



Animal Health and Plant Health Unit

Scientific Panel on Plant Health

MINUTES OF THE 45th MEETING OF THE WORKING GROUP ON FOREST INSECTS PEST CATEGORISATION

Held on 18-19 November 2019

(Agreed on 26 November 2019)

Participants

- Working Group Members:
Panagiotis Milonas (chair), Jean-Claude Gregoire
- Hearing Experts¹:
Not Applicable
- European Commission and/or Member States representatives:
Not Applicable
- EFSA:
ALPHA Unit: Virag Kertesz, Franz Streissl
- Others:
Not Applicable

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants.

No apologies were received.

¹ As defined in Article 17 of the Decision of the Executive Director concerning the selection of members of the Scientific Committee, the Scientific Panels, and the selection of external experts to assist EFSA with its scientific work:
<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 Independence² and the Decision of the Executive Director on Competing Interest Management³, EFSA screened the Annual Declarations of Interest filled out by the Working Group 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 44th Working Group meeting held on 18 October 2019, WEB-conference.

The minutes of the 44th Working Group meeting held on 18 October 2019 were agreed by written procedure on 23 October.

5. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

5.1. List of non-EU Scolytinae spp. (EFSA-Q-2017-00567)⁴

The comments of the panel members on the list of non-EU Scolytinae opinion were discussed and the document was amended according to the outcome of the discussion.

5.2. Pest categorisation of non-EU Scolytinae spp. (EFSA-Q-2019-0042)⁵

The comments of the panel members on the pest categorisation of non-EU Scolytinae opinion were discussed and the document was amended according to the outcome of the discussion.

6. Any Other Business

No other business was discussed.

7. Next meeting(s)

No further meetings of this working group.

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

³ http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/competing_interest_management_17.pdf

⁴ <http://registerofquestions.efsa.europa.eu/roqFrontend/wicket/page?5>

⁵ <http://registerofquestions.efsa.europa.eu/roqFrontend/wicket/page?3>



Animal Health and Plant Health Unit

Scientific Panel on Plant Health

MINUTES OF THE 44th MEETING OF THE WORKING GROUP ON FOREST INSECTS PEST CATEGORISATION

Held on 18 October 2019

(Agreed on 23 October 2019)

Participants

- Working Group Members:
Panagiotis Milonas (chair), Jean-Claude Gregoire
- Hearing Experts¹:
Not Applicable
- European Commission and/or Member States representatives:
Not Applicable
- EFSA:
ALPHA Unit: Franz Streissl
- Others:
Not Applicable

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants.
No apologies were received.

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2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

3. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members

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4. Agreement of the minutes of the 43rd Working Group meeting held on 11 October 2019, WEB-conference.

The minutes of the 43rd Working Group meeting held on 18 October 2019 were agreed by written procedure on 15 October.

5. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

5.1. List of non-EU Scolytinae spp. (EFSA-Q-2017-00567)⁴

The last version of the document was agreed for finalisation. The document which was prepared for the panel summarising the comments of the MSs and how the working group addressed them was presented and agreed with minor modification.

5.2. Pest categorisation of non-EU Scolytinae spp. (EFSA-Q-2019-0042)⁵

The new sections of the draft document were presented by the chair of the WG and discussed in the WG. The text of the opinion was further elaborated.

6. Any Other Business

No other business was discussed.

7. Next meeting(s)

The next meeting of this WG is scheduled for the 18 – 19 November

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

³ http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/competing_interest_management_17.pdf

⁴ <http://registerofquestions.efsa.europa.eu/roqFrontend/wicket/page?5>

⁵ <http://registerofquestions.efsa.europa.eu/roqFrontend/wicket/page?3>



Animal Health and Plant Health Unit

Scientific Panel on Plant Health

MINUTES OF THE 43rd MEETING OF THE WORKING GROUP ON FOREST INSECTS PEST CATEGORISATION

Held on 11 October 2019

(Agreed on 15 October 2019)

Participants

- Working Group Members:
Panagiotis Milonas (chair), Jean-Claude Gregoire
- Hearing Experts¹:
Not Applicable
- European Commission and/or Member States representatives:
Not Applicable
- EFSA:
ALPHA Unit: Franz Streissl
- Others:
Not Applicable

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants.

No apologies were received.

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<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

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4. Agreement of the minutes of the 42nd Working Group meeting held on 23-24 September 2019

The minutes of the 42nd Working Group meeting held on 23-24 September 2019 were agreed by written procedure on 3 October.

5. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

5.1. List of non-EU Scolytinae spp. (EFSA-Q-2017-00567)⁴

The changes which were made in the opinion after the last working group meeting were checked for consistency with the answers to the comments received from MSs and with the lists received from the contractors. It was decided to provide a separate document to the panel summarising the comments of MSs and how the working group addressed them.

5.2. Pest categorisation of non-EU Scolytinae spp. (EFSA-Q-2019-0042)⁵

The new draft was presented by the chair of the WG and discussed in the WG. The text of the opinion was further elaborated.

6. Any Other Business

No other business was discussed.

7. Next meeting(s)

The next meeting of this WG is scheduled for the 18th of October

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

³ http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/competing_interest_management_17.pdf

⁴ <http://registerofquestions.efsa.europa.eu/roqFrontend/wicket/page?5>

⁵ <http://registerofquestions.efsa.europa.eu/roqFrontend/wicket/page?3>



Animal Health and Plant Health Unit

Scientific Panel on Plant Health

MINUTES OF THE 42nd MEETING OF THE WORKING GROUP ON FOREST INSECTS PEST CATEGORISATION

Held on 23-24 September 2019

(Agreed on 3 October 2019)

Participants

- Working Group Members:
Panagiotis Milonas (chair), Jean-Claude Gregoire
- Hearing Experts¹:
Not Applicable
- European Commission and/or Member States representatives:
Not Applicable
- EFSA:
ALPHA Unit: Franz Streissl, Virag Kertesz (first half day)
- Others:
Not Applicable

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants.

No apologies were received.

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2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

3. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members

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4. Agreement of the minutes of the 41st Working Group meeting held on 4 September 2019, WEB-conference.

The minutes of the 41st Working Group meeting held on 4 September 2019 were agreed at the end of the 41st WG meeting on 4 September.

5. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

5.1. Request to provide a scientific opinion on the risk to plant health of *Acleris* spp. (EFSA-Q-2018-00794) for the EU territory⁴

A final check was conducted by the WG on whether all comments from PLH Panel were addressed in the final draft. The plenary presentation was prepared.

5.1. Request to provide a scientific opinion on the risk to plant health of non-EU *Scolytinae* spp. (EFSA-Q-2017-00567) for the EU territory⁵

The results of an outsourced data collection on non-EU *Scolytinae* were presented to the WG. The results were discussed, and feedback was given to the contractor for the finalisation of the last deliverable.

6. Any Other Business

Schedule of the future projects and meetings was confirmed.

7. Next meeting(s)

The next meeting of this WG is scheduled for the 11th of October

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

³ http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/competing_interest_management_17.pdf

⁴ <http://registerofquestions.efsa.europa.eu/roqFrontend/questionLoader?question=EFSA-Q-2018-00794>

⁵ <http://registerofquestions.efsa.europa.eu/roqFrontend/wicket/page?23>



ANIMAL AND PLANT HEALTH UNIT

SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON PLANT HEALTH

MINUTES OF THE 41st MEETING OF THE WORKING GROUP ON FOREST INSECTS

Held on 04 September 2019, Parma

(Agreed on 04 September 2019)

Participants

- Working Group Members:
Panagiotis Milonas (chair), Jean-Claude Gregoire
- Hearing Experts¹:
Not Applicable
- European Commission and/or Member States representatives:
Not Applicable
- EFSA:
ALPHA Unit: Virag Kertesz
- Others:
Not Applicable

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants.

No apologies were received.

2. Adoption of agenda

¹ As defined in Article 17 of the Decision of the Executive Director concerning the selection of members of the Scientific Committee, the Scientific Panels, and the selection of external experts to assist EFSA with its scientific work:
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The agenda was adopted without changes.

3. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members

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4. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

4.1. Request to provide a scientific opinion on the risk to plant health of *Acleris* spp. (EFSA-Q-2018-00794) for the EU territory⁴

The pest categorisation of the non-EU *Acleris* species was updated and finalised based on the comments received from the PLH Panel members. The document will be presented for possible adoption at the September plenary meeting.

4.2. Request to provide a scientific opinion on the risk to plant health of non-EU *Scolytinae* spp. (EFSA-Q-2017-00567) for the EU territory⁵

The draft list of non-EU *Scolytinae* was circulated to the Member States Chief Plant Health Officers for possible comments in June 2019. The comments received were reviewed by the working group and the draft list will be updated in the coming meetings.

5. Any Other Business

5.1. Not Applicable

6. Next meeting(s)

The next meeting will take place on 23-24 September 2019, in Parma.

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

³ http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/competing_interest_management_17.pdf

⁴ <http://registerofquestions.efsa.europa.eu/roqFrontend/questionLoader?question=EFSA-Q-2018-00794>

⁵ <http://registerofquestions.efsa.europa.eu/roqFrontend/wicket/page?23>



ANIMAL AND PLANT HEALTH UNIT

SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON PLANT HEALTH

MINUTES OF THE 40TH MEETING OF THE WORKING GROUP ON FOREST INSECTS

Held on 24-26 June 2019, Parma

(Agreed on 26 June 2019)

Participants

- Working Group Members:
Panagiotis Milonas (chair), Jean-Claude Gregoire
- Hearing Experts¹:
Not Applicable
- European Commission and/or Member States representatives:
Not Applicable
- EFSA:
ALPHA Unit: Virag Kertesz
- Others:
Not Applicable

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants.

No apologies were received.

2. Adoption of agenda

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The agenda was adopted without changes.

3. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence² and the Decision of the Executive Director on Competing Interest Management³, EFSA screened the Annual Declarations of Interest filled out by the Working Group 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. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

4.1. Request to provide a scientific opinion on the risk to plant health of *Acleris* spp. (EFSA-Q-2018-00794) for the EU territory⁴

The pest categorisation of the non-EU *Acleris* species was drafted by the working group members. The document was then reviewed, edited and finalised in order to circulate it to the PLH Panel for comments before possible adoption at the plenary meeting in September.

4.2. Request to provide a scientific opinion on the risk to plant health of non-EU *Scolytinae* spp. (EFSA-Q-2017-00567) for the EU territory⁵

The pest categorisation of the non-EU *Scolytinae* species of coniferous hosts will be drafted in September upon receipt of the data collected on the individual species by the contractor at the Padova University.

5. Any Other Business

5.1. Not Applicable

6. Next meeting(s)

The next meeting (web-meeting) will take place on 28 August 2019.

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

³ http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/competing_interest_management_17.pdf

⁴ <http://registerofquestions.efsa.europa.eu/roqFrontend/questionLoader?question=EFSA-Q-2018-00794>

⁵ <http://registerofquestions.efsa.europa.eu/roqFrontend/questionLoader?question=EFSA-Q-2018-00794>



ANIMAL AND PLANT HEALTH UNIT

SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON PLANT HEALTH

MINUTES OF THE 39TH MEETING OF THE WORKING GROUP ON FOREST INSECTS

Held on 20-21 May 2019, Parma

(Agreed on 21 May 2019)

Participants

- Working Group Members:
Panagiotis Milonas (chair), Jean-Claude Gregoire
- Hearing Experts¹:
Not Applicable
- European Commission and/or Member States representatives:
Not Applicable
- EFSA:
ALPHA Unit: Virag Kertesz
- Others:
Not Applicable

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants.

No apologies were received.

2. Adoption of agenda

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The agenda was adopted without changes.

3. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members

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4. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

4.1. Request to provide a scientific opinion on the risk to plant health of non-EU *Scolytinae* spp. (EFSA-Q-2017-00567) for the EU territory⁴

The draft opinion on the list of non-EU *Scolytinae* of coniferous hosts was updated based on the comments received from the PLH Panel, and will be presented for adoption at the plenary meeting.

The contractor from the Padova University gave an update on the data collection for non-EU *Scolytinae* species. The collected data will be delivered in September 2019 and will form the basis of the pest categorisation of the non-EU *Scolytinae* species of coniferous hosts.

4.2. Request to provide a scientific opinion on the risk to plant health of *Acleris* spp. (EFSA-Q-2018-00794) for the EU territory⁵

The list of non-EU *Acleris* species was finalised, as well as the list of species present in the EU. Work has started on the pest categorisation of the non-EU *Acleris* species.

5. Any Other Business

5.1. Not Applicable

6. Next meeting(s)

The next meeting will take place on 24-26 June 2019, in Parma.

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

³ http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/competing_interest_management_17.pdf

⁴ <http://registerofquestions.efsa.europa.eu/roqFrontend/questionLoader?question=EFSA-Q-2018-00794>

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ANIMAL AND PLANT HEALTH UNIT

SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON PLANT HEALTH

MINUTES OF THE 38TH MEETING OF THE WORKING GROUP ON FOREST INSECTS

Held on 7 May 2019, Parma

(Agreed on 7 May 2019)

Participants

- Working Group Members:
Panagiotis Milonas (chair), Jean-Claude Gregoire
- Hearing Experts¹:
Not Applicable
- European Commission and/or Member States representatives:
Not Applicable
- EFSA:
ALPHA Unit: Virag Kertesz
- Others:
Not Applicable

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants.

No apologies were received.

2. Adoption of agenda

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The agenda was adopted without changes.

3. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members

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4. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

4.1. Request to provide a scientific opinion on the risk to plant health of non-EU *Scolytinae* spp. (EFSA-Q-2017-00567) for the EU territory⁴

The draft opinion on the list of non-EU *Scolytinae* of coniferous hosts was reviewed, edited and finalised by the working group, in order to circulate it to the PLH Panel for their comments.

5. Any Other Business

5.1. Not Applicable

6. Next meeting(s)

The next meeting will take place on 20-21 May 2019, in Parma.

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

³ http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/competing_interest_management_17.pdf

⁴ <http://registerofquestions.efsa.europa.eu/roqFrontend/questionLoader?question=EFSA-Q-2018-00794>



ANIMAL AND PLANT HEALTH UNIT

SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON PLANT HEALTH

MINUTES OF THE 37TH MEETING OF THE WORKING GROUP ON FOREST INSECTS

Held on 5 April March 2019, Parma

(Agreed on 5 April 2019)

Participants

- Working Group Members:
Panagiotis Milonas (chair), Jean-Claude Gregoire
- Hearing Experts¹:
Not Applicable
- European Commission and/or Member States representatives:
Not Applicable
- EFSA:
ALPHA Unit: Virag Kertesz
- Others:
Not Applicable

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants.

No apologies were received.

2. Adoption of agenda

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The agenda was adopted without changes.

3. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members

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4. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

4.1. Request to provide a scientific opinion on the risk to plant health of *Acleris* spp. (EFSA-Q-2018-00794) for the EU territory⁴

Work continued on establishing the list of *Acleris* species and distributing the species into two groups: non-EU species, and those present in the EU.

4.2. Request to provide a scientific opinion on the risk to plant health of non-EU *Scolytinae* spp. (EFSA-Q-2017-00567) for the EU territory⁵

The draft opinion on the list of non-EU *Scolytinae* of coniferous hosts was reviewed and further elaborated by the working group.

5. Any Other Business

5.1. Not Applicable

6. Next meeting(s)

The next meeting (web-meeting) will take place on 7 May 2019.

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

³ http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/competing_interest_management_17.pdf

⁴ <http://registerofquestions.efsa.europa.eu/roqFrontend/questionLoader?question=EFSA-Q-2018-00794>

⁵ <http://registerofquestions.efsa.europa.eu/roqFrontend/questionLoader?question=EFSA-Q-2018-00794>



ANIMAL AND PLANT HEALTH UNIT

SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON PLANT HEALTH

MINUTES OF THE 36TH MEETING OF THE WORKING GROUP ON FOREST INSECTS

Held on 28-29 March 2019, Parma

(Agreed on 29 March 2019)

Participants

- Working Group Members:
Panagiotis Milonas (chair), Jean-Claude Gregoire
- Hearing Experts¹:
Not Applicable
- European Commission and/or Member States representatives:
Not Applicable
- EFSA:
ALPHA Unit: Virag Kertesz
- Others:
Not Applicable

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants.

No apologies were received.

2. Adoption of agenda

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The agenda was adopted without changes.

3. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members

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4. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

4.1. Request to provide a scientific opinion on the risk to plant health of *Acleris* spp. (EFSA-Q-2018-00794) for the EU territory⁴

The WG members were working on establishing the list of *Acleris* species and distributing the species into two groups: non-EU species, and those present in the EU.

4.2. Request to provide a scientific opinion on the risk to plant health of non-EU *Scolytinae* spp. (EFSA-Q-2017-00567) for the EU territory⁵

Within the frames of this work, two scientific opinions are foreseen. The WG members were working on the first opinion that addresses the list of non-EU *Scolytinae* of coniferous hosts. The data for this opinion is being collected in the frames of an ongoing outsourcing by the Padova University.

5. Any Other Business

5.1. Not Applicable

6. Next meeting(s)

The next meeting (web-meeting) will take place on 5 April 2019.

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

³ http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/competing_interest_management_17.pdf

⁴ <http://registerofquestions.efsa.europa.eu/roqFrontend/questionLoader?question=EFSA-Q-2018-00794>

⁵ <http://registerofquestions.efsa.europa.eu/roqFrontend/questionLoader?question=EFSA-Q-2018-00794>



ANIMAL AND PLANT HEALTH UNIT

SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON PLANT HEALTH

MINUTES OF THE 35TH MEETING OF THE WORKING GROUP ON FOREST INSECTS

Held on 22 March 2019, Parma

(Agreed on 22 March 2019)

Participants

- Working Group Members:
Panagiotis Milonas (chair), Jean-Claude Gregoire
- Hearing Experts¹:
Not Applicable
- European Commission and/or Member States representatives:
Not Applicable
- EFSA:
ALPHA Unit: Virag Kertesz
- Others:
Not Applicable

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants.

No apologies were received.

2. Adoption of agenda

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The agenda was adopted without changes.

3. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members

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4. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

4.1. Request to provide a scientific opinion on the risk to plant health of *Choristoneura* spp. (EFSA-Q-2018-00044) for the EU territory⁴

The draft opinion on non-EU *Choristoneura* spp. was finalised based on the comments received from the panel members and will be presented for adoption at the PLH plenary meeting next week.

5. Any Other Business

5.1. Not Applicable

6. Next meeting(s)

The next meeting will take place on 28-29 March 2019, in Parma.

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

³ http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/competing_interest_management_17.pdf

⁴ <http://registerofquestions.efsa.europa.eu/roqFrontend/questionLoader?question=EFSA-Q-2018-00044>



ANIMAL AND PLANT HEALTH UNIT

SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON PLANT HEALTH

MINUTES OF THE 34TH MEETING OF THE WORKING GROUP ON FOREST INSECTS

Held on 25-27 February 2019, Parma

(Agreed on 27 February 2019)

Participants

- Working Group Members:
Panagiotis Milonas (chair), Jean-Claude Gregoire
- Hearing Experts¹:
Not Applicable
- European Commission and/or Member States representatives:
Not Applicable
- EFSA:
ALPHA Unit: Virag Kertesz
- Others:
Not Applicable

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants.

No apologies were received.

2. Adoption of agenda

¹ As defined in Article 17 of the Decision of the Executive Director concerning the selection of members of the Scientific Committee, the Scientific Panels, and the selection of external experts to assist EFSA with its scientific work:
<http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/expertselection.pdf>.



The agenda was adopted without changes.

3. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence² and the Decision of the Executive Director on Competing Interest Management³, EFSA screened the Annual Declarations of Interest filled out by the Working Group 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. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

4.1. Request to provide a scientific opinion on the risk to plant health of *Choristoneura* spp. (EFSA-Q-2018-00044) for the EU territory⁴

The list of non-EU species of the *Choristoneura* genus was finalised and the pest categorisation was completed accordingly. The draft opinion will be circulated to the PLH Panel for their review before possible adoption at the March Plenary meeting.

4.2. Request to provide a scientific opinion on the risk to plant health of *Acleris* spp. (EFSA-Q-2018-00794) for the EU territory⁵

Scientific literature on the genus *Acleris* was screened and work on this pest categorisation is to start from the next meeting.

5. Any Other Business

5.1. Not Applicable

6. Next meeting(s)

The next meeting (web-meeting) will take place on 22 March 2019.

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

³ http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/competing_interest_management_17.pdf

⁴ <http://registerofquestions.efsa.europa.eu/roqFrontend/questionLoader?question=EFSA-Q-2018-00044>

⁵ <http://registerofquestions.efsa.europa.eu/roqFrontend/questionLoader?question=EFSA-Q-2018-00794>

Scientific Panel on Plant Health

Minutes of the 33rd meeting of the Working Group on Forest Insects

Held on 28-29 January 2019

(Agreed on 29 January 2019)

Participants

- **Working Group Members:**

Panagiotis Milonas (chair), Jean-Claude Gregoire

- **Hearing Experts:**

Not Applicable

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

Not Applicable

- **EFSA:**

ALPHA Unit: Virag Kertesz

- **Others:**

Not applicable

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 Working Groups members

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence and Scientific Decision-Making Processes¹ and the Decision of the Executive Director on Declarations of Interest², 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 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. Scientific topic(s) for discussion on Forest Insects

4.1. Request to provide a scientific opinion on the risk to plant health of *Scaphoideus luteolus* (EFSA-Q-2018-00043), *Arrhenodes minutus* (EFSA-Q-2018-00793), *Choristoneura* spp. (EFSA-Q-2018-00044) and Scolytinae spp. (EFSA-Q-2017-00567) for the EU territory

The draft opinions on *Scaphoideus luteolus* and *Arrhenodes minutus* were edited based on the comments received from the PLH panel. The two documents were finalised in order to be presented for adoption at the January plenary meeting.

The group categorisation of *Choristoneura* spp. (non-EU) progressed, particularly with the preparation of the list of species to be considered in the opinion.

The contractor from Padova University presented the list of Scolytinae species on coniferous hosts. The list was derived from systematic literature search of scientific and technical literature. The list was discussed and agreed so that the contractor can proceed with data collection for the agreed species.

5. Any Other Business

None

6. Next meeting(s)

The next meeting will take place on 25-27 February 2019, in Parma.

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

² <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/independencerules2014.pdf>

Scientific Panel on Plant Health

Minutes of the 32nd meeting of the Working Group on Forest Insects

Held on 8 & 10 January 2019

(Agreed on 10 January 2019)

Participants

- **Working Group Members:**

Panagiotis Milonas (chair), Jean-Claude Gregoire

- **Hearing Experts:**

Not Applicable

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

Not Applicable

- **EFSA:**

ALPHA Unit: Virag Kertesz

- **Others:**

Not applicable

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 Working Groups members

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence and Scientific Decision-Making Processes¹ and the Decision of the Executive Director on Declarations of Interest², 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 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. Scientific topic(s) for discussion on Forest Insects

4.1. Request to provide a scientific opinion on the risk to plant health of *Scaphoideus luteolus* (EFSA-Q-2018-00043), *Arrhenodes minutus* (EFSA-Q-2018-00793) and *Choristoneura* spp. (EFSA-Q-2018-00044) for the EU territory

The draft opinions on *Scaphoideus luteolus* and *Arrhenodes minutus* were reviewed and finalised by the working group. The documents will be circulated to the PLH Panel for their comments before adoption at the end of January 2019.

The group categorisation of *Choristoneura* spp. (non-EU) progressed, particularly with the preparation of the list of species to be considered in the opinion.

5. Any Other Business

None

6. Next meeting(s)

The next meeting will take place on 28-29 January 2019, in Parma.

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

² <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/independencerules2014.pdf>

Scientific Panel on Plant Health

Minutes of the 31st meeting of the Working Group on Forest Insects

Held on 04 December 2018

(Agreed on 04 December 2018)

Participants

- **Working Group Members:**

Panagiotis Milonas (chair), Jean-Claude Gregoire

- **Hearing Experts:**

Not Applicable

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

Not Applicable

- **EFSA:**

ALPHA Unit: Virag Kertesz

- **Others:**

Not applicable

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 Working Groups members

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence and Scientific Decision-Making Processes¹ and the Decision of the Executive Director on Declarations of Interest², 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 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. Scientific topic(s) for discussion on Forest Insects

4.1. Request to provide a scientific opinion on the risk to plant health of *Scaphoideus luteolus* (EFSA-Q-2018-00043), *Arrhenodes minutus* (EFSA-Q-2018-00793) and *Choristoneura* spp. (EFSA-Q-2018-00044) for the EU territory

The draft opinions on *Scaphoideus luteolus* and *Arrhenodes minutus* were reviewed and discussed by the working group. The documents were further elaborated and are planned to be presented for adoption at the Plenary meeting in January 2019.

Work has started on the group categorisation of *Choristoneura* spp. (non-EU).

5. Any Other Business

Further meeting dates were planned.

6. Next meeting(s)

The next meeting (web-meeting) will take place on 8 January 2019.

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

² <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/independencerules2014.pdf>

Scientific Panel on Plant Health

Minutes of the 30th meeting of the Working Group on Forest Insects

Held on 19-20 November 2018, Parma

(Agreed on 04 December 2018)

Participants

- **Working Group Members:**

Panagiotis Milonas (chair), Jean-Claude Gregoire

- **Hearing Experts:**

Not Applicable

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

Not Applicable

- **EFSA:**

ALPHA Unit: Virag Kertesz

- **Others:**

Not applicable

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 Working Groups members

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence and Scientific Decision-Making Processes¹ and the Decision of the Executive Director on Declarations of Interest², 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 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. Scientific topic(s) for discussion on Forest Insects

4.1. Request to provide a scientific opinion on the risk to plant health of *Pseudopityophthorus minutissimus* (EFSA-Q-2018-00041), *P. pruinus* (EFSA-Q-2018-00042), *Scaphoideus luteolus* (EFSA-Q-2018-00043) and *Arrhenodes minutus* (EFSA-Q-2018-00793) for the EU territory

The draft opinion on *Pseudopityophthorus minutissimus* and *P. pruinus* was updated and finalised based on comments received from the PLH Panel, in order to be presented for possible adoption at the November plenary meeting. Work on the draft opinions on *Scaphoideus luteolus* and *Arrhenodes minutus* has started.

5. Any Other Business

Further meeting dates were planned for 2019.

6. Next meeting(s)

The next meeting (web-meeting) will take place on 4 December 2018.

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

² <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/independencerules2014.pdf>

Scientific Panel on Plant Health

Minutes of the 29th meeting of the Working Group on Forest Insects

Held on 07 November 2018

(Agreed on 07 November 2018)

Participants

- **Working Group Members:**

Panagiotis Milonas (chair), Jean-Claude Gregoire

- **Hearing Experts:**

Not Applicable

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

Not Applicable

- **EFSA:**

ALPHA Unit: Virag Kertesz

- **Others:**

Not applicable

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 Working Groups members

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence and Scientific Decision-Making Processes¹ and the Decision of the Executive Director on Declarations of Interest², 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 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. Scientific topic(s) for discussion on Forest Insects

4.1. Request to provide a scientific opinion on the risk to plant health of *Pseudopityophthorus minutissimus* (EFSA-Q-2018-00041) and *P. pruinus* (EFSA-Q-2018-00042) for the EU territory

The draft opinion on *Pseudopityophthorus minutissimus* and *P. pruinus* was reviewed and discussed by the working group. The document was further elaborated and finalised in order to circulate it to the PLH Panel for their review before possible adoption at the next Plenary meeting on 21-22 of November 2018.

5. Any Other Business

Further meeting dates were planned.

6. Next meeting(s)

The next meeting will take place on 19-20 November 2018.

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

² <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/independencerules2014.pdf>

Scientific Panel on Plant Health

Minutes of the 28th meeting of the Working Group on Forest Insects

Held on 25 October 2018, Parma

(Agreed on 07 November 2018)

Participants

- **Working Group Members:**

Jean-Claude Gregoire

- **Hearing Experts:**

Not Applicable

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

Not Applicable

- **EFSA:**

ALPHA Unit: Virag Kertesz

- **Others:**

Not applicable

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The coordinator welcomed the participants.

No apologies 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 Processes¹ and the Decision of the Executive Director on Declarations of Interest², 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 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. Scientific topic(s) for discussion on Forest Insects

4.1. Request to provide a scientific opinion on the risk to plant health of *Pseudopityophthorus minutissimus* (EFSA-Q-2018-00041) and *P. pruinosus* (EFSA-Q-2018-00042) for the EU territory

Scientific literature available on *Pseudopityophthorus minutissimus* and *P. pruinosus* was reviewed and the draft pest categorisation was elaborated.

5. Any Other Business

Not Applicable

6. Next meeting(s)

The next meeting (web-meeting) will take place on 07 November 2018.

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

² <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/independencerules2014.pdf>

Scientific Panel on Plant Health

Minutes of the 27th meeting of the Working Group on Forest Insects

Held on 24-25 September 2018, Parma

(Agreed on 03 October 2018)

Participants

- **Working Group Members:**

Panagiotis Milonas (chair), Jean-Claude Gregoire, Roel Potting (24th only)

- **Hearing Experts:**

Not Applicable

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

Not Applicable

- **EFSA:**

ALPHA Unit: Virag Kertesz

- **Others:**

Massimo Faccoli, Padova University (25th only, as contractor of related procurement)

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 Working Groups members

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence and Scientific Decision-Making Processes¹ and the Decision of the Executive Director on Declarations of Interest², 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 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. Scientific topic(s) for discussion on Forest Insects

4.1. Request to provide a scientific opinion on the risk to plant health of non-EU *Monochamus* spp. (EFSA-Q-2017-00369), non-EU *Scolytidae* spp. (EFSA-Q-2017-00567), *Pseudopityophthorus minutissimus* (EFSA-Q-2018-00041) and *P. pruinus* (EFSA-Q-2018-00042) for the EU territory

The draft opinion on non-EU *Monochamus* spp. was updated and finalised based on the comments received from the PLH panel, in order to be presented at the September plenary meeting of the panel. Within the frame of the WG meeting, a kick-off meeting was organised with the contractor of the procurement supporting the non-EU *Scolytinae* pest categorisation with data collection. The project plan was presented by the contractor and details of the work were discussed and agreed. Work started on the pest categorisation of *Pseudopityophthorus minutissimus* and *P. pruinus*.

5. Any Other Business

Not Applicable

6. Next meeting(s)

The next meeting (web-meeting) will take place on 25 October 2018.

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

² <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/independencerules2014.pdf>

Scientific Panel on Plant Health

Minutes of the 26th meeting of the Working Group on Forest Insects

Held on 28 & 29 August 2018, Parma

(Agreed on 29 August 2018)

Participants

- **Working Group Members:**

Panagiotis Milonas (chair), Jean-Claude Gregoire, Roel Potting (28th only)

- **Hearing Experts:**

Not Applicable

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

Not Applicable

- **EFSA:**

ALPHA Unit: Virag Kertesz

- **Others:**

Not Applicable

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 Working Groups members

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence and Scientific Decision-Making Processes¹ and the Decision of the Executive Director on Declarations of Interest², 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 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. Scientific topic(s) for discussion on Forest Insects

4.1. Request to provide a scientific opinion on the risk to plant health of *Monochamus* spp. (EFSA-Q-2017-00369) for the EU territory

The draft opinion on *Monochamus* spp. was reviewed, discussed and finalised by the working group in order to be sent to the PLH Panel for their comments before the document is presented for possible adoption at the September plenary meeting.

5. Any Other Business

Not Applicable

6. Next meeting(s)

The next meeting will take place on 24-25 September 2018.

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

² <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/independencerules2014.pdf>

Scientific Panel on Plant Health

Minutes of the 25th meeting of the Working Group on Forest Insects

Held on 19 June 2018, Parma

(Agreed on 19 June 2018)

Participants

- **Working Group Members:**

Jean-Claude Gregoire (chair)

- **Hearing Experts:**

Not Applicable

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

Not Applicable

- **EFSA:**

ALPHA Unit: Virag Kertesz

- **Others:**

Not Applicable

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 Working Groups members

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence and Scientific Decision-Making Processes¹ and the Decision of the Executive Director on Declarations of Interest², 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 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. Scientific topic(s) for discussion on Forest Insects

4.1. Request to provide a scientific opinion on the risk to plant health of *Monochamus* spp. (EFSA-Q-2017-00369) for the EU territory

Sections on establishment, spread and impacts of the draft opinion on *Monochamus* spp. were reviewed, discussed and further elaborated.

5. Any Other Business

Not Applicable

6. Next meeting(s)

The next meeting (web-meeting) will take place on 28-29 August 2018.

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

² <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/independencerules2014.pdf>

Scientific Panel on Plant Health

Minutes of the 24th meeting of the Working Group on Forest Insects

Held on 05 June 2018, Parma

(Agreed on 05 June 2018)

Participants

- **Working Group Members:**

Jean-Claude Gregoire (chair)

- **Hearing Experts:**

Not Applicable

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

Not Applicable

- **EFSA:**

ALPHA Unit: Virag Kertesz

- **Others:**

Not Applicable

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 Working Groups members

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence and Scientific Decision-Making Processes¹ and the Decision of the Executive Director on Declarations of Interest², 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 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. Scientific topic(s) for discussion on Forest Insects

4.1. Request to provide a scientific opinion on the risk to plant health of *Monochamus* spp. (EFSA-Q-2017-00369) for the EU territory

Sections on hosts and entry pathways of the draft opinion on *Monochamus* spp. were reviewed, discussed and further elaborated.

5. Any Other Business

Not Applicable

6. Next meeting(s)

The next meeting will take place on 19 June 2018, in Parma.

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

² <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/independencerules2014.pdf>

Scientific Panel on Plant Health

Minutes of the 23rd meeting of the Working Group on Forest Insects

Held on 29 May 2018, Parma

(Agreed on 29 May 2018)

Participants

- **Working Group Members:**

Jean-Claude Gregoire (chair), Roel Potting

- **Hearing Experts:**

Not Applicable

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

Not Applicable

- **EFSA:**

ALPHA Unit: Virag Kertesz

- **Others:**

Not Applicable

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 Working Groups members

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence and Scientific Decision-Making Processes¹ and the Decision of the Executive Director on Declarations of Interest², 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 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. Scientific topic(s) for discussion on Forest Insects

4.1. Request to provide a scientific opinion on the risk to plant health of *Monochamus* spp. (EFSA-Q-2017-00369) for the EU territory

Sections on pest biology and taxonomy of the draft opinion on *Monochamus* spp. were reviewed, discussed and further elaborated.

5. Any Other Business

Not Applicable

6. Next meeting(s)

The next meeting (web-meeting) will take place on 5 June 2018.

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

² <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/independencerules2014.pdf>

Scientific Panel on Plant Health

Minutes of the 22nd meeting of the Working Group on Forest Insects

Held on 14-15 May 2018, Parma

(Agreed on 15 May 2018)

Participants

- **Working Group Members:**

Jean-Claude Gregoire (chair)

- **Hearing Experts:**

Not Applicable

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

Not Applicable

- **EFSA:**

ALPHA Unit: Virag Kertesz

- **Others:**

Not Applicable

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 Working Groups members

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence and Scientific Decision-Making Processes¹ and the Decision of the Executive Director on Declarations of Interest², 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 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. Scientific topic(s) for discussion on Forest Insects

4.1. Request to provide a scientific opinion on the risk to plant health of *Dendrolimus sibiricus* (EFSA-Q-2017-00374), *Pissodes* spp. (EFSA-Q-2017-00626) and *Monochamus* spp. (EFSA-Q-2017-00369) for the EU territory

The pest categorisations on *Dendrolimus sibiricus* and *Pissodes* spp. were finalised based on the comments received from the members of the Plant Health Panel. Both draft opinions will be presented for possible adoption at the plenary meeting.

Work has started on the *Monochamus* spp. pest categorisation, primarily by the review of available literature and data collection.

5. Any Other Business

Not Applicable

6. Next meeting(s)

The next meeting (web-meeting) will take place on 29 May 2018.

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

² <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/independencerules2014.pdf>

Scientific Panel on Plant Health

Minutes of the 21st meeting of the Working Group on Forest Insects

Held on 02-03 May 2018

(Agreed on 03 May 2018)

Participants

- **Working Group Members:**

Jean-Claude Gregoire (chair), Marc Kenis (on 2 May only)

- **Hearing Experts:**

Not Applicable

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

Not Applicable

- **EFSA:**

ALPHA Unit: Virag Kertesz

- **Others:**

Not Applicable

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 Working Groups members

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence and Scientific Decision-Making Processes¹ and the Decision of the Executive Director on Declarations of Interest², 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 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. Scientific topic(s) for discussion on Forest Insects

4.1. Request to provide a scientific opinion on the risk to plant health of *Pissodes* spp. (EFSA-Q-2017-00626) for the EU territory

The group categorisation on *Pissodes* spp. was reviewed, discussed, and finalised in order to be circulated to the Plant health panel for possible adoption at the May meeting.

5. Any Other Business

Not Applicable

6. Next meeting(s)

The next meeting will take place on 14-15 May 2018, in Parma.

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

² <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/independencerules2014.pdf>

Scientific Panel on Plant Health

Minutes of the 20th meeting of the Working Group on Forest Insects

Held on 17-19 April 2018, Parma

(Agreed on 19 April 2018)

Participants

- **Working Group Members:**

Jean-Claude Gregoire (chair), Marc Kenis, Natalia Kirichenko

- **Hearing Experts:**

Not Applicable

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

Not Applicable

- **EFSA:**

ALPHA Unit: Virag Kertesz

- **Others:**

Not Applicable

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 Working Groups members

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence and Scientific Decision-Making Processes¹ and the Decision of the Executive Director on Declarations of Interest², 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 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. Scientific topic(s) for discussion on Forest Insects

4.1. Request to provide a scientific opinion on the risk to plant health of *Dendrolimus sibiricus* (EFSA-Q-2017-00374) and *Pissodes* spp. (EFSA-Q-2017-00626) for the EU territory

The updated draft opinion on *Dendrolimus sibiricus* was discussed, edited and finalised by the working group members in order to circulate it to the Plant Health Panel for their review and comments. The group categorisation on *Pissodes* spp. was initiated and elaborated. Both draft opinions are to be presented to the Plant health panel for possible adoption at the May meeting.

5. Any Other Business

Not Applicable

6. Next meeting(s)

The next meeting (web-meeting) will take place on 2-3 May 2018.

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

² <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/independencerules2014.pdf>

Scientific Panel on Plant Health

Minutes of the 19th meeting of the Working Group on Forest Insects

Held on 19-20 March 2018, Parma

(Agreed on 19 April 2018)

Participants

- **Working Group Members:**

Jean-Claude Gregoire (chair), Natalia Kirichenko

- **Hearing Experts:**

Not Applicable

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

Not Applicable

- **EFSA:**

ALPHA Unit: Virag Kertesz

- **Others:**

Not Applicable

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 Working Groups members

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence and Scientific Decision-Making Processes¹ and the Decision of the Executive Director on Declarations of Interest², 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 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. Scientific topic(s) for discussion on Forest Insects

4.1. Request to provide a scientific opinion on the risk to plant health of *Dendrolims sibiricus* (EFSA-Q-2017-00374) for the EU territory

The updated draft opinion on *Dendrolimus sibiricus* was reviewed discussed and further edited, particularly the sections on biology, entry, establishment, spread and impacts.

5. Any Other Business

Not Applicable

6. Next meeting(s)

The next meeting will take place on 17-19 April 2018.

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

² <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/independencerules2014.pdf>

Scientific Panel on Plant Health

Minutes of the 18th meeting of the Working Group on Forest Insects

Held on 21 February 2018, Parma

(Agreed on 21 February 2018)

Participants

- **Working Group Members:**

Jean-Claude Gregoire (chair), Natalia Kirichenko, Roel Potting

- **Hearing Experts:**

Not Applicable

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

Not Applicable

- **EFSA:**

ALPHA Unit: Virag Kertesz

- **Others:**

Not Applicable

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 Working Groups members

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence and Scientific Decision-Making Processes¹ and the Decision of the Executive Director on Declarations of Interest², 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 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. Scientific topic(s) for discussion on Forest Insects

4.1. Request to provide a scientific opinion on the risk to plant health of *Dendrolimus sibiricus* (EFSA-Q-2017-00374) for the EU territory

The working group started the pest categorisation on *Dendrolimus sibiricus*. Main aspects of the categorisation, such as pest and host distribution, pest biology and impacts were discussed and the document was further elaborated.

5. Any Other Business

Not Applicable

6. Next meeting(s)

The next meeting will take place on 19-20 March 2018, at EFSA premises in Parma.

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

² <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/independencerules2014.pdf>

Scientific Panel on Plant Health

Minutes of the 17th meeting of the Working Group on Forest Insects

Held on 25 January 2018, Parma

(Agreed on 25 January 2018)

Participants

- **Working Group Members:**

Jean-Claude Gregoire (chair), Roel Potting

- **Hearing Experts:**

Not Applicable

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

Not Applicable

- **EFSA:**

ALPHA Unit: Virag Kertesz

- **Others:**

Not Applicable

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 Working Groups members

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence and Scientific Decision-Making Processes¹ and the Decision of the Executive Director on Declarations of Interest², 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 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. Scientific topic(s) for discussion on Forest Insects

4.1. Request to provide a scientific opinion on the risk to plant health of *Aschistonyx eppoi* (EFSA-Q-2017-00318) for the EU territory

The draft opinion on *Aschistonyx eppoi* was updated and finalised based on comments received in writing from the Plant Health Panel, and is to be presented for adoption at the January meeting of the Panel. A discussion was made regarding the approach to take for the pest categorisation of taxonomic groups.

5. Any Other Business

Not Applicable

6. Next meeting(s)

The next meeting (web-meeting) will take place on 21 February 2018.

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

² <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/independencerules2014.pdf>

Scientific Panel on Plant Health

Minutes of the 16th meeting of the Working Group on Forest Insects

Held on 23-24 November 2017, Parma

(Agreed on 24 November 2017)

Participants

- **Working Group Members:**

Jean-Claude Gregoire (chair), Roel Potting

- **Hearing Experts:**

Not Applicable

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

Not Applicable

- **EFSA:**

ALPHA Unit: Virag Kertesz

- **Others:**

Not Applicable

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 Working Groups members

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence and Scientific Decision-Making Processes¹ and the Decision of the Executive Director on Declarations of Interest², 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 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. Scientific topic(s) for discussion on Forest Insects

4.1. Request to provide a scientific opinion on the risk to plant health of *Aschistonyx eppoi* (EFSA-Q-2017-00318) for the EU territory

The draft opinion on *Aschistonyx eppoi* was discussed, edited and finalised by the working group members in order to circulate it to the Plant Health Panel for their review and comments. Meeting dates and work plan were set for 2018.

5. Any Other Business

Not Applicable

6. Next meeting(s)

The next meeting (web-meeting) will take place on 25 January 2018.

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

² <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/independencerules2014.pdf>

Scientific Panel on Plant Health

Minutes of the 15th meeting of the Working Group on Forest Insects

Held on 20 November 2017

(Agreed on 23 November 2017)

Participants

- **Working Group Members:**

Jean-Claude Gregoire (chair), Roel Potting

- **Hearing Experts:**

Not Applicable

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

Not Applicable

- **EFSA:**

ALPHA Unit: Virag Kertesz

- **Others:**

Not Applicable

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 Working Groups members

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence and Scientific Decision-Making Processes¹ and the Decision of the Executive Director on Declarations of Interest², 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 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. Scientific topic(s) for discussion on Forest Insects

4.1. Request to provide a scientific opinion on the risk to plant health of *Gonipterus scutellatus* (EFSA-Q-2017-00317), *Cephalcia lariciphila* (EFSA-Q-2017-00334) and *Gilpinia hercyniae* (EFSA-Q-2017-00335) for the EU territory

The draft opinions on *Gonipterus scutellatus*, *Cephalcia lariciphila* and *Gilpinia hercyniae* were edited and finalised based on the written comments received from the Plant Health Panel.

5. Any Other Business

Not Applicable

6. Next meeting(s)

The next meeting will take place on 23-24 November 2017, at EFSA premises in Parma.

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

² <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/independencerules2014.pdf>

Scientific Panel on Plant Health

Minutes of the 14th meeting of the Working Group on Forest Insects

Held on 8 November 2017

(Agreed on 20 November 2017)

Participants

- **Working Group Members:**

Jean-Claude Gregoire (chair), Roel Potting, Andrea Battisti

- **Hearing Experts:**

Not Applicable

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

Not Applicable

- **EFSA:**

ALPHA Unit: Virag Kertesz

- **Others:**

Not Applicable

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 Working Groups members

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence and Scientific Decision-Making Processes¹ and the Decision of the Executive Director on Declarations of Interest², 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 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. Scientific topic(s) for discussion on Forest Insects

4.1. Request to provide a scientific opinion on the risk to plant health of *Gonipterus scutellatus* (EFSA-Q-2017-00317), *Cephalcia lariciphila* (EFSA-Q-2017-00334) and *Gilpinia hercyniae* (EFSA-Q-2017-00335) for the EU territory

The draft opinions on *Gonipterus scutellatus*, *Cephalcia lariciphila* and *Gilpinia hercyniae* were finalised in order to be circulated to the Plant Health Panel for their review.

5. Any Other Business

Not Applicable

6. Next meeting(s)

The next meeting (web-meeting) will take place on 20 November 2017.

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

² <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/independencerules2014.pdf>

Scientific Panel on Plant Health

Minutes of the 13th meeting of the Working Group on Forest Insects

Held on 23-24 October 2017, Parma

(Agreed on 24 October 2017)

Participants

- **Working Group Members:**

Jean-Claude Gregoire (chair), Roel Potting, Serena Santolamazza (on 24 October, via web)

- **Hearing Experts:**

Not Applicable

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

Not Applicable

- **EFSA:**

ALPHA Unit: Virag Kertesz

- **Others:**

Not Applicable

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 Working Groups members

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence and Scientific Decision-Making Processes¹ and the Decision of the Executive Director on Declarations of Interest², 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 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. Scientific topic(s) for discussion on Forest Insects

4.1. Request to provide a scientific opinion on the risk to plant health of *Oligonychus perditus* (EFSA-Q-2017-00319), *Gonipterus scutellatus* (EFSA-Q-2017-00317), *Cephalcia lariciphila* (EFSA-Q-2017-00334) and *Gilpinia hercyniae* (EFSA-Q-2017-00335) for the EU territory

The draft opinion on *Oligonychus perditus* was reviewed, edited and finalised by the working group members. The draft opinions on *Gonipterus scutellatus*, *Cephalcia lariciphila* and *Gilpinia hercyniae* were discussed and further edited.

5. Any Other Business

Not Applicable

6. Next meeting(s)

The next meeting (web-meeting) will take place on 8 November 2017.

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

² <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/independencerules2014.pdf>

Scientific Panel on Plant Health

Minutes of the 12th meeting of the Working Group on Forest Insects

Held on 20 October 2017

(Agreed on 23 October 2017)

Participants

- **Working Group Members:**

Jean-Claude Gregoire (chair), Roel Potting, Serena Santolamazza

- **Hearing Experts:**

Not Applicable

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

Not Applicable

- **EFSA:**

ALPHA Unit: Virag Kertesz

- **Others:**

Not Applicable

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 Working Groups members

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence and Scientific Decision-Making Processes¹ and the Decision of the Executive Director on Declarations of Interest², 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 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. Scientific topic(s) for discussion on Forest Insects

4.1. Request to provide a scientific opinion on the risk to plant health of *Gonipterus scutellatus* (EFSA-Q-2017-00317) for the EU territory

The draft opinion on *Gonipterus scutellatus* was reviewed, discussed and further edited by the working group members.

5. Any Other Business

Not Applicable

6. Next meeting(s)

The next meeting will take place on 23-24 October 2017, at EFSA premises in Parma.

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

² <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/independencerules2014.pdf>

Scientific Panel on Plant Health

Minutes of the 11th meeting of the Working Group on Forest Insects

Held on 13 October 2017

(Agreed on 20 October 2017)

Participants

- **Working Group Members:**

Jean-Claude Gregoire (chair), Roel Potting, Andrea Battisti

- **Hearing Experts:**

Not Applicable

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

Not Applicable

- **EFSA:**

ALPHA Unit: Virag Kertesz

- **Others:**

Not Applicable

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 Working Groups members

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence and Scientific Decision-Making Processes¹ and the Decision of the Executive Director on Declarations of Interest², 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 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. Scientific topic(s) for discussion on Forest Insects

4.1. Request to provide a scientific opinion on the risk to plant health of *Cephalcia lariciphila* (EFSA-Q-2017-00334) and *Gilpinia hercyniae* (EFSA-Q-2017-00335) for the EU territory

The draft opinions on *Cephalcia lariciphila* and *Gilpinia hercyniae* were reviewed, discussed and further edited by the working group members.

5. Any Other Business

Not Applicable

6. Next meeting(s)

The next meeting (web-meeting) will take place on 20 October.

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

² <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/independencerules2014.pdf>

Scientific Panel on Plant Health

Minutes of the 10th meeting of the Working Group on Forest Insects

Held on 26 and 28 September 2017, Parma

(Agreed on 13 October 2017)

Participants

- **Working Group Members:**

Jean-Claude Gregoire (chair), Roel Potting, Serena Santolamazza (on 26 September, via web), Andrea Battisti (on 28 September)

- **Hearing Experts:**

Not Applicable

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

Not Applicable

- **EFSA:**

ALPHA Unit: Virag Kertesz, Mitesha Aukhojee

- **Others:**

Not Applicable

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 Working Groups members

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence and Scientific Decision-Making Processes¹ and the Decision of the Executive Director on Declarations of Interest², 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 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. Scientific topic(s) for discussion on Forest Insects

4.1. Request to provide a scientific opinion on the risk to plant health of *Ips amitinus* (EFSA-Q-2017-00196), *Ips cembrae* (EFSA-Q-2017-00315), *Ips duplicatus* (EFSA-Q-2017-00316), *Gonipterus scutellatus* (EFSA-Q-2017-00317), *Cephalcia lariciphila* (EFSA-Q-2017-00334) and *Gilpinia hercyniae* (EFSA-Q-2017-00335) for the EU territory

The draft opinions on *I. cembrae*, *I. amitinus* and *I. duplicatus* were edited and finalised based on written comments received from the panel members, before presenting them for possible adoption on 27 September 2018. The draft opinions on *Gonipterus scutellatus*, *Cephalcia lariciphila* and *Gilpinia hercyniae* were elaborated, following an introductory presentation by external experts on the pests' taxonomy, biology, occurrence, host plants, impacts and measures applied.

5. Any Other Business

Not Applicable

6. Next meeting(s)

The next meeting (web-meeting) will take place on 13 October 2017.

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

² <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/independencerules2014.pdf>

Scientific Panel on Plant Health

Minutes of the 9th meeting of the Working Group on Forest Insects

Held on 5-6 September 2017, Parma

(Agreed on 6 September 2017)

Participants

- **Working Group Members:**

Jean-Claude Gregoire (chair), Roel Potting, Josep Anton Jaques Miret
(on 6th September)

- **Hearing Experts:**

Not Applicable

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

Not Applicable

- **EFSA:**

ALPHA Unit: Virag Kertesz, Mitesha Aukhojee

- **Others:**

Not Applicable

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 Working Groups members

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence and Scientific Decision-Making Processes¹ and the Decision of the Executive Director on Declarations of Interest², 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 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. Scientific topic(s) for discussion on Forest Insects

4.1. Request to provide a scientific opinion on the risk to plant health of *Ips sexdentatus* (EFSA-Q-2017-00203), *Ips amitinus* (EFSA-Q-2017-00196), *Ips cembrae* (EFSA-Q-2017-00315), *Ips duplicatus* (EFSA-Q-2017-00316) and *Oligonychus perditus* (EFSA-Q-2017-00319) for the EU territory

The draft opinions on *I. cembrae*, *I. amitinus* and *I. duplicatus* were finalised and will be circulated for the Panel and presented for possible adoption at the September plenary meeting. The draft opinion on *Oligonychus perditus* was developed and discussed during the meeting.

5. Any Other Business

Not Applicable

6. Next meeting(s)

The next meeting will take place on 26 September 2017 at EFSA premises, in Parma.

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

² <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/independencerules2014.pdf>

Scientific Panel on Plant Health

Minutes of the 8th meeting of the Working Group on Forest Insects

Held on 29 August 2017, web-meeting

(Agreed on 6 September 2017)

Participants

- **Working Group Members:**

Jean-Claude Gregoire (chair), Roel Potting

- **Hearing Experts:**

Not Applicable

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

Not Applicable

- **EFSA:**

ALPHA Unit: Virag Kertesz, Mitesha Aukhojee

- **Others:**

Not Applicable

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants.

Apologies were received from Josep Anton Jaques Miret.

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 Processes¹ and the Decision of the Executive Director on Declarations of Interest², 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 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. Scientific topic(s) for discussion on Forest Insects

4.1. Request to provide a scientific opinion on the risk to plant health of *Ips sexdentatus* (EFSA-Q-2017-00203), *Ips amitinus* (EFSA-Q-2017-00196), *Ips cembrae* (EFSA-Q-2017-00315), *Ips duplicatus* (EFSA-Q-2017-00316) and *Oligonychus perditus* (EFSA-Q-2017-00319) for the EU territory

The draft opinions on *I. cembrae*, *I. amitinus* and *I. duplicatus* were reviewed and further elaborated.

5. Any Other Business

Not Applicable

6. Next meeting(s)

The next meeting will take place on 5-6 September 2017 at EFSA premises, in Parma.

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

² <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/independencerules2014.pdf>

Scientific Panel on Plant Health

Minutes of the 7th meeting of the Working Group on Forest Insects

Held on 22 August 2017, web-meeting

(Agreed on 6 September 2017)

Participants

- **Working Group Members:**

Jean-Claude Gregoire (chair), Roel Potting

- **Hearing Experts:**

Not Applicable

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

Not Applicable

- **EFSA:**

ALPHA Unit: Virag Kertesz, Mitesha Aukhojee

- **Others:**

Not Applicable

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 Working Groups members

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence and Scientific Decision-Making Processes¹ and the Decision of the Executive Director on Declarations of Interest², 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 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. Scientific topic(s) for discussion on Forest Insects

4.1. Request to provide a scientific opinion on the risk to plant health of *Ips sexdentatus* (EFSA-Q-2017-00203), *Ips amitinus* (EFSA-Q-2017-00196), *Ips cembrae* (EFSA-Q-2017-00315), *Ips duplicatus* (EFSA-Q-2017-00316) for the EU territory

The draft opinion on *Ips sexdentatus* was circulated to the PLH Panel in July 2017 for review and comments. The comments received from Panel members were discussed and the draft opinion was updated accordingly. The draft opinions on *I. cembrae*, *I. amitinus* and *I. duplicatus* were further elaborated and discussed.

5. Any Other Business

Not Applicable

6. Next meeting(s)

The next meeting (web-meeting) will take place on 29 August 2017.

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

² <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/independencerules2014.pdf>

Scientific Panel on Plant Health

Minutes of the 6th meeting of the Working Group on Forest Insects

Held on 12 July 2017, web-meeting

(Agreed on 12 July 2017)

Participants

- **Working Group Members:**

Jean-Claude Gregoire (chair)

- **Hearing Experts:**

Not Applicable

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

Not Applicable

- **EFSA:**

ALPHA Unit: Virag Kertesz, Mitesha Aukhojee

- **Others:**

Not Applicable

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 Working Groups members

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence and Scientific Decision-Making Processes¹ and the Decision of the Executive Director on Declarations of Interest², 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 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. Scientific topic(s) for discussion on Forest Insects

4.1. Request to provide a scientific opinion on the risk to plant health of *Ips sexdentatus* (EFSA-Q-2017-00203), *Ips cembrae* (EFSA-Q-2017-00315) and *Ips amitinus* (EFSA-Q-2017-00196) for the EU territory

The draft opinion on *Ips sexdentatus* was finalised in order to be circulated to the PLH Panel for comments. The draft opinions on *Ips cembrae* and *Ips amitinus* were further elaborated and discussed.

5. Any Other Business

Not Applicable

6. Next meeting(s)

The next meeting (web-meeting) will take place on 22 August 2017.

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

² <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/independencerules2014.pdf>

Scientific Panel on Plant Health

Minutes of the 5th meeting of the Working Group on Forest Insects

Held on 28-30 June 2017, Parma

(Agreed on 30 June 2017)

Participants

- **Working Group Members:**

Jean-Claude Gregoire (chair), Roel Potting

- **Hearing Experts:**

Not Applicable

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

Not Applicable

- **EFSA:**

ALPHA Unit: Virag Kertesz, Mitesha Aukhojee

- **Others:**

Not Applicable

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 Working Groups members

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence and Scientific Decision-Making Processes¹ and the Decision of the Executive Director on Declarations of Interest², 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 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. Scientific topic(s) for discussion on Forest Insects

4.1. Request to provide a scientific opinion on the risk to plant health of *Ips sexdentatus* (EFSA-Q-2017-00203), *Ips amitinus* (EFSA-Q-2017-00196) and *Ips cembrae* (EFSA-Q-2017-00315) for the EU territory

Following the presentation of the *Ips sexdentatus* draft opinion at the plenary meeting of the PLH Panel, the draft opinion was finalised in order to be circulated to the Panel for comments in July 2017. The draft opinions on *Ips amitinus* and *Ips cembrae* were elaborated during the meeting.

Further WG meetings until the end of 2017 were agreed.

5. Any Other Business

Not Applicable

6. Next meeting(s)

The next meeting (web-meeting) will take place on 12 July 2017.

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

² <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/independencerules2014.pdf>

Scientific Panel on Plant Health

Minutes of the 4th meeting of the Working Group on Forest Insects

Held on 13 June 2017, web-meeting

(Agreed on 13 June 2017)

Participants

- **Working Group Members:**

Jean-Claude Gregoire (chair), Roel Potting

- **Hearing Experts:**

Not Applicable

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

Not Applicable

- **EFSA:**

ALPHA Unit: Virag Kertesz

- **Others:**

Not Applicable

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 Working Groups members

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence and Scientific Decision-Making Processes¹ and the Decision of the Executive Director on Declarations of Interest², 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 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. Scientific topic(s) for discussion on Forest Insects

4.1. Request to provide a scientific opinion on the risk to plant health of *Ips sexdentatus* (EFSA-Q-2017-00203) for the EU territory

The draft opinion on *Ips sexdentatus* was discussed and further elaborated. The document is planned to be presented at the June plenary meeting of the PLH Panel.

5. Any Other Business

Not Applicable

6. Next meeting(s)

The next meeting will take place on 28-30 June 2017 at EFSA premises, in Parma.

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

² <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/independencerules2014.pdf>

Scientific Panel on Plant Health

Minutes of the 3rd meeting of the Working Group on Forest Insects

Held on 7 June 2017, web-meeting

(Agreed on 13 June 2017)

Participants

- **Working Group Members:**

Jean-Claude Gregoire (chair), Roel Potting

- **Hearing Experts:**

Not Applicable

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

Not Applicable

- **EFSA:**

ALPHA Unit: Virag Kertesz, Mitesha Aukhojee

- **Others:**

Not Applicable

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 Working Groups members

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence and Scientific Decision-Making Processes¹ and the Decision of the Executive Director on Declarations of Interest², 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 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. Scientific topic(s) for discussion on Forest Insects

4.1. Request to provide a scientific opinion on the risk to plant health of *Dendroctonus micans* (EFSA-Q-2017-00194), *Ips typographus* (EFSA-Q-2017-00195) and *Ips sexdentatus* (EFSA-Q-2017-00203) for the EU territory

Following the adoption of the pest categorisations of *Dendroctonus micans* and *Ips typographus*, minor editing was done to consider the comments made by the PLH Panel. The updated document will be sent to the EFSA Journal for publication.

The draft opinion on *Ips sexdentatus* was reviewed, discussed and further elaborated.

5. Any Other Business

Not Applicable

6. Next meeting(s)

The next meeting (web-meeting) will take place on 13 June 2017.

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

² <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/independencerules2014.pdf>

Scientific Panel on Plant Health

Minutes of the 2nd meeting of the Working Group on Forest Insects

Held on 16-18 May 2017, Parma (Italy)

(Agreed on 18 May 2017)

Participants

- **Working Group Members:**

Jean-Claude Gregoire (chair)

- **Hearing Experts:**

Not Applicable

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

Not Applicable

- **EFSA:**

ALPHA Unit: Virag Kertesz, Mitesha Aukhojee

- **Others:**

Not Applicable

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 Working Groups members

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence and Scientific Decision-Making Processes¹ and the Decision of the Executive Director on Declarations of Interest², 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 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. Scientific topic(s) for discussion on Forest Insects

4.1. Request to provide a scientific opinion on the risk to plant health of *Dendroctonus micans* (EFSA-Q-2017-00194) and *Ips typographus* (EFSA-Q-2017-00195) for the EU territory

The draft opinions on *Dendroctonus micans* and *Ips typographus* were reviewed, discussed, further elaborated and finalised in order to present them at the May plenary meeting of the PLH Panel for possible adoption. Meeting dates and work plan were agreed for the upcoming months.

5. Any Other Business

Not Applicable

6. Next meeting(s)

The next meeting (web-meeting) will take place on 7 June.

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

² <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/independencerules2014.pdf>

Scientific Panel on Plant Health

Minutes of the 1st meeting of the Working Group on Forest Insects

Held on 28 March 2017, Parma (Italy)

(Agreed on 18 May 2017)

Participants

- **Working Group Members:**

Jean-Claude Gregoire (chair)

- **Hearing Experts:**

Not Applicable

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

Not Applicable

- **EFSA:**

ALPHA Unit: Virag Kertesz, Mitesha Aukhojee

- **Others:**

Not Applicable

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 Working Groups members

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence and Scientific Decision-Making Processes¹ and the Decision of the Executive Director on Declarations of Interest², 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 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. Scientific topic(s) for discussion on Forest Insects

4.1. Request to provide a scientific opinion on the risk to plant health of *Dendroctonus micans* (EFSA-Q-2017-00194) for the EU territory

The terms of reference and the scope of the mandate was thoroughly discussed. The general strategy to address all forest insect opinions, including literature search, data collection and needs of host plant maps was agreed. The proposed template was reviewed and the *Dendroctonus micans* draft opinion was elaborated. Tasks were distributed at the end of the meeting.

5. Any Other Business

Not Applicable

6. Next meeting(s)

The next meeting will take place on 16-18 May at EFSA premises in Parma, Italy.

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² <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/independencerules2014.pdf>