, Parma**

The minutes of the of the 23<sup>rd</sup> Working Group meeting held on 8 June 2016 were agreed by written procedure on 10 June 2016<sup>4</sup>.

### **5. Any Other Business**

The Working Group discussed the implementation of the EFSA's project Prometheus (Promoting methods for evidence use in scientific assessments) in future PMEM reports of genetically modified plants. Further discussion is needed.

### **6. Next meetings**

- 14/15 September 2016 (Parma)

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<sup>2</sup> <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/independencepolicy.pdf>

<sup>3</sup> <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/independencerules2014.pdf>

<sup>4</sup> <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/gmopmemreports2016.pdf>

# Scientific Panel on Genetically Modified Organisms

## Minutes of the 23rd meeting of the Working Group on Annual Post-Market Environmental Monitoring (PMEM) reports

**Held on 8 June 2016 (TELE/WEB)**

**(Agreed on 10 June 2016)**

### **Participants**

- **Working Group Members**

- Salvatore Arpaia, Barbara Manachini, Antoine Messéan (chair) and Jeremy Sweet

- **Hearing Experts<sup>1</sup>**

- None

- **European Commission and/or Member States representatives**

- None

- **EFSA**

- GMO Unit: Fernando Álvarez
- AMU Unit: Marios Georgiadis and Laura Martino

### **1. Welcome and apologies for absence**

The Chair welcomed the participants.

### **2. Adoption of agenda**

The agenda was adopted without changes.

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<sup>1</sup> As defined in Article 17 of the Decision of the Executive Director on the selection of external experts:  
<http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/expertselection.pdf>

### **3. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members**

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence and Scientific Decision-Making Processes<sup>2</sup> and the Decision of the Executive Director on Declarations of Interests<sup>3</sup>, EFSA screened the Annual Declaration of Interest (ADoI) and the Specific Declaration of Interest filled in by the working group members invited for the present meeting. No Conflicts of Interest related to the issues discussed in this meeting have been identified during the screening process or at the Oral Declaration of Interest at the beginning of this meeting.

### **4. Agreement of the minutes of the 22<sup>nd</sup> Working Group meeting held on 20 May 2016, Parma**

The minutes of the of the 22<sup>nd</sup> Working Group meeting held on 20 May 2016 were agreed by written procedure on 7 June 2016<sup>4</sup>.

### **5. Any Other Business**

The Working Group discussed the possible implementation of the EFSA's project Prometheus (Promoting methods for evidence use in scientific assessments) in future PMEM reports of genetically modified plants. The Working Group discussed possible questions and sub-questions to be addressed and their relevant sources of evidence and information. Further discussion is needed.

### **6. Next meetings**

- 7 July 2016

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<sup>2</sup> <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/independencepolicy.pdf>

<sup>3</sup> <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/independencerules2014.pdf>

<sup>4</sup> <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/gmopmemreports2016.pdf>

# Scientific Panel on Genetically Modified Organisms

## Minutes of the 22nd meeting of the Working Group on Annual Post-Market Environmental Monitoring (PMEM) reports

**Held on 20 May 2016, Parma  
(Agreed on 7 June 2016)**

### **Participants**

- **Working Group Members**

- Salvatore Arpaia, Barbara Manachini; Antoine Messéan (chair) and Jeremy Sweet

- **Hearing Experts<sup>1</sup>**

- None

- **European Commission and/or Member States representatives**

- None

- **EFSA**

- GMO Unit: Fernando Álvarez and Yann Devos
- AMU Unit: Marios Georgiadis and Laura Martino

### **1. Welcome and apologies for absence**

The Chair welcomed the participants.

### **2. Adoption of agenda**

The agenda was adopted without changes.

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<sup>1</sup> As defined in Article 17 of the Decision of the Executive Director on the selection of external experts:  
<http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/expertselection.pdf>

### **3. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members**

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence and Scientific Decision-Making Processes<sup>2</sup> and the Decision of the Executive Director on Declarations of Interests<sup>3</sup>, EFSA screened the Annual Declaration of Interest (ADoI) and the Specific Declaration of Interest filled in by the working group members invited for the present meeting. No Conflicts of Interest related to the issues discussed in this meeting have been identified during the screening process or at the Oral Declaration of Interest at the beginning of this meeting.

### **4. Agreement of the minutes of the 21<sup>st</sup> Working Group meeting held on 19 February 2016 (Webmeeting)**

The minutes of the of the 21<sup>st</sup> Working Group meeting held on 19 February 2016 were agreed by written procedure on 22 February 2016<sup>4</sup>.

### **5. Any Other Business**

The Working Group discussed the possible implementation of the EFSA's project PROMETHEUS (Promoting methods for evidence use in scientific assessments) in future PMEM reports of genetically modified plants. The Working Group discussed possible questions and sub-questions to be addressed and their relevant sources of evidence and information. Further discussion is needed.

### **6. Next meetings**

- 8 June 2016

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<sup>2</sup> <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/independencepolicy.pdf>

<sup>3</sup> <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/independencerules2014.pdf>

<sup>4</sup> <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/gmopmemreports2016.pdf>

## Scientific Panel on Genetically Modified Organisms

### Minutes of the 21<sup>st</sup> meeting of the Working Group on Annual Post-Market Environmental Monitoring (PME) reports

**Held on 19 February 2016, TELE/WEB**

**(Agreed on 22 February 2016)**

#### **Participants**

- **Working Group Members:**

Salvatore Arpaia and Antoine Messéan

- **Hearing Experts<sup>1</sup>:**

None

- **European Commission and/or Member States representatives:**

None

- **EFSA:**

GMO Unit: Fernando Álvarez and Yann Devos

#### **1. Welcome and apologies for absence**

The Chair welcomed the participants. Apologies for absence were received from Barbara Manachini and Jeremy Sweet.

#### **2. Adoption of agenda**

The agenda was adopted without changes.

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<http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/expertselection.pdf>.

### **3. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members**

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence and Scientific Decision-Making Processes<sup>2</sup> and the Decision of the Executive Director on Declarations of Interest<sup>3</sup>, EFSA screened the Annual Declaration of Interest (ADoI) and the Specific Declaration of Interest filled in by the working group members invited for the present meeting. No Conflicts of Interest related to the issues discussed in this meeting have been identified during the screening process or at the Oral Declaration of Interest at the beginning of this meeting.

### **4. Agreement of the minutes of the 20<sup>th</sup> Working Group meeting held on 20-21 January 2016 (Parma, Italy)**

The minutes of the 20<sup>th</sup> Working Group meeting held on 19-20 January 2016 were agreed by written procedure on 24 January 2016.<sup>4</sup>

### **5. Scientific topics for discussion**

#### **5.1. Annual 2014 PMEM report on maize MON 810<sup>5</sup>**

The Working Group discussed the information provided by the consent holder in its 2014 PMEM report on maize MON 810. Upon request of the European Commission, the Working Group assessed the findings of the monitoring activities and the appropriateness of the methodology taking into account the comments received from Member States. Further discussion is needed.

### **6. Any other business**

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### **7. Next meeting(s)**

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<sup>3</sup> <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/independencerules2014.pdf>

<sup>4</sup> <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/qmopmemreports2016.pdf>

<sup>5</sup> <http://registerofquestions.efsa.europa.eu/roqFrontend/questionLoader?question=EFSA-Q-2015-00650>



## Scientific Panel on Genetically Modified Organisms

### Minutes of the 20<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Working Group on Annual Post-Market Environmental Monitoring (PMEM) reports

**Held on 20-21 January 2016, Parma (Italy)**

**(Agreed on 24 January 2016)**

#### **Participants**

- **Working Group Members:**

Salvatore Arpaia, Barbara Manachini, Antoine Messéan and Jeremy Sweet

- **Hearing Experts<sup>1</sup>:**

David Andow (via teleconference, for agenda item 7.1 only)

Félix Ortego

Lieselot Bertho, Ivo Brants, Graham Head and Conchi Novillo (Monsanto, for agenda item 6.1 only)

- **European Commission and/or Member States representatives:**

Maria Kammenou (DG SANTE)

- **EFSA:**

GMO Unit: Fernando Álvarez, Yann Devos, Sylvie Mestdagh and Elisabeth Waigmann

AMU Unit: Marios Georgiadis (for agenda item 6.1 only)

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<http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/expertselection.pdf>.

## **1. Welcome and apologies for absence**

The Chair welcomed the participants.

## **2. Adoption of agenda**

The agenda was adopted without changes.

## **3. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members**

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence and Scientific Decision-Making Processes<sup>2</sup> and the Decision of the Executive Director on Declarations of Interest<sup>3</sup>, EFSA screened the Annual Declaration of Interest (ADoI) and the Specific Declaration of Interest filled in by the working group members invited for the present meeting. No Conflicts of Interest related to the issues discussed in this meeting have been identified during the screening process or at the Oral Declaration of Interest at the beginning of this meeting.

## **4. Agreement of the minutes of the 19<sup>th</sup> Working Group meeting held on 5 October 2015 (Webmeeting)**

The minutes of the 19<sup>th</sup> Working Group meeting held on 5 October 2015 were agreed by written procedure on 12 October 2015.<sup>4</sup>

## **5. Hearing Experts**

Mr. David Andow was invited to present his views for item 7.1. Mr. Félix Ortego was invited to present his views for items 6.1 and 7.1. Ms. Lieselot Bertho, Mr. Ivo Brants, Mr. Graham Head and Ms. Conchi Novillo were invited to present their views for item 6.1.

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence and Scientific Decision-Making Processes<sup>5</sup> and the Decision of the Executive Director on Declarations of Interest<sup>6</sup>, EFSA invited the hearing experts to submit an ADoI. Their participation was limited to providing testimony, without the possibility to take on any role undertaken by members of the Panel, in accordance with the applicable legal framework<sup>7</sup>.

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<sup>2</sup> <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/independencepolicy.pdf>

<sup>3</sup> <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/independencerules2014.pdf>

<sup>4</sup> <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/gmopmemreports2015.pdf>

<sup>5</sup> <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/independencepolicy.pdf>

<sup>6</sup> <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/independencerules2014.pdf>

<sup>7</sup> Decision of the Executive Director on Declarations of Interest:

<http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/independencerules2014.pdf>

## **6. Scientific topics for discussion**

### **6.1. Annual 2014 PMEM report on maize MON 810<sup>8</sup>**

The Working Group discussed the information provided by the consent holder in its 2014 PMEM report on maize MON 810. Upon request of the European Commission, the Working Group assessed the findings of the monitoring activities and the appropriateness of the methodology taking into account the comments received from Member States. Further discussion is needed.

## **7. Any Other Business**

### **7.1. Insect Resistance Management for maize MON 810**

## **8. Next meeting(s)**

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<sup>8</sup> <http://registerofquestions.efsa.europa.eu/roqFrontend/questionLoader?question=EFSA-Q-2015-00650>

**Scientific Panel on Genetically Modified Organisms**  
**Minutes of the 19<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Working Group on Annual Post-Market**  
**Environmental Monitoring (PMEM) reports**  
**Held on 05 October 2015 (TELE/WEB)**  
**(Agreed on 12 October 2015)**

**Participants**

- **Working Group Members**
  - Barbara Manachini; Antoine Messéan; Jeremy Sweet
  
- **Hearing Experts<sup>1</sup>**
  - None
  
- **European Commission and/or Member States representatives**
  - None
  
- **EFSA**
  - GMO Unit: Fernando Álvarez
  
- **Others (In application of the guidelines for Observers<sup>2</sup>)**
  - Not applicable

**1. Welcome and apologies for absence**

The Chair welcomed the participants.

**2. Adoption of agenda**

The agenda was adopted without changes.

**3. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members**

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence and Scientific Decision-Making Processes<sup>3</sup> and the Decision of the Executive Director on Declarations of Interests<sup>4</sup>, EFSA screened the Annual Declaration of Interest and the Specific Declaration of Interest filled in by the working group members invited for the present meeting. No Conflicts of Interest

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<sup>3</sup> <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/stakeholders/observers.html>

<sup>4</sup> <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/independencypolicy.pdf>

<sup>4</sup> <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/independencerules2014.pdf>

related to the issues discussed in this meeting have been identified during the screening process or at the Oral Declaration of Interest at the beginning of this meeting.

#### **4. Agreement of the minutes of the 18<sup>th</sup> Working Group meeting held on 9 September 2015 (Webmeeting)**

The minutes of the of the 18<sup>th</sup> Working Group meeting held on 9 September 2015 were agreed by written procedure on 11 September 2015<sup>5</sup>.

#### **5. Scientific topic for discussion**

##### **5.1 Revised 2013 PMEM report on maize MON 810 ([EFSA-Q-2015-00432](#))**

The Working Group discussed the information provided by the applicant in its revised 2013 PMEM report on maize MON 810. Upon request of the European Commission, the Working Group assessed the appropriateness of the methodology if this was found to differ compared to the previous seasons. Conclusions and recommendations were discussed by the Working Group.

#### **6. Any Other Business**

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#### **7. Next meetings**

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<sup>5</sup> <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/assets/gmopmemreports2015.pdf>

**Scientific Panel on Genetically Modified Organisms**  
**Minutes of the 18<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Working Group on Annual Post-Market**  
**Environmental Monitoring (PMEM) reports**  
**Held on 09 September 2015 (Webmeeting)**  
**(Agreed on 11 September 2015)**

**Participants**

- **Working Group Members**
  - Salvatore Arpaia; Antoine Messéan; Jeremy Sweet
  
- **Hearing Experts<sup>1</sup>**
  - None
  
- **European Commission and/or Member States representatives**
  - None
  
- **EFSA**
  - GMO Unit: Fernando Álvarez
  - AMU Unit: Marios Georgiadis
  
- **Others (In application of the guidelines for Observers<sup>2</sup>)**
  - Not applicable

**1. Welcome and apologies for absence**

The Chair welcomed the participants.

No apologies for absence were received.

**2. Adoption of agenda**

The agenda was adopted without changes.

**3. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members**

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence and Scientific Decision-Making Processes<sup>3</sup> and the Decision of the Executive Director on Declarations of Interests<sup>4</sup>, EFSA

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<sup>2</sup> <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/stakeholders/observers.html>

<sup>3</sup> <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/independencepolicy.pdf>

screened the Annual Declaration of Interest and the Specific Declaration of Interest filled in by the working group members invited for the present meeting. No Conflicts of Interest related to the issues discussed in this meeting have been identified during the screening process or at the Oral Declaration of Interest at the beginning of this meeting.

#### **4. Agreement of the minutes of the 17<sup>th</sup> Working Group meeting held on 9 June 2015 (Webmeeting)**

The minutes of the of the 17<sup>th</sup> Working Group meeting held on 9 June 2015 were agreed by written procedure on 12 June 2015.<sup>5</sup>

#### **5. Scientific topic for discussion**

##### **5.1 Revised 2013 PMEM report on maize MON 810 ([EFSA-Q-2015-00432](#))**

The Working Group discussed the information provided by the applicant in its revised 2013 PMEM report on maize MON 810 as well as comments received from Member States on this revised report. Upon request of the European Commission, the Working Group assessed the appropriateness of the methodology if this was found to differ compared to the previous seasons. Conclusions and recommendations were discussed by the Working Group.

#### **6. Any Other Business**

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<sup>4</sup> <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/independencerules2014.pdf>

<sup>5</sup> <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/assets/gmopmemreports2015.pdf>

**Scientific Panel on Genetically Modified Organisms**  
**Minutes of the 17<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Working Group on Annual Post-Market**  
**Environmental Monitoring (PMEM) reports**  
**Held on 9 June 2015 (Webmeeting)**  
**(Agreed on 12 June 2015)**

**Participants**

- **Working Group Members**
  - Salvatore Arpaia; Achim Gathmann; Antoine Messéan;
- **Hearing Experts<sup>1</sup>**
  - none
- **European Commission and/or Member States representatives**
  - none
- **EFSA**
  - GMO Unit: Fernando Álvarez, Yann Devos, and Sylvie Mestdagh
- **Others (In application of the guidelines for Observers<sup>2</sup>)**
  - Not applicable

**1. Welcome and apologies for absence**

The Chair welcomed the participants.

Apologies for absence were received from Joe Perry and Jeremy Sweet

**2. Adoption of agenda**

The agenda was adopted without changes.

**3. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members**

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence and Scientific Decision-Making Processes<sup>3</sup> and the Decision of the Executive Director on Declarations of Interest<sup>4</sup>, EFSA screened the Annual Declaration of Interest and the Specific Declaration of Interest filled in by the working group members invited for the present meeting. No Conflicts of Interest

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<sup>1</sup> As defined in Article 17 of the Decision of the Executive Director on the selection of external experts:

<http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/expertselection.pdf>

<sup>2</sup> <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/stakeholders/observers.html>

<sup>3</sup> <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/independencepolicy.pdf>

<sup>4</sup> <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/independencerules2014.pdf>



related to the issues discussed in this meeting have been identified during the screening process or at the Oral Declaration of Interest at the beginning of this meeting.

#### **4. Agreement of the minutes of the 16<sup>th</sup> Working Group meeting held on 17 February 2015 in Parma.**

The minutes of the of the 16<sup>th</sup> Working Group meeting held on 17 February 2015 were agreed by written procedure on 18 February 2015.<sup>5</sup>

#### **5. Scientific topics for discussion:**

5.1 Monsanto letter on previous Panel's recommendations on the insect-resistance management (IRM) plan of maize MON810

[EFSA-Q-2015-00235](http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/gmowgs/documents/gmoenv2014.pdf)

The Working group discussed the concerns raised by Monsanto regarding the EFSA GMO Panel's recommendations on the IRM of maize MON 810 and assessed the implications of these concerns on previous EFSA GMO Panel recommendations.

#### **6. Next meetings**

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<sup>5</sup> <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/gmowgs/documents/gmoenv2014.pdf>

**Scientific Panel on Genetically Modified Organisms**  
**Minutes of the 16<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Working Group on Annual Post-Market**  
**Environmental Monitoring (PMEM) reports**  
**Held on 17 02 2015 (Webmeeting)**

**(Agreed on 18 02 2015)**

**Participants**

- **Working Group Experts:**
  - Salvatore Arpaia, Achim Gathmann, Antoine Messéan (Chair)
- **Hearing Experts:**
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- **European Commission and/or Member States representatives:**
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- **EFSA:**
  - GMO Unit: Fernando Álvarez, Sylvie Mestdagh

**1. Welcome and apologies for absence**

The Chair welcomed the participants. Apologies for absence were received from Joe Perry.

**2. Adoption of agenda**

The agenda was adopted without changes.

**3. Declarations of interest**

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence and Scientific Decision-Making Processes<sup>1</sup> and the Decision of the Executive Director implementing this Policy regarding Declarations of Interests<sup>2</sup>, EFSA screened the Annual Declaration of interest (ADoI) and the Specific Declaration of interest (SDoI) filled in by the experts invited for the present meeting.

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<sup>1</sup> <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/independencypolicy.pdf>

<sup>2</sup> <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/independencerules.pdf>

## 5. Scientific topic for discussion

### 5.1 2013 PMEM report on maize MON 810 ([Q-2014-00856](#))

The Working Group discussed the information provided by the applicant in its 2013 PMEM report on maize MON 810. Upon request of the European Commission, the Working Group assessed the appropriateness of the methodology if this was found to differ compared to the previous seasons. Conclusions and recommendations were discussed by the Working Group.

## 6. Any Other Business

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## 7. Next meeting(s)

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GMO UNIT

**Scientific Panel on Genetically Modified Organisms**  
**Minutes of the 15<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Working Group on Annual Post-Market**  
**Environmental Monitoring (PMEM) reports**  
**Held on 13 10 2014 (Webmeeting)**

**(Agreed on 16 10 2014)**

## Participants

- **Working Group Experts:**
  - Salvatore Arpaia, Achim Gathmann, Antoine Messéan (Chair), Jeremy Sweet
- **Hearing Experts:**
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- **European Commission and/or Member States representatives:**
  - Sarah Brown
- **EFSA:**
  - AMU Unit: Jane Richardson
  - GMO Unit: Sylvie Mestdagh

### 1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants. Apologies were received from Joe Perry.

### 2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

### 3. Declarations of interest

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence and Scientific Decision-Making Processes<sup>1</sup> and the Decision of the Executive Director implementing this Policy regarding Declarations of Interests<sup>2</sup>, EFSA screened the Annual Declaration of interest (ADoI) and the Specific Declaration of interest (SDoI) filled in by the experts invited for the present meeting.

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<sup>1</sup> <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/independencypolicy.pdf>

<sup>2</sup> <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/independencerules.pdf>

#### **4. Scientific topic for discussion**

- 4.1. Mandate from the European Commission for the identification of existing monitoring networks suitable to provide datasets to support PMEM of GMOs ([EFSA-Q-2014-00583](#))**

The Working Group revised the draft text of the scientific opinion and further discussed the conclusions and recommendations. Further discussion might be needed.

#### **5. Any Other Business**

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#### **6. Next meeting(s)**

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GMO UNIT

**Scientific Panel on Genetically Modified Organisms**  
**Minutes of the 14<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Working Group on Annual Post-Market**  
**Environmental Monitoring (PMEM) reports**  
**Held on 26 09 2014 (Webmeeting)**

**(Agreed on 29 09 2014)**

## Participants

- **Working Group Experts:**
  - Achim Gathmann, Antoine Messéan (Chair), Jeremy Sweet
- **Hearing Experts:**
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- **European Commission and/or Member States representatives:**
  - Sarah Brown
- **EFSA:**
  - AMU Unit: Jane Richardson
  - GMO Unit: Sylvie Mestdagh

### 1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants. Apologies were received from Salvatore Arpaia and Joe Perry.

### 2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

### 3. Declarations of interest

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence and Scientific Decision-Making Processes<sup>1</sup> and the Decision of the Executive Director implementing this Policy regarding

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<sup>1</sup> <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/independencepolicy.pdf>

Declarations of Interests<sup>2</sup>, EFSA screened the Annual Declaration of interest (ADoI) and the Specific Declaration of interest (SDoI) filled in by the experts invited for the present meeting.

#### 4. Scientific topic for discussion

##### 4.1. Mandate from the European Commission for the identification of existing monitoring networks suitable to provide datasets to support PMEM of GMOs ([EFSA-Q-2014-00583](#))

In response to the present request of the European Commission, an external open call<sup>3</sup> for tender to '*review of statistical methods and data requirements to support post-market environmental monitoring of agro-ecosystems*' was launched by the EFSA Assessment and Methodological Support (AMU) Unit in June 2012. The main objective of the call was to investigate whether data obtained from existing environmental surveillance networks can effectively contribute to PMEM of new and existing agricultural products (e.g. GMOs, pesticides) authorised for use in Europe.

At the present meeting, the Working Group mainly discussed the conclusions drawn by the external contractor in its final report in order to develop further guidelines, including criteria against which existing networks might be assessed for data quality and suitability for PMEM of GM plants cultivated in the EU.

The Working Group agreed on the outline of the opinion as well as on the key messages to applicants and risk managers.

Further discussion is needed.

#### 5. Any Other Business

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#### 6. Next meeting(s)

13<sup>th</sup> October (pm), web-meeting

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<sup>2</sup> <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/independencerules.pdf>

<sup>3</sup> Text of publication in the Official Journal of the European Union:  
<http://ted.europa.eu/udl?uri=TED:NOTICE:190839-2012:TEXT:EN:HTML>

**Scientific Panel on Genetically Modified Organisms**  
**Minutes of the 13<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Working Group on Annual Post-Market**  
**Environmental Monitoring (PMEM) reports**  
**Held on 05 05 2014 (Webmeeting)**

**(Agreed on 12 05 2014)**

**Participants**

- **Working Group Experts:**
  - Salvatore Arpaia, Achim Gathmann, Antoine Messéan (Chair)
- **Hearing Experts:**
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- **European Commission and/or Member States representatives:**
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- **EFSA:**
  - GMO Unit: Yann Devos, Sylvie Mestdagh

**1. Welcome and apologies for absence**

The Chair welcomed the participants.

**2. Adoption of agenda**

The agenda was adopted without changes.

**3. Declarations of interest**

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence and Scientific Decision-Making Processes<sup>1</sup> and the Decision of the Executive Director implementing this Policy regarding Declarations of Interests<sup>2</sup>, EFSA screened the Annual Declaration of interest (ADoI) and the Specific Declaration of interest (SDoI) filled in by the experts invited for the present meeting.

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<sup>1</sup> <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/independencypolicy.pdf>

<sup>2</sup> <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/independencerules.pdf>



## 5. Scientific topic for discussion

### 5.1 2012 PMEM report on maize MON 810 ([Q-2014-00179](#))

The Working Group discussed the information provided by the applicant in its 2012 PMEM report on maize MON 810. Upon request of the European Commission, the Working Group assessed the appropriateness of the methodology if this was found to differ compared to the previous seasons. Conclusions and recommendations were discussed by the Working Group.

## 6. Any Other Business

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## 7. Next meeting(s)

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GMO UNIT

**Scientific Panel on Genetically Modified Organisms**  
**Minutes of the 12<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Working Group on Annual Post-Market**  
**Environmental Monitoring (PMEM) reports**

**Held on 17-18 07 2013, Parma**

**(Agreed on 22 07 2013)<sup>1</sup>**

**Participants**

- **Working Group Experts:**
  - Salvatore Arpaia, Achim Gathmann, Jozsef Kiss, Antoine Messéan (Chair)
  - Joe Perry has participated via teleconference,
- **Hearing Experts:**
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- **European Commission and/or Member States representatives:**
  - Sarah Brown (DG SANCO)
- **EFSA:**
  - GMO Unit: Sylvie Mestdagh
  - SAS Unit: Jane Richardson

**1. Welcome and apologies for absence**

The Chair welcomed the participants.

**2. Adoption of agenda**

The agenda was without changes.

**3. Declarations of interest**

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence and Scientific Decision-Making Processes<sup>2</sup> and the Decision of the Executive Director implementing this Policy regarding

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<sup>1</sup> The publication of the minutes shall be made without delay in compliance with the Founding Regulation and no later than 15 working days following the day of their agreement.

<sup>2</sup> <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/independencepolicy.pdf>

Declarations of Interests<sup>3</sup>, EFSA screened the Annual Declaration of interest and the Specific Declaration of interest) filled in by the experts invited for the present meeting. No conflicts of interests related to the issues discussed in this meeting have been identified during the screening process or at the Oral Declaration of interest at the beginning of this meeting.

## 5. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

### 5.1 2012 PMEM report on GM potato Amflora ([Q-2013-00439](#))

The Working Group discussed the information provided by the applicant in its 2012 PMEM report of potato EH92-527-1 (variety Amflora) and revised the draft Scientific Opinion on the report accordingly.

### 5.2 2011 PMEM report on maize MON 810 ([Q-2013-00440](#))

The Working Group discussed the information provided by the applicant in its 2011 PMEM report on maize MON 810 and in particular, the methodology of the insect-resistance management (IRM) plan. Conclusions and recommendations were discussed by the Working Group. Further discussion is needed.

## 6. Any Other Business

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## 7. Next meeting(s)

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<sup>3</sup> <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/independencerules.pdf>

Parma, 27 July 2012

**SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON GENETICALLY MODIFIED ORGANISMS**

**Notes of the 11<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Standing Working Group on the Annual Post-Market Environmental Monitoring (PMEM) reports**

Webmeeting, 27 July 2012 (am)

(agreed by the WG on 31 July 2012)

**Participants**

WG Experts:	Salvatore Arpaia, Jozsef Kiss, Antoine Messéan (Chair), Joe Perry, Jeremy Sweet.
Hearing Expert	-
Observer (European Commission):	-
EFSA:	Andrea Gennaro (GMO), Sylvie Mestdagh (GMO), Jane Richardson (SAS)

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**1. Welcome and apologies**

The Chair, Antoine Messéan, welcomed the participants.

**2. Adoption of agenda**

The agenda was adopted without change.

**3. Declarations of interest**

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Declarations of Interests, EFSA screened the Annual Declaration of interest (ADoI) and/or Specific Declaration of interest (SDoI) filled in by the experts invited for the present meeting. No conflicts of interests related to the issues discussed in this meeting have been identified during the screening process or at the beginning of this meeting.

**4. Discussions**

The Working Group revised the draft Scientific Opinion on the 2011 PMEM report of potato EH92-527-1 (variety Amflora). The Working Group discussed the methodology of the monitoring study on volunteers as provided by the applicant. Further discussion is needed.

**5. Next meeting date**

To be confirmed

Parma, 20 December 2011

**SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON GENETICALLY MODIFIED ORGANISMS**

**Notes of the 10<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Standing Working Group on the Annual Post-Market Environmental Monitoring (PMEM) reports**

Webmeeting, 20 December 2011 (am)

(agreed by the WG on 16 January 2012)

**Participants**

WG Experts:	Salvatore Arpaia, Jozsef Kiss, Antoine Messéan (Chair), Joe Perry, Jeremy Sweet.
Hearing Expert	-
Observer (European Commission):	-
EFSA:	Sylvie Mestdagh (GMO)

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**1. Welcome and apologies**

The Chair, Antoine Messéan, welcomed the participants. Apologies were received from Jane Richardson (SAS Unit, EFSA).

**2. Adoption of agenda**

The agenda was adopted without change.

**3. Declarations of interest**

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Declarations of Interests, EFSA screened the Annual Declaration of interest (ADoI) and/or Specific Declaration of interest (SDoI) filled in by the experts invited for the present meeting. No conflicts of interests related to the issues discussed in this meeting have been identified during the screening process or at the beginning of this meeting.

**4. Discussions**

The Working Group revised the draft Scientific Opinion on the 2010 PMEM report of potato EH92-527-1 (variety Amflora). The Working Group also briefly introduced the 2010 PMEM report of maize MON810. Further discussion is needed.

**5. Next meeting date**

27 January 2012, Parma

Parma, 16 November 2011

**SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON GENETICALLY MODIFIED ORGANISMS**

**Notes of the 9<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Standing Working Group on the Annual Post-Market Environmental Monitoring (PMEM) reports**

Webmeeting, 16 November 2011 (am)

(agreed by the WG on 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2011)

**Participants**

WG Experts:	Salvatore Arpaia, Jozsef Kiss, Antoine Messéan (Chair), Joe Perry, Jeremy Sweet.
Hearing Expert	Achim Gathmann.
Observer (European Commission):	-
EFSA:	Sylvie Mestdagh (GMO)

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**1. Welcome and apologies**

The Chair, Antoine Messéan, welcomed the participants. Apologies were received from Jane Richardson (SAS Unit, EFSA).

**2. Adoption of agenda**

The agenda was adopted without change.

**3. Declarations of interest**

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Declarations of Interests, EFSA screened the Annual Declaration of interest (ADoI) and/or Specific Declaration of interest (SDoI) filled in by the experts invited for the present meeting. No conflicts of interests related to the issues discussed in this meeting have been identified during the screening process or at the beginning of this meeting.

**4. Discussions**

The Working Group discussed the 2010 PMEM report on potato EH92-527-1 (variety Amflora) and, in particular, the results of the study on potato-feeding organisms as requested by the European Commission. A draft text was revised by the Working Group. Further discussion is needed.

**5. Next meeting date**

20 December 2011 (am)

Parma, 20 October 2011

**SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON GENETICALLY MODIFIED ORGANISMS**

**Notes of the 8<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Standing Working Group on the Annual Post-Market Environmental Monitoring (PMEM) reports**

Meeting, 20 October 2011

(agreed by the WG on 4 November 2011)

**Participants**

WG Experts:	Salvatore Arpaia, Jozsef Kiss, Antoine Messéan (Chair), Joe Perry
Observer (European Commission):	-
EFSA:	Yann, Devos (GMO), Jane Richardson (SAS), Sylvie Mestdagh (GMO)

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**1. Welcome and apologies**

The Chair, Antoine Messéan, welcomed the participants. Apologies were received from Jeremy Sweet.

**2. Adoption of agenda**

The agenda was adopted without change.

**3. Declarations of interest**

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Declarations of Interests, EFSA screened the Annual Declaration of interest (ADoI) and/or Specific Declaration of interest (SDoI) filled in by the experts invited for the present meeting. No conflicts of interests related to the issues discussed in this meeting have been identified during the screening process or at the beginning of this meeting.

**4. Discussions**

The Working Group discussed the 2010 PMEM report on potato EH92-527-1 (variety Amflora) and, in particular, the results of the study on potato-feeding organisms as requested by the European Commission. Further discussion is needed.

**5. Next meeting date**

16 November 2011 (am)

Parma, 26 September 2011

**SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON GENETICALLY MODIFIED ORGANISMS**

**Notes of the 7<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Standing Working Group on the Annual Post-Market Environmental Monitoring (PMEM) reports**

Meeting, 23 September 2011

(agreed by the WG on 7 October 2011)

**Participants**

WG Experts:	Salvatore Arpaia, Achim Gathmann, Jozsef Kiss, Antoine Messéan (Chair), Joe Perry, Jeremy Sweet
Observer (European Commission):	-
EFSA:	Yann, Devos (GMO), Jane Richardson (SAS), Sylvie Mestdagh (GMO)

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**1. Welcome and apologies**

The Chair, Antoine Messéan, welcomed the participants.

**2. Adoption of agenda**

The agenda was adopted without change.

**3. Declarations of interest**

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Declarations of Interests, EFSA screened the Annual Declaration of interest (ADoI) and/or Specific Declaration of interest (SDoI) filled in by the experts invited for the present meeting. No conflicts of interests related to the issues discussed in this meeting have been identified during the screening process or at the beginning of this meeting.

**4. Discussions**

The Working Group started assessing the 2010 PMEM report on potato EH92-527-1 (variety Amflora). The Working Group identified weaknesses of the report and discussed the need for clarifications from the applicant. The Working Group considered the comments received from Member States on the PMEM report as well as the PMEM-related comments invoked by the Austrian Authorities to support their safeguard clause of potato EH92-527-1. Further discussion is needed.

**5. Next meeting date**

20 October 2011 (pm)



Parma, 27 July 2011

**SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON GENETICALLY MODIFIED ORGANISMS**

**Notes of the 6<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Standing Working Group on the Annual Post-Market Environmental Monitoring (PMEM) reports**

Meeting, 27 July 2011

(agreed by the WG on 15 August 2011)

**Participants**

WG Experts:	Salvatore Arpaia, Marc Delos, Jozsef Kiss, Antoine Messéan (Chair)
Observer (European Commission):	-
EFSA:	Jane Richardson (SAS), Sylvie Mestdagh (GMO)

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**1. Welcome and apologies**

The Chair, Antoine Messéan, welcomed the participants. Apologies were received from Joe Perry, Jeremy Sweet and Lucia Roda.

**2. Adoption of agenda**

The agenda was adopted without change.

**3. Declarations of interest**

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Declarations of Interests, EFSA screened the Annual Declaration of interest (ADoI) and/or Specific Declaration of interest (SDoI) filled in by the experts invited for the present meeting. No conflicts of interests related to the issues discussed in this meeting have been identified during the screening process or at the beginning of this meeting.

**4. Discussions**

The Working Group reviewed the draft opinion on the report by Monsanto of the Post-Market Environmental Monitoring of GM maize MON810 for the 2009 growing season. The draft opinion will be presented for possible adoption at the plenary meeting of the GMO Panel in September.

**5. Next meeting date**

23 September 2011 (Parma) to discuss the 2010 PMEM report on Amflora potato

Parma, 11 July 2011

**SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON GENETICALLY MODIFIED ORGANISMS**

**Notes of the 5<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Standing Working Group on the Annual Post-Market Environmental Monitoring (PMEM) reports**

Meeting, 8 July 2011

(agreed by the WG on 25 July 2011)

**Participants**

WG Experts:	Salvatore Arpaia, Marc Delos, Jozsef Kiss, Antoine Messéan (Chair), Joe Perry, Lucia Roda
Observer (European Commission):	-
EFSA:	Jane Richardson (SAS), Sylvie Mestdagh (GMO)

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**1. Welcome and apologies**

The Chair, Antoine Messéan, welcomed the participants. Apologies were received from Jeremy Sweet.

**2. Adoption of agenda**

The agenda was adopted without change.

**3. Declarations of interest**

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Declarations of Interests, EFSA screened the Annual Declaration of interest (ADoI) and/or Specific Declaration of interest (SDoI) filled in by the experts invited for the present meeting. No conflicts of interests related to the issues discussed in this meeting have been identified during the screening process or at the beginning of this meeting.

**4. Discussions**

The Working Group discussed the methodology and particularly the identified shortcomings. The Working Group reviewed the draft opinion accordingly. Further discussion of the Working Group is still needed.

**5. Next meeting date**

27 July 2011 (am, webmeeting)

Parma, 5 May 2011

**SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON GENETICALLY MODIFIED ORGANISMS**

**Minutes of the 4<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Standing Working Group on the Annual Post-Market Environmental Monitoring (PMEM) reports**

Web-meeting, 4 May 2011 (am)

(agreed by the WG on 19 May 2011)

**Participants**

WG Experts:	Salvatore Arpaia, Jozsef Kiss, Antoine Messéan (Chair), Joe Perry, Lucia Roda, Jeremy Sweet
Observer (European Commission):	Sabine Pelsser
EFSA:	Jane Richardson (SAS Unit), Saghir Bashir (SAS Unit), Sylvie Mestdagh (GMO Unit)

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**1. Welcome and apologies**

The Chair, Antoine Messéan, welcomed the participants. Apologies were received from Marc Delos.

**2. Adoption of agenda**

The agenda was adopted without change.

**3. Declarations of interest**

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Declarations of Interests, EFSA screened the Annual Declaration of interest (ADoI) and/or Specific Declaration of interest (SDoI) filled in by the experts invited for the present meeting. No conflicts of interests related to the issues discussed in this meeting have been identified during the screening process or at the beginning of this meeting.

**4. Discussions**

The Working Group reviewed the responses received from the applicant to questions on the methodology used for PMEM and in particular, for General Surveillance. The Working Group also discussed the specificities of the Insect-Resistance Management plan. Further discussion of the Working Group is still needed.

**5. Next meeting date**

8 July 2011, Parma

Parma, 6 April 2011

**SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON GENETICALLY MODIFIED ORGANISMS**

**Minutes of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Meeting of the Standing Working Group on the Annual Post-Market Environmental Monitoring (PMEM) reports**

Web-meeting, 6 April 2011 (am)

(agreed by the WG on 20 April 2011)

**Participants**

WG Experts:	Marc Delos, Jozsef Kiss, Antoine Messéan (Chair), Joe Perry, Lucia Roda, Jeremy Sweet
Observer (European Commission):	Alice Stengel
EFSA:	Jane Richardson (AMU), Sylvie Mestdagh (GMO)

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**1. Welcome and apologies**

The Chair, Antoine Messéan, welcomed the participants. Apologies were received from Salvatore Arpaia.

**2. Adoption of agenda**

The agenda was adopted without change.

**3. Declarations of interest**

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Declarations of Interests, EFSA screened the Annual Declaration of interest (ADoI) and/or Specific Declaration of interest (SDoI) filled in by the experts invited for the present meeting. No conflicts of interests related to the issues discussed in this meeting have been identified during the screening process or at the beginning of this meeting.

**4. Discussions**

The Working Group discussed the methodology used for PMEM and in particular, for General Surveillance. The Working Group reviewed the study design and analysis of the farmer questionnaires and also briefly discussed the use of existing monitoring systems for the General Surveillance of GM maize MON810. The Working Group reminded that clarifications on the analysis of farmer questionnaires are awaited from the applicant. Further discussion of the Working Group is still needed.

**5. Next meeting date**

4 May (am, Web-meeting)

Parma, 29 March 2011

**SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON GENETICALLY MODIFIED ORGANISMS**

**Minutes of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Meeting of the Standing Working Group on the Annual Post-Market Environmental Monitoring (PMEM) reports**

Parma, 10 March 2011

(agreed by the WG on 28 March 2011)

**Participants**

WG Experts:	Salvatore Arpaia (pm, over the phone), Marc Delos, Jozsef Kiss, Antoine Messéan (chair), Joe Perry, Lucia Roda, Jeremy Sweet
Observer (European Commission):	Alice Stengel
EFSA:	Jane Richardson (AMU), Sylvie Mestdagh (GMO)

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**1. Welcome and apologies**

The Chair, Antoine Messéan, welcomed the participants. Apologies were received from Salvatore Arpaia (for the morning session).

**2. Adoption of agenda**

The agenda was adopted without change.

**3. Declarations of interest**

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Declarations of Interests, EFSA screened the Annual Declaration of interest (ADoI) and/or Specific Declaration of interest (SDoI) filled in by the experts invited for the present meeting. No conflicts of interests related to the issues discussed in this meeting have been identified during the screening process or at the beginning of this meeting.

**4. Discussions**

At its first meeting (9 February 2011, Cambridge), the Working Group met the applicant, Monsanto, and its contractor, BioMath in order to discuss the 2009 PMEM report on cultivation of maize MON810 and clarify identified issues. At the end of the meeting, it was agreed that further clarifications would be sought in writing. During the present meeting, the Working Group debriefed on the hearing of the applicant and discussed the responses to its written questions. The Working Group considered whether further clarifications were needed for a comprehensive assessment of the methodology according to the mandate of the European Commission. Further discussion of the Working Group is still needed.

**5. Next meeting date**

6 April (am, Web-meeting)

Parma, 21 February 2011

**SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON GENETICALLY MODIFIED ORGANISMS**

**Minutes of the 1<sup>st</sup> Meeting of the Standing Working Group on the Annual Post-Market Environmental Monitoring (PMEM) reports**

Cambridge (UK), 9 February 2011

(agreed by the WG on 7 March 2011)

**Participants**

WG Experts:	Salvatore Arpaia, Jozsef Kiss, Antoine Messéan (chair), Joe Perry, Lucia Roda, Jeremy Sweet
Hearing experts:	Pascale Delzenne (Monsanto) and Kerstin Schmidt (BioMath) – for the afternoon session (from 14.00 till 17.00)
Observer (European Commission):	Sabine Pelsser
EFSA:	Jane Richardson (AMU), Sylvie Mestdagh (GMO)

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**1. Welcome and apologies**

The Chair, Antoine Messéan, welcomed the participants. Apologies were received from Didier Verloo.

**2. Adoption of agenda**

The agenda was adopted without change. The Working Group discussed the annual PMEM report on maize MON810 (growing season 2009) submitted by Monsanto.

**3. Declarations of interest**

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**4. Discussions**

A. Morning session

The Working Group started the assessment of the 2009 PMEM report on maize MON810 submitted by the applicant. The Working Group identified points for clarifications, mainly on the methodology, and therefore worked out a list of questions that will be sent to the applicant (Monsanto) and its contractor (BioMath).

## B. Afternoon session

The Working Group felt the need to meet the applicant, Monsanto, and its contractor, BioMath in order to discuss the report and clarify identified issues. The afternoon session was therefore dedicated to the hearing of the applicant, Monsanto, and its contractor, BioMath. The questions identified by the Working Group were raised and discussed. At the end of the meeting, it was agreed that further clarifications would be required in writing.

Further discussion of the Working Group is still needed.

## 5. Next meeting date

11 March 2011

## Annex II

### **INTERESTS AND ACTIONS RESULTING FROM DECLARATIONS DONE AT BEGINNING OF THE MEETING**

**NO CONFLICT LEVEL A:** With regard to this meeting, the two invited hearing experts declared the following interest. Ms Pascale Delzenne declared the following interest: being ‘biotech regulatory affairs manager’ for Monsanto in charge of compiling, submitting and following the applications for GMO commercialisation under Regulation (EC) No 1829/2003, including the application on maize MON810. Ms Kerstin Schmidt declared the following interest: working for BioMath (a service provider for applied statistics and informatics in life sciences) as contractor of Monsanto in the context of the 2009 Post-Market Monitoring Report of maize MON810 under evaluation. In accordance with EFSA’s Policy on Declarations of Interests and Implementing documents thereof, and taking into account the specific matters discussed at the meeting in question, the interests above were not deemed to represent a conflict of Interest for the hearing experts concerned.