

Scientific Panel on Plant Health

Minutes of the 26th meeting of the Working Group on Bacterial Plant Pathogens

**Held on 24 November 2020, web meeting
(Agreed on 24 November 2020)**

Participants

- **Working Group Members:**

Luciana Galetto

Cristina Marzachi

Marie-Agnès Jacques (chair)

- **EFSA:**

Marco Pautasso (Alpha Unit)

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants.

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

3. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence and Scientific Decision-Making 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

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the screening process or at the Oral Declaration of Interest at the beginning of this meeting.

4. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

The working group revised the draft list (EFSA-Q-2020-00732) and pest categorisation (EFSA-Q-2020-00563) of the non-EU phytoplasmas of tuber-forming *Solanum* spp. for possible adoption at the PLH plenary meeting of 25 November 2020.

The minutes of the WG meeting held on 24 November 2020 were agreed.

5. Next meeting

- None foreseen

Scientific Panel on Plant Health

Minutes of the 25th meeting of the Working Group on Bacterial Plant Pathogens

**Held on 29 September 2020, web meeting
(Agreed on 29 September 2020)**

Participants

- **Working Group Members:**

Luciana Galetto

Cristina Marzachi

Marie-Agnès Jacques (chair)

- **EFSA:**

Marco Pautasso (Alpha Unit)

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants.

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

3. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members

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the screening process or at the Oral Declaration of Interest at the beginning of this meeting.

4. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

The working group revised the draft pest categorisation (EFSA-Q-2020-00563) of the non-EU phytoplasmas of tuber-forming *Solanum* spp. for possible adoption at the PLH plenary meeting of November 2020.

The minutes of the WG meeting held on 29 September 2020 were agreed.

5. Next meeting

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Scientific Panel on Plant Health

Minutes of the 24th meeting of the Working Group on Bacterial Plant Pathogens

**Held on 19 November 2019, Parma meeting
(Agreed on 19 November 2019)**

Participants

- **Working Group Members:**

Luciana Galetto

Cristina Marzachi

Marie-Agnès Jacques (chair)

Jonathan Yuen

- **EFSA:**

Marco Pautasso (Alpha Unit)

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants.

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

3. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence and Scientific Decision-Making 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

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the screening process or at the Oral Declaration of Interest at the beginning of this meeting.

4. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

The working group revised the draft list (EFSA-Q-2018-00272, EFSA-Q-2018-00633, EFSA-Q-2018-00634, EFSA-Q-2018-00635, EFSA-Q-2018-00636, EFSA-Q-2018-00637, EFSA-Q-2018-00638, EFSA-Q-2018-00639) and pest categorisation (EFSA-Q-2019-00134, EFSA-Q-2019-00135, EFSA-Q-2019-00136, EFSA-Q-2019-00137, EFSA-Q-2019-00138, EFSA-Q-2019-00139, EFSA-Q-2019-00140, and EFSA-Q-2019-00141) of the non-EU phytoplasmas of *Cydonia*, *Fragaria*, *Malus*, *Prunus*, *Pyrus*, *Ribes*, *Rubus*, and *Vitis* in the light of the comments received from the EFSA PLH Panel and prepared a presentation for possible adoption of these drafts at the PLH plenary meeting of 20-21 November 2019.

The minutes of the WG meeting held on 19 November 2019 were agreed.

5. Next meeting

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Scientific Panel on Plant Health

Minutes of the 23rd meeting of the Working Group on Bacterial Plant Pathogens

Held on 24 September 2019, Parma meeting
(Agreed on 24 September 2019)

Participants

- **Working Group Members:**

Marie-Agnès Jacques (chair)

Jonathan Yuen

- **Phytoplasma tasking grant:**

Michela Chiumenti, Luciana Galetto, Cristina Marzachi

- **EFSA:**

Marco Pautasso (Alpha Unit)

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants.

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

3. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members

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the screening process or at the Oral Declaration of Interest at the beginning of this meeting.

4. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

The working group revised the draft pest categorisation of the non-EU phytoplasmas of *Cydonia*, *Fragaria*, *Malus*, *Prunus*, *Pyrus*, *Ribes*, *Rubus*, and *Vitis* (EFSA-Q-2019-00134, EFSA-Q-2019-00135, EFSA-Q-2019-00136, EFSA-Q-2019-00137, EFSA-Q-2019-00138, EFSA-Q-2019-00139, EFSA-Q-2019-00140, and EFSA-Q-2019-00141) and prepared a presentation on this draft for the PLH plenary meeting of 25-26 September 2019.

The minutes of the WG meeting held on 24 September 2019 were agreed. The agenda of the next WG meeting to be held on 19 November 2019 was agreed.

5. Next meeting

- 19 November 2019, EFSA, Parma

Scientific Panel on Plant Health

Minutes of the 22nd meeting of the Working Group on Bacterial Plant Pathogens

**Held on 26 June 2019, Parma meeting
(Agreed on 26 June 2019)**

Participants

- **Working Group Members:**
Marie-Agnès Jacques (chair)
Jonathan Yuen
- **Phytoplasma tasking grant:**
Luciana Galetto
- **EFSA:**
Marco Pautasso (Alpha Unit)

6. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants. Apologies for absence were received from Cristina Marzachi (Phytoplasma tasking grant).

7. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

8. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members

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9. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

The working group revised the draft pest categorisation of the non-EU phytoplasmas of *Cydonia*, *Fragaria*, *Malus*, *Prunus*, *Pyrus*, *Ribes*, *Rubus*, and *Vitis* (EFSA-Q-2019-00134, EFSA-Q-2019-00135, EFSA-Q-2019-00136, EFSA-Q-2019-00137, EFSA-Q-2019-00138, EFSA-Q-2019-00139, EFSA-Q-2019-00140, and EFSA-Q-2019-00141) and prepared a presentation on this draft for the PLH plenary meeting of 26-27 June 2019.

The minutes of the WG meeting held on 26 June 2019 were agreed. The agenda of the next WG meeting to be held on 24 September 2019 was agreed.

10. Next meeting

- 24 September 2019, EFSA, Parma

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Scientific Panel on Plant Health

Minutes of the 21st meeting of the Working Group on Bacterial Plant Pathogens

**Held on 26 March 2019, Parma meeting
(Agreed on 26 March 2019)**

Participants

- **Working Group Members:**
Marie-Agnès Jacques (chair)
Jonathan Yuen
- **Phytoplasma tasking grant:**
Cristina Marzachi
Luciana Galetto
- **EFSA:**
Marco Pautasso (Alpha Unit)

11. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants.

12. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

13. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence and Scientific Decision-Making Processes⁵ and the Decision of the Executive Director on Declarations of Interest⁶, 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

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the screening process or at the Oral Declaration of Interest at the beginning of this meeting.

14. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

The working group revised the draft pest categorisation of the non-EU phytoplasmas of *Cydonia*, *Fragaria*, *Malus*, *Prunus*, *Pyrus*, *Ribes*, *Rubus*, and *Vitis* (EFSA-Q-2019-00134, EFSA-Q-2019-00135, EFSA-Q-2019-00136, EFSA-Q-2019-00137, EFSA-Q-2019-00138, EFSA-Q-2019-00139, EFSA-Q-2019-00140, and EFSA-Q-2019-00141) and prepared a presentation on this draft for the PLH plenary meeting of 27 March 2019.

The working group also revised the draft pest categorisation on *Clavibacter sepedonicus* (EFSA-Q-2017-00308) in the light of the comments received from the Panel, so as to propose it for possible adoption at the March PLH plenary meeting.

The minutes of the WG meeting held on 26 March 2019 were agreed. The agenda of the next WG meeting to be held on 26 June 2019 was agreed.

15. Next meeting

- 26 June 2019, EFSA, Parma

Scientific Panel on Plant Health

Minutes of the 20th meeting of the Working Group on Bacterial Plant Pathogens

**Held on 1 February 2019, Parma meeting
(Agreed on 1 February 2019)**

Participants

- **Working Group Members:**
Marie-Agnès Jacques (chair)
Jonathan Yuen
- **EFSA:**
Marco Pautasso (Alpha Unit)

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants.

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

3. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence and Scientific Decision-Making 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.

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4. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

The working group revised the draft pest categorisation of the *Ralstonia solanacearum* species complex (EFSA-Q-2018-00030) in the light of the comments received during the EFSA PLH Panel plenary meeting of 30-31 Jan 2019, and revised the pest categorisation of *Clavibacter sepedonicus* (EFSA-Q-2017-00308), which is scheduled for possible adoption at the EFSA PLH Panel plenary meeting of March 2019.

The minutes of the WG meeting held on 1 February 2019 were agreed. The agenda of the next WG meeting of 26 March was agreed.

5. Next meeting

- 26 March 2019, EFSA, Parma

Scientific Panel on Plant Health

Minutes of the 19th meeting of the Working Group on Bacterial Plant Pathogens

**Held on 4 and 6 December 2018, Parma meeting
(Agreed on 6 December 2018)**

Participants

- **Working Group Members:**
Marie-Agnès Jacques (chair)
Jonathan Yuen
- **Phytoplasma tasking grant (4 December):**
Domenico Bosco
Luciana Galetto
Cristina Marzachi
- **EFSA:**
Marco Pautasso (Alpha Unit)

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants. Apologies were received from Michela Chiumenti (phytoplasma tasking grant).

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

3. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members

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4. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

The working group worked on the draft pest categorisation of *Ralstonia solanacearum*, on the tasking grant on phytoplasma and on the pest categorisation of *Clavibacter sepedonicus*.

The minutes of the WG meeting of 4-6 December were agreed. The agenda of the next WG meeting (31 Jan-1 Feb) was agreed.

5. Next meeting

- 31 Jan 2019 and 1 Feb 2019, EFSA, Parma

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Scientific Panel on Plant Health

Minutes of the 18th meeting of the Working Group on Bacterial Plant Pathogens

**Held on 22-23 November 2018, Parma meeting
(Agreed on 23 November 2018)**

Participants

- **Working Group Members:**

Jonathan Yuen

- **EFSA:**

Marco Pautasso (Alpha Unit)

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants. Apologies were received from Marie-Agnes Jacques.

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.

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4. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

4.1. Drafting the opinion on pest categorization of *Ralstonia solanacearum*

The working group worked on the draft pest categorisation of *R. solanacearum*. The minutes of the WG meeting of 22-23 Nov were agreed. The agenda of the next WG meeting was agreed

5. Next meeting

- 4-6 December 2018, EFSA, Parma

Scientific Panel on Plant Health

Minutes of the 17th meeting of the Working Group on Bacterial Plant Pathogens

**Held on 24 September 2018, web-meeting
(Agreed on 24 September 2018)**

Participants

- **Working Group Members:**

Marie Agnes Jacques (chair)

Jonathan Yuen

- **EFSA:**

Tomasz Kaluski (Alpha Unit)

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.

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4. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

4.1. Work plan and next meeting dates

The working group discussed the working plan for the rest of 2018 and 2019. It was decided that categorisations for *Clavibacter michiganensis* ssp. *sepedonicus* and *Ralstonia solanacearum* will be prepared for possible adoption in January 2019.

4.2. Drafting the opinion on pest categorization of *Ralstonia solanacearum*

The working group worked on the draft pest categorisation of *R. solanacearum*. The document is planned to be submitted to the PLH Panel for possible adoption by 18 January 2018 at the latest.

4.3. Drafting the opinion on pest categorization of *Clavibacter michiganensis* ssp. *sepedonicus*

The working group worked on the draft pest categorisation of *C. michiganensis* ssp. *sepedonicus*. The document is planned to be submitted to the PLH Panel for possible adoption by 18 January 2018 at the latest.

5. Next meetings

- 22-23 November 2018, EFSA, Parma
- 4-6 December 2018, EFSA, Parma

Scientific Panel on Plant Health

Minutes of the 16th meeting of the Working Group on bacterial plant pathogens

Held on 11 June 2018, web meeting

(Agreed on the 11th of June 2018)

Participants

Working Group Members:

- David Caffier (chair)
- Charles Manceau

EFSA:

- Marco Pautasso (ALPHA Unit)

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

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

4. Agreement of the minutes of this Working Group meeting.

The minutes of this web meeting held on 11 June 2018 were agreed on 11 June 2018.

5. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

The *Pantoea stewartii* subsp. *stewartii* opinion was revised after taking into consideration the comments of the PLH Panel, so as to propose it for possible adoption at the June PLH plenary meeting.

6. Next meeting

To be confirmed.

Scientific Panel on Plant Health

Minutes of the 15th meeting of the Working Group on bacterial plant pathogens

Held on 14 and 25 May 2018, web meeting

(Agreed on the 25th of May 2018)

Participants

Working Group Members:

- David Caffier (chair)
- Charles Manceau

EFSA:

- Marco Pautasso (ALPHA Unit)

7. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants. No apologies were received.

8. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

9. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members

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10. Agreement of the minutes of this Working Group meeting.

The minutes of this web meeting held on 14 and 25 of May 2018 were agreed on 25 May 2018.

11. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

The *Pantoea stewartii* subsp. *stewartii* opinion was prepared (14 May) and revised (25 May) after taking into consideration the PLH Panel comments.

12. Next meeting

The next meeting date is 11 June 2018 (web meeting).

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

⁴ <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 bacterial plant pathogens

Held on 25 January 2018, Parma

(Agreed on the 13th of February 2018)

Participants

Working Group Members:

- David Caffier (chair)
- Stefania Tegli

EFSA:

- Gabor Hollo (ALPHA Unit)

13. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants. No apologies were received.

14. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

15. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members

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the screening process or at the Oral Declaration of Interest at the beginning of this meeting.

16. Agreement of the minutes of this Working Group meeting.

The minutes of the meeting held on 25th of January 2018 were agreed on the 13th of February 2018.

17. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

The *Curtobacterium flaccumfaciens* pv. *flaccumfaciens* opinion was revised and finalised after taking into consideration the PLH Panel comments.

18. Next meeting

The next meeting date is 14 May 2018 (web meeting).

Scientific Panel on Plant Health

Minutes of the 13th meeting of the Working Group on bacterial plant pathogens

Held on 23-24 November 2017, Parma

(Agreed on 15 December 2017)

Participants

Working Group Members:

- David Caffier (chair)
- Stefania Tegli

EFSA:

- Gabor Hollo (ALPHA Unit)

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

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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. Agreement of the minutes of this Working Group meeting.

The minutes of the meeting held on 23-24 of November 2017 were agreed on the 15 of December 2017.

5. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

The *Curtobacterium flaccumfaciens* pv. *flaccumfaciens* pest categorisations was further drafted and completed. The opinion was sent out to the Plant Health Panel for review and comments before the possible January adoption.

6. Next meeting

The next meeting will be held on 25 of January 2018 (web)

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 bacterial plant pathogens

**Held on 20 November 2017, web
(Agreed on 15 December 2017)**

Participants

Working Group Members:

- David Caffier (chair)
- Claude Bragard
- Boris Szurek

EFSA:

- Gabor Hollo (ALPHA Unit)

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

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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. Agreement of the minutes of this Working Group meeting.

The minutes of the meeting held on 20 of November 2017 were agreed on the 15 of December 2017.

5. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

The *Xanthomonas oryzae* pv. *oryzae* and pv. *oryzicola* the opinion was revised and finalised after taking into consideration the PLH Panel comments.

6. Next meeting

The next meeting will be held on 23-24 of November 2017 (Parma)

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 bacterial plant pathogens

Held on 31 October 2017, web
(Agreed on 15 December 2017)

Participants

Working Group Members:

- David Caffier (chair)
- Claude Bragard

EFSA:

- Gabor Hollo (ALPHA Unit)

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants. Apologies were received from Boris Szurek.

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

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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. Agreement of the minutes of this Working Group meeting.

The minutes of the meeting held on 31 of October 2017 were agreed on the 15 of December 2017.

5. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

The *Xanthomonas oryzae* pv. *oryzae* and pv. *oryzicola* the pest categorisations was further drafted and completed. The opinion was sent out to the Plant Health Panel for review and comments before the possible November adoption.

6. Next meeting

The next meeting will be held on 20 of November 2017 (web)

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 bacterial plant pathogens

Held on 17 October 2017, web

(Agreed on 15 December 2017)

Participants

Working Group Members:

- David Caffier (chair)
- Claude Bragard
- Boris Szurek
- Stefania Tegli

EFSA:

- Gabor Hollo (ALPHA Unit)

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. Agreement of the minutes of this Working Group meeting.

The minutes of the meeting held on 17 of October 2017 were agreed on the 15 of December 2017.

5. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

The *Xanthomonas oryzae* pv. *oryzae* and pv. *oryzicola* pest categorisation was revised and further drafted. It was agreed that the opinion will go for adoption at the November PLH Plenary.

The *Curtobacterium flaccumfaciens* pv. *flaccumfaciens* opinion was discussed and further drafted.

6. Next meeting

The next meeting will be held on 31 of October 2017 (web)

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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 bacterial plant pathogens

Held on 9 October 2017, web
(Agreed on 15 December 2017)

Participants

Working Group Members:

- David Caffier (chair)
- Claude Bragard

EFSA:

- Gabor Hollo (ALPHA Unit)

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants. Apologies were received Boris Szurek

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

3. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members

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

4. Agreement of the minutes of this Working Group meeting.

The minutes of the meeting held on 9 of October 2017 were agreed on the 15 of December 2017.

5. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

The *Xanthomonas oryzae* pv. *oryzae* and pv. *oryzicola* pest categorisation was revised and further drafted. It was agreed that the opinion will go for adoption at the November PLH Plenary.

6. Next meeting

The next meeting will be held on 17 of October 2017 (web)

Scientific Panel on Plant Health

Minutes of the 8th meeting of the Working Group on bacterial plant pathogens

Held on 26 September 2017, Parma

(Agreed on 17 October 2017)

Participants

Working Group Members:

- David Caffier (chair)
- Claude Bragard
- Stefania Tegli
- Cristina Marzachi
- Boris Szurek (via web partially)

EFSA:

- Gabor Hollo (ALPHA Unit)

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. Agreement of the minutes of this Working Group meeting.

The minutes of the meeting held on 26 of September 2017 were agreed on the 17 of October 2017.

5. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

The terms of reference and the scope of the expected output of the *Curtobacterium flaccumfaciens* pv. *flaccumfaciens* opinion was discussed as well as the roles in the Working Group were agreed. The *Xanthomonas oryzae* pv. *oryzae* and pv. *oryzicola* pest categorisation was revised and further drafted. It was agreed that the opinion will go for adoption at the November PLH Plenary. Following the PLH Panel comments Witches' broom disease of lime (WDBL) finalized by the WG. The working plan was also revised and additional dates until the end of the year were added.

6. Next meeting

The next meeting will be held on 9 of October 2017 (web)

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Scientific Panel on Plant Health

Minutes of the 7th meeting of the Working Group on bacterial plant pathogens

**Held on 15 September 2017, web
(Agreed on 17 October 2017)**

Participants

Working Group Members:

- David Caffier (chair)
- Cristina Marzachi
- Matthew Dickinson

EFSA:

- Gabor Hollo (ALPHA Unit)

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

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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. Agreement of the minutes of this Working Group meeting.

The minutes of the meeting held on 15 of September 2017 were agreed on the 17 of October 2017.

5. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

Following the PLH Panel comments Witches' broom disease of lime (WDBL) and the Palm lethal yellowing phytoplasma opinions were revised and completed by the WG.

6. Next meeting

The next meeting will be held on 26 September 2017 (Parma)

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 bacterial plant pathogens

**Held on 24 August 2017, web
(Agreed on 17 October, 2017)**

Participants

Working Group Members:

- David Caffier (chair)
- Claude Bragard

EFSA:

- Gabor Hollo (ALPHA Unit)

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants. Apologies were received from Boris Szurek.

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

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

4. Agreement of the minutes of this Working Group meeting.

The minutes of the meeting held on 24 of August 2017 were agreed on the 17 of October 2017.

5. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

The terms of reference and the scope of the expected output *Xanthomonas oryzae* pv. *oryzae* and pv. *oryzicola* opinion was discussed as well as the roles in the Working Group were agreed. The latest EFSA template on pest categorization was introduced. The participants started to draft the opinion. The working plan was also agreed and additional dates until mid-October were added.

6. Next meeting

The next meeting will be held on 15 September 2017 (web)

Scientific Panel on Plant Health

Minutes of the 5th meeting of the Working Group on bacterial plant pathogens

Held on 21 August 2017, Parma

(Agreed on 17 October 2017)

Participants

Working Group Members:

- David Caffier (chair)
- Cristina Marzachi
- Matthew Dickinson

EFSA:

- Gabor Hollo (ALPHA Unit)

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

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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. Agreement of the minutes of this Working Group meeting.

The minutes of the meeting held on 21 of August 2017 were agreed on the 17 of October 2017.

5. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

Witches' broom (MLO) and the Palm lethal yellowing mycoplasma opinions were revised with the consideration of all critical aspects. The experts further drafted and finalised the categorisations which were ready to be sent out to the Plant Health Panel for review and comments before the possible September adoption.

6. Next meeting

The next meeting will be held on 24 August 2017 (web)

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 bacterial plant pathogens

Held on 17-18 August 2017, Parma

(Agreed on 21 August 2017)

Participants

Working Group Members:

- David Caffier (chair)
- Cristina Marzachi
- Matthew Dickinson

EFSA:

- Gabor Hollo (ALPHA Unit)
- Mitesha Aukhojee (ALPHA Unit)

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

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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. Agreement of the minutes of this Working Group meeting.

The minutes of the meeting held on 17-18 of August 2017 were agreed on the 21 of August 2017.

5. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

The latest versions of the Witches' broom (MLO) and the Palm lethal yellowing mycoplasma opinions were collectively revised and further drafted. It was agreed that finally this two categorizations will go for adoption at the September PLH Plenary.

6. Next meeting

The next meeting will be held on 21 August 2017 (web)

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 bacterial plant pathogens

**Held on 13 July 2017, web
(Agreed on 18 August 2017)**

Participants

Working Group Members:

- David Caffier (chair)
- Cristina Marzachi
- Matthew Dickinson

EFSA:

- Gabor Hollo (ALPHA Unit)

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

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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. Agreement of the minutes of this Working Group meeting.

The minutes of the meeting held on 13 of July 2017 were agreed on the 18 of August 2017.

5. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

The new expert was introduced and his role as rapporteur in the Working Group was agreed. The first draft of Witches' broom (MLO) opinion was collectively revised. Concerning to Palm lethal yellowing mycoplasma issues related to the taxonomy/naming were raised and discussed. The working plan and the individual tasks were agreed and additional dates until late summer were added.

6. Next meeting

The next meeting will be held on 17-18 August 2017 (Parma, EFSA)

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 bacterial plant pathogens

**Held on 26 June 2017, web
(Agreed on 18 August 2017)**

Participants

Working Group Members:

- David Caffier (chair)
- Cristina Marzachi

EFSA:

- Gabor Hollo (ALPHA Unit)

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

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

4. Agreement of the minutes of this Working Group meeting.

The minutes of the meeting held on 26 of June 2017 were agreed on the 18 of August 2017.

5. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

Detailed planning of the first batch of priority one bacteria's and phytoplasma`s

The terms of reference and the scope of the expected outputs were discussed as well as the roles in the Working Group were agreed. The latest EFSA template on pest categorization was introduced. The participants started to draft the Witches' broom (MLO) opinion. An additional expert for the Palm lethal yellowing mycoplasma opinion was identified.

6. Next meeting

The next meeting will be held on 13 July 2017 (web)

Scientific Panel on Plant Health

Minutes of the 1st meeting of the Working Group on bacterial plant pathogens

**Held on 21 June 2017, web
(Agreed on 18 August 2017)**

Participants

Working Group Members:

- David Caffier (chair)

EFSA:

- Gabor Hollo (ALPHA Unit)

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

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

4. Agreement of the minutes of this Working Group meeting.

The minutes of the meeting held on 21 June 2017 were agreed on the 18 of August 2017.

5. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

General discussion on the 3 year mandate and detailed planning of the first batch of priority one bacteria's and phytoplasma`s

The participants discussed the terms of reference and the scope of the expected outputs. The structure and composition of the Working Group has been agreed and further potential external experts were identified. The work plan for the pest categorisations of Witches' broom (MLO) (EFSA-Q-2017-00199) and Palm lethal yellowing mycoplasma (EFSA-Q-2017-00333) has also been discussed.

6. Next meeting

The next meeting will be held on 26 June 2017 (Parma, EFSA).