

UNIT of Animal and Plant Health

Minutes of the 31st meeting of the EFSA Working Group on Horizon scanning

09 September 2020, 14.00-16.00
Web-meeting
(Agreed on 14/09/2020)

Participants

- **Working Group Expert**

Thierry CANDRESSE

Michael JEGER

Josep A. JAUQUES MIRET

- **Tasking Grant Expert**

Magali LARENAUDIE

- **Hearing Experts¹**

Not Applicable

- **European Commission**

Not Applicable

- **EFSA**

Maria Rosaria MANNINO (ALPHA Unit, chair)

Caterina CAMPESE (ALPHA Unit, trainee)

- **Others**

Not Applicable

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants.

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

3. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence and Scientific Decision-Making Processes² and

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

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the Decision of the Executive Director on Declarations of Interest³, 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

The working group reviewed the 42nd draft of the EFSA Plant Health Media Newsletter, including links to the articles published and the draft text of the "Main issues" section.

The working group also considered the 21st draft of the EFSA Plant Health Scientific Newsletter that includes links to articles found in the MEDISYS platform as well as articles found through the searches carried out in the Scopus database. The inclusion of additional scientific articles suggested by the experts was discussed for both the Newsletters. Some structural changes were proposed for the media Newsletter. The conclusions reached are listed below:

- the selected articles' order remains chronological as usual
- articles on trades and exchange of unknown plant material, even if interesting, are out of the scope of this mandate and cannot be addressed in the current newsletter. The research strategies adapted to find items on this topic are not currently implemented in the platform. This point could be raised internally in EFSA and then with the EC if needed.
- the addition of a *last-minute update* paragraph for extremely important articles published in the first days of the starting month, was discussed and approved. Further developments could follow.

5. Next meeting date

The new date and time of the 32nd meeting of the working group scheduled for 8th October 2020 from 14:00 to 16:00 was confirmed after the meeting.

6. Any other business

Not Applicable.

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

UNIT of Animal and Plant Health

Minutes of the 30th meeting of the EFSA Working Group on Horizon scanning

31 July 2020, 14.00-16.00
Web-meeting
(Agreed on 06/08/2020)

Participants

- **Working Group Expert**

Thierry CANDRESSE
Michael JEGER
Josep A. JAUQUES MIRET

- **Tasking Grant Expert**

Magali LARENAUDIE

- **Hearing Experts¹**

Not Applicable

- **European Commission**

Not Applicable

- **EFSA**

Maria Rosaria MANNINO (ALPHA Unit, chair)
Caterina CAMPESE (ALPHA Unit, trainee)

- **Others**

Not Applicable

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants.

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

3. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members

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the Decision of the Executive Director on Declarations of Interest³, 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

The working group reviewed the 41st draft of the EFSA Plant Health Media Newsletter, including links to the articles published and the draft text of the "Main issues" section.

The working group also considered the 20th pilot draft of the EFSA Plant Health Scientific Newsletter that includes links to articles found in the MEDISYS platform as well as articles found through the searches carried out in the Scopus database. The inclusion of additional scientific articles suggested by the experts was discussed for both the Newsletters.

5. Next meeting date

The new date and time of the 31st meeting of the working group scheduled for 9th September 2020 from 14:00 to 16:00 was confirmed after the meeting.

6. Any other business

Not Applicable.

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

UNIT of Animal and Plant Health

Minutes of the 29th meeting of the EFSA Working Group on Horizon scanning

3 July 2020, 14.00-16.00
Web-meeting
(Agreed on 08/07/2020)

Participants

- **Working Group Expert**

Thierry CANDRESSE
Michael JEGER
Josep A. JAUQUES MIRET

- **Tasking Grant Expert**

Magali LARENAUDIE

- **Hearing Experts¹**

Not Applicable

- **European Commission**

Not Applicable

- **EFSA**

Maria Rosaria MANNINO (ALPHA Unit, chair)
Caterina CAMPESE (ALPHA Unit, trainee)

- **Others**

Not Applicable

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants.

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

3. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence and Scientific Decision-Making Processes² and

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the Decision of the Executive Director on Declarations of Interest³, 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

The working group reviewed the 40th draft of the EFSA Plant Health Media Newsletter, including links to the articles published and the draft text of the "Main issues" section.

The working group also considered the 19th pilot draft of the EFSA Plant Health Scientific Newsletter that includes links to articles found in the MEDISYS platform as well as articles found through the searches carried out in the Scopus database. The inclusion of additional scientific articles suggested by the experts was discussed for both the Newsletters.

5. Next meeting date

The new date and time of the 30th meeting of the working group scheduled for 31st July 2020 from 14:00 to 16:00 was confirmed after the meeting.

6. Any other business

Not Applicable.

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

UNIT of Animal and Plant Health

Minutes of the 28th meeting of the EFSA Working Group on Horizon scanning

4 June 2020, 14.00-16.00
Web-meeting
(Agreed on 12/06/2020)

Participants

- **Working Group Expert**

Thierry CANDRESSE
Michael JEGER
Josep A. JAUQUES MIRET

- **Tasking Grant Expert**

Magali LARENAUDIE

- **Hearing Experts¹**

Not Applicable

- **European Commission**

Not Applicable

- **EFSA**

Maria Rosaria MANNINO (ALPHA Unit, chair)
Caterina CAMPESE (ALPHA Unit, trainee)

- **Others**

Not Applicable

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants.

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

3. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence and Scientific Decision-Making Processes² and

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the Decision of the Executive Director on Declarations of Interest³, 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

The working group reviewed the 39th draft of the EFSA Plant Health Media Newsletter, including links to the articles published and the draft text of the "Main issues" section.

The working group also considered the 18th pilot draft of the EFSA Plant Health Scientific Newsletter that includes links to articles found in the MEDISYS platform as well as articles found through the searches carried out in the Scopus database. The inclusion of additional scientific articles suggested by the experts was discussed for both the Newsletters.

5. Next meeting date

The new date and time of the 29th meeting of the working group scheduled for 3rd July 2020 from 14:00 to 16:00 was confirmed after the meeting.

6. Any other business

Not Applicable.

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UNIT of Animal and Plant Health

Minutes of the 27th meeting of the EFSA Working Group on Horizon scanning

13 May 2020, 14.00-16.00
Web-meeting
(Agreed on 09/06/2020)

Participants

- **Working Group Expert**

Thierry CANDRESSE
Michael JEGER
Josep A. JAUQUES MIRET

- **Tasking Grant Expert**

Magali LARENAUDIE

- **Hearing Experts¹**

Not Applicable

- **European Commission**

Not Applicable

- **EFSA**

Maria Rosaria MANNINO (ALPHA Unit, chair)
Caterina CAMPESE (ALPHA Unit, trainee)

- **Others**

Not Applicable

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants.

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

3. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence and Scientific Decision-Making Processes² and

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the Decision of the Executive Director on Declarations of Interest³, 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

The working group reviewed the 38th draft of the EFSA Plant Health Media Newsletter, including links to the articles published and the draft text of the "Main issues" section.

The working group also considered the 17th pilot draft of the EFSA Plant Health Scientific Newsletter that includes links to articles found in the MEDISYS platform as well as articles found through the searches carried out in the Scopus database. The inclusion of additional scientific articles suggested by the experts was discussed for both the Newsletters. At the end, the Report of the Horizon Scanning activities 2017-2020 was illustrated and discussed in view of further implementations.

5. Next meeting date

The new date and time of the 28th meeting of the working group scheduled for 4th June 2020 from 14:00 to 16:00 was confirmed after the meeting.

6. Any other business

Not Applicable.

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UNIT of Animal and Plant Health

Minutes of the 26th meeting of the EFSA Working Group on Horizon scanning

15 April 2020, 14.00-16.00
Web-meeting
(Agreed on 28/04/2020)

Participants

- **Working Group Expert**

Thierry CANDRESSE
Michael JEGER
Josep A. JAUQUES MIRET

- **Tasking Grant Expert**

Magali LARENAUDIE

- **Hearing Experts¹**

Not Applicable

- **European Commission**

Not Applicable

- **EFSA**

Maria Rosaria MANNINO (ALPHA Unit, chair)
Caterina CAMPESE (ALPHA Unit, trainee)

- **Others**

Not Applicable

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants.

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

3. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence and Scientific Decision-Making Processes² and

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the Decision of the Executive Director on Declarations of Interest³, 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

The working group reviewed the 37th draft of the EFSA Plant Health Media Newsletter, including links to the articles published and the draft text of the "Main issues" section.

The working group also considered the 16th pilot draft of the EFSA Plant Health Scientific Newsletter that includes links to articles found in the MEDISYS platform as well as articles found through the searches carried out in the Scopus database. The inclusion of additional scientific articles suggested by the experts was discussed for both the Newsletters.

5. Next meeting date

The new date and time of the 27th meeting of the working group scheduled for 13th May 2020 from 14:00 to 16:00 was confirmed after the meeting.

6. Any other business

Not Applicable.

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UNIT of Animal and Plant Health

Minutes of the 25th meeting of the EFSA Working Group on Horizon scanning

5 March 2020, 14.00-16.00
Web-meeting
(Agreed on 20 March 2020)

Participants

- **Working Group Expert**

Thierry CANDRESSE
Michael JEGER
Josep A. JAUQUES MIRET

- **Tasking Grant Expert**

Magali LARENAUDIE

- **Hearing Experts¹**

Not Applicable

- **European Commission**

Not Applicable

- **EFSA**

Maria Rosaria MANNINO (ALPHA Unit, chair)
Caterina CAMPESE (ALPHA Unit, trainee)

- **Others**

Not Applicable

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants.

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

3. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence and Scientific Decision-Making Processes² and

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the Decision of the Executive Director on Declarations of Interest³, 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

The working group reviewed the 36th draft of the EFSA Plant Health Media Newsletter, including links to the articles published and the draft text of the "Main issues" section.

The working group also considered the 15th pilot draft of the EFSA Plant Health Scientific Newsletter that includes links to articles found in the MEDISYS platform as well as articles found through the searches carried out in the Scopus database. The inclusion of additional scientific articles suggested by the experts was discussed for both the Newsletters.

5. Next meeting date

The new date and time of the 26th meeting of the working group scheduled for 15th April 2020 from 14:00 to 16:00 was confirmed after the meeting.

6. Any other business

Not Applicable.

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UNIT of Animal and Plant Health

Minutes of the 24th meeting of the EFSA Working Group on Horizon scanning

5 February 2020, 14.00-16.00
Web-meeting
(Agreed on 20th February 2020)

Participants

- **Working Group Expert**
Thierry CANDRESSE
Michael JEGER
Josep A. JAUQUES MIRET
- **Tasking Grant Expert**
Magali LARENAUDIE
- **Hearing Experts¹**
Not Applicable
- **European Commission**
Not Applicable
- **EFSA**
Maria Rosaria MANNINO (ALPHA Unit, chair)
- **Others**
Not Applicable

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants.

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

3. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence and Scientific Decision-Making Processes² and

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the Decision of the Executive Director on Declarations of Interest³, 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

The working group reviewed the draft 35th EFSA Plant Health Media Newsletter, including links to the articles published and the draft text of the “Main issues” section. Additional articles have been suggested by the experts and consequently added.

The working group also considered the draft 14th pilot EFSA Plant Health Scientific Newsletter that includes links to articles found in the MEDISYS platform as well as articles found through the searches carried out in the Scopus database.

The inclusion of three scientific articles was carefully discussed with the experts. The final decision was to keep two of the discussed articles, even if they do not comply completely with the usual criteria for selection. Indeed, one article focuses on copper not protecting tobacco against *Xylella fastidiosa*. Normally, only articles on control measures that are effective against a pest are included. Nevertheless, given the specific case (*Xylella fastidiosa*), the article was considered of interest to risk managers.

The second article reported the mutualistic interaction between the *Southern tomato virus* and the tomato plant. In general, articles are included in the newsletters when regarding organisms that are known to be pathogenic or whose pathogenicity is evident. However, in this case, the information on the non-pathogenicity seemed of interest as a follow-up to what reported by previous editions. The following PAFF on 19th of February confirmed the articles’ relevance, during the Newsletters’ presentation.

The article regarding *Cladobotryum protrusum*, a fungus which parasites cultivated mushrooms, already discussed during the 23rd Working Group, was finally included in the 14th pilot Scientific Newsletter.

In conclusion, as commonly agreed, the new filter “Annex II Part A Begomoviruses” was created on the Medysis platform, in order to monitor the Begomoviruses listed in the annex IIA of Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2019/2072.

5. Next meeting date

The new date and time of the 25th meeting of the working group scheduled for 5th March 2020 from 14:00 to 16:00 was confirmed after the meeting.

6. Any other business

Not Applicable.

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UNIT of Animal and Plant Health

Minutes of the 23rd meeting of the EFSA Working Group on Horizon scanning

14 January 2020, 14.00-16.00
Web-meeting
(Agreed on 23rd January 2020)

Participants

- **Working Group Expert**

Thierry CANDRESSE

Michael JEGER

Josep A. JAUQUES MIRET

- **Tasking Grant Expert**

Magali LARENAUDIE

- **Hearing Experts¹**

Not Applicable

- **European Commission**

Not Applicable

- **EFSA**

Maria Rosaria MANNINO (ALPHA Unit, chair)

Caterina CAMPESE (ALPHA Unit, trainee)

- **Others**

Not Applicable

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants.

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

3. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members

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the Decision of the Executive Director on Declarations of Interest³, 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

The working group reviewed the draft 34th EFSA Plant Health Media Newsletter, including links to the articles published and the draft text of the "Main issues" section.

The working group also considered the draft 13rd pilot EFSA Plant Health Scientific Newsletter that includes links to articles found in the MEDISYS platform as well as articles found through the searches carried out in the Scopus database. The inclusion of additional scientific articles suggested by the experts was discussed. In particular, one article included in the Scientific Newsletter, regarding *Diaporthe sinensis*, a fungus which parasites cultivated mushrooms, was examined. Indeed, this is the first reporting of a mushrooms' pest in the Newsletter, while normally it only concerns plants' pests. The case was reported to the European Commission, that suggested to add the article, waiting for MS's consideration.

However, after the meeting, it was noticed that the article was only published in January, therefore it will not be included in the current newsletter but in the successive one.

5. Next meeting date

The new date and time of the 24th meeting of the working group scheduled for 5th February 2020 from 14:00 to 16:00 was confirmed after the meeting.

6. Any other business

Not Applicable.

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

UNIT of Animal and Plant Health

Minutes of the 22nd meeting of the EFSA Working Group on Horizon scanning

5 December 2019, 11.00-13.00

Web-meeting

(Agreed on 11 December 2019)

Participants

- **Working Group Expert**

Thierry CANDRESSE

Michael JEGER

Josep A. JAUQUES MIRET

- **Tasking Grant Expert**

Magali LARENAUDIE

- **Hearing Experts¹**

Not Applicable

- **European Commission**

Not Applicable

- **EFSA**

Maria Rosaria MANNINO (ALPHA Unit, chair)

Caterina CAMPESE (ALPHA Unit, trainee)

- **Others**

Not Applicable

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants.

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

3. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members

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the Decision of the Executive Director on Declarations of Interest³, 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

The working group reviewed the draft 33rd EFSA Plant Health Media Newsletter, including links to the articles published and the draft text of the "Main issues" section.

The working group also considered the draft 12th pilot EFSA Plant Health Scientific Newsletter that includes links to articles found in the MEDISYS platform as well as articles found through the searches carried out in the Scopus database. The inclusion of additional scientific articles suggested by the experts was discussed.

5. Next meeting date

The new date and time of the 23rd meeting of the working group scheduled for 14 January 2020 from 14:00 to 16:00 was confirmed after the meeting.

The calendar of the working group's meetings for the year 2020, approved by e-mail, will be sent by EFSA by the end of 2019.

6. Any other business

Not Applicable.

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

UNIT of Animal and Plant Health

Minutes of the 21st meeting of the EFSA Working Group on Horizon scanning

5 November 2019, 14.00-16.00
Web-meeting
(Agreed on 6 November 2019)

Participants

- **Working Group Expert**

Thierry CANDRESSE

Michael JEGER

Josep A. JAUQUES MIRET

- **Tasking Grant Expert**

Magali LARENAUDIE

- **Hearing Experts¹**

Not Applicable

- **European Commission**

Not Applicable

- **EFSA**

Maria Rosaria MANNINO (ALPHA Unit, chair)

Caterina CAMPESE (ALPHA Unit, trainee)

- **Others**

Not Applicable

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants.

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

3. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence and Scientific Decision-Making Processes² and

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the Decision of the Executive Director on Declarations of Interest³, 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

The working group reviewed the draft 32nd EFSA Plant Health Media Newsletter, including links to the articles published and the draft text of the "Main issues" section.

The working group also considered the draft 11th pilot EFSA Plant Health Scientific Newsletter that includes links to articles found in the MEDISYS platform as well as articles found through the searches carried out in the Scopus database. The inclusion of additional scientific articles suggested by the experts was discussed.

5. Next meeting date

The date and time of the 22nd meeting of the working group scheduled for 5 December 2019 from 11:00 to 13:00 are confirmed.

The calendar of the working group's meetings for the year 2020 will be proposed by EFSA and approved by the end of 2019. It will take into account the availability of experts on certain days of the week.

6. Any other business

Not Applicable.

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

UNIT of Animal and Plant Health

Minutes of the 20th meeting of the EFSA Working Group on Horizon scanning

3 October 2019, 13.00-15.00
Web-meeting
(Agreed on 18 October 2019)

Participants

- **Working Group Expert**
Thierry CANDRESSE
Michael JEGER
- **Tasking Grant Expert**
Magali LARENAUDIE
- **Hearing Experts¹**
Not Applicable
- **European Commission**
Not Applicable
- **EFSA**
Maria Rosaria MANNINO (ALPHA Unit, chair)
Stefano PRETI (ALPHA Unit, trainee)
- **Others**
Not Applicable

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants.

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes. Josep A. JAQUES MIRET (Working Group Expert) did not participate in the meeting and sent his apologies.

3. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members

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the Decision of the Executive Director on Declarations of Interest³, 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

The working group reviewed the draft 31st EFSA Plant Health Media Newsletter, including links to the articles published and the draft text of the "Main issues" section. The addition of a paragraph on the finding of *Aleurocanthus spiniferus* in an area previously free from this pest in the EU was proposed and accepted by the working group.

The working group also considered the draft 10th pilot EFSA Plant Health Scientific Newsletter that includes links to articles found in the MEDISYS platform as well as articles found through the searches carried out in the Scopus database. The inclusion of additional scientific articles suggested by the experts was discussed.

5. Next meeting date

The date of the 21st working group meeting scheduled for the 5th of November 2019 was confirmed.

6. Any other business

Not Applicable.

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UNIT of Animal and Plant Health

Minutes of the 19th meeting of the EFSA Working Group on Horizon scanning

5 September 2019, 11.00-13.00
Web-meeting
(Agreed on 25 September 2019)

Participants

- **Working Group Expert**

Thierry CANDRESSE
Josep A. JAUQUES MIRET
Michael JEGER

- **Tasking Grant Expert**

Magali LARENAUDIE

- **Hearing Experts¹**

Not Applicable

- **European Commission**

Not Applicable

- **EFSA**

Maria Rosaria MANNINO (ALPHA Unit, chair)

- **Others**

Not Applicable

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants.

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

3. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence and Scientific Decision-Making Processes² and

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the Decision of the Executive Director on Declarations of Interest³, 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

The working group reviewed the draft 30th EFSA Plant Health Media Newsletter, including links to the articles published and the draft text of the "Main issues" section.

The working group also considered the draft 9th pilot EFSA Plant Health Scientific Newsletter that includes links to articles found in the MEDISYS platform as well as articles found through the searches carried out in the Scopus database. The inclusion of additional scientific articles suggested by the experts was discussed.

5. Next meeting date

The date of the 20th working group meeting scheduled for the 3rd of October 2019 was confirmed. The anticipation of the meeting initially scheduled between 14.00 to 16.00, at 13.00, was proposed by the experts and confirmed after the meeting.

6. Any other business

Not Applicable.

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

UNIT of Animal and Plant Health

Minutes of the 18th meeting of the EFSA Working Group on Horizon scanning

30 July 2019, 14.00-16.00
Web-meeting
(Agreed on 26 August 2019)

Participants

- **Working Group Expert**

Thierry CANDRESSE
Josep A. JAKUES MIRET
Michael JEGER

- **Tasking Grant Expert**

Magali LARENAUDIE (chairing the meeting)

- **Hearing Experts¹**

Not Applicable

- **European Commission**

Not Applicable

- **EFSA**

Stefano PRETI (ALPHA Unit, trainee)

- **Others**

Not Applicable

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants.

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

3. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence and Scientific Decision-Making Processes² and

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the Decision of the Executive Director on Declarations of Interest³, 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

The working group reviewed the draft 29th EFSA Plant Health Media Newsletter, including links to the articles published and the draft text of the "Main issues" section.

The working group also considered the draft 8^h pilot EFSA Plant Health Scientific Newsletter that includes links to articles found in the MEDISYS platform as well as articles found through the searches carried out in the Scopus database. The inclusion of additional scientific articles suggested by the experts was discussed.

The working group agreed to review the updated versions of the newsletters in early August, which will include the latest articles published on July 30 and 31. Comments and contributions will be sent by e-mail and considered in the final drafts to be approved by EFSA.

5. Next meeting date

The new date of the 19th working group meeting scheduled for the 5th of September 2019 from 11.00 to 13.00 was confirmed.

6. Any other business

Not Applicable.

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

UNIT of Animal and Plant Health

Minutes of the 17th meeting of the EFSA Working Group on Horizon scanning

5 July 2019, 09.00-11.00
Web-meeting
(Agreed on 11 July 2019)

Participants

- **Working Group Expert**
Thierry CANDRESSE
Josep A. JAUQUES MIRET
- **Tasking Grant Expert**
Magali LARENAUDIE (chairing the meeting)
- **Hearing Experts¹**
Not Applicable
- **European Commission**
Not Applicable
- **EFSA**
Stefano PRETI (ALPHA Unit, trainee)
- **Others**
Not Applicable

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants. Michael JEGER (Working Group Expert) did not participate in the meeting and sent his apologies.

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 Processes² and

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the Decision of the Executive Director on Declarations of Interest³, 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

The working group reviewed the draft 28th EFSA Plant Health Media Newsletter, including links to the articles published and the draft text of the "Main issues" section.

The working group also considered the draft 7th pilot EFSA Plant Health Scientific Newsletter that includes links to articles found in the MEDISYS platform as well as articles found through the searches carried out in the Scopus database. The inclusion of additional scientific articles suggested by the experts was discussed.

The working group also discussed how to obtain feedback on the content of the newsletter, in particular that of the scientific newsletter. The working group agreed to send a questionnaire to the European Commission and Member States and to highlight specific questions with examples of articles in the PowerPoint presentation at the July meeting of the PAFF.

5. Next meeting date

The working group meeting scheduled for the 30th of July 2019 was confirmed.

A new date was agreed for the 19th meeting. It will take place on the 5th of September 2019, from 11.00 to 13.00.

6. Any other business

Not Applicable.

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UNIT of Animal and Plant Health

Minutes of the 16th meeting of the EFSA Working Group on Horizon scanning

4 June 2019, 14.00-18.00
Web-meeting
(Agreed on 24 June 2019)

Participants

- **Working Group Expert**
Josep A. JAUQUES MIRET
Michael JEGER
- **Tasking Grant Expert**
Magali LARENAUDIE (chairing the meeting)
- **Hearing Experts¹**
Not Applicable
- **European Commission**
Not Applicable
- **EFSA**
Elisabeth MEYER-LANDRUT (ALPHA Unit, trainee)
- **Others**
Not Applicable

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants. Maria Rosaria MANNINO (ALPHA Unit) and Thierry CANDRESSE (Working Group Expert) did not participate in the meeting and sent their apologies.

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 Processes² and

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the Decision of the Executive Director on Declarations of Interest³, 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

The working group reviewed the draft 27th EFSA Plant Health Media Newsletter, including links to the articles published and the draft text of the "Main issues" section.

The working group also considered the draft 6th pilot EFSA Plant Health Scientific Newsletter that includes links to articles found in the MEDISYS platform as well as articles found through the searches carried out in the Scopus database. The inclusion of additional scientific articles suggested by the experts was discussed.

5. Next meeting date

The working group requested to re-schedule the 17th meeting, previously fixed on 4th of June 2019 [new date agreed after the meeting: 5 July 9.00-11.00].

6. Any other business

Not Applicable.

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

UNIT of Animal and Plant Health

Minutes of the 15th meeting of the EFSA Working Group on Horizon scanning

13 May 2019, 14.00-18.00
Web-meeting
(Agreed on 24 May 2019)

Participants

- **Working Group Expert**

Thierry CANDRESSE
Josep A. JAUQUES MIRET
Michael JEGER

- **Tasking Grant Expert**

Magali LARENAUDIE

- **Hearing Experts¹**

Not Applicable

- **European Commission**

Not Applicable

- **EFSA**

Maria Rosaria MANNINO (ALPHA Unit, chair)
Elisabeth MEYER-LANDRUT (ALPHA Unit, trainee)

- **Others**

Not Applicable

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants.

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

3. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence and Scientific Decision-Making Processes² and

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4. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

The working group reviewed the draft 26th EFSA Plant Health Media Newsletter, including links to the articles published and the draft text of the "Main issues" section.

The working group also considered the draft 5th pilot EFSA Plant Health Scientific Newsletter that includes links to articles found in the MEDISYS platform as well as articles found through the searches carried out in the Scopus database. The inclusion of additional scientific articles suggested by the experts was discussed.

5. Next meeting date

The working group meeting scheduled on 4th of June 2019 was confirmed.

6. Any other business

Not Applicable.

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UNIT of Animal and Plant Health

Minutes of the 14th meeting of the EFSA Working Group on Horizon scanning

4 April 2019, 14.00-18.00
Web-meeting
(Agreed on 25 April 2019)

Participants

- **Working Group Expert**
Josep A. JAUQUES MIRET
- **Tasking Grant Expert**
Magali LARENAUDIE
- **Hearing Experts¹**
Not Applicable
- **European Commission**
Not Applicable
- **EFSA**
Maria Rosaria MANNINO (ALPHA Unit, chair)
Elisabeth MEYER-LANDRUT (ALPHA Unit, trainee)
Agnès RORTAIS (SCER Unit)
- **Others**
Not Applicable

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants. Thierry CANDRESSE and Michael JEGER did not participate in the meeting and sent their apologies.

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 Processes² and

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the Decision of the Executive Director on Declarations of Interest³, 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

The working group reviewed the draft 25th EFSA Plant Health Media Newsletter, including links to the articles published and the draft text of the "Main issues" section.

The working group also considered the draft 4th pilot EFSA Plant Health Scientific Newsletter that includes links to articles found in the MEDISYS platform as well as articles found through the searches carried out in the Scopus database. The inclusion of additional scientific articles was discussed.

5. Next meeting date

The working group meeting scheduled on 13th of May 2019 was confirmed.

6. Any other business

Not Applicable.

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UNIT of Animal and Plant Health

Minutes of the 13th meeting of the EFSA Working Group on Horizon scanning

4 March 2019, 14.00-18.00
Web-meeting
(Agreed on 6 March 2019)

Participants

- **Working Group Expert**

Thierry CANDRESSE
Josep A. JAUQUES MIRET
Michael JEGER

- **Tasking Grant Expert**

Magali LARENAUDIE

- **Hearing Experts¹**

Not Applicable

- **European Commission**

Not Applicable

- **EFSA**

Maria Rosaria MANNINO (ALPHA Unit, chair)
Elisabeth Meyer-Landrut (ALPHA Unit, trainee)
Agnès RORTAIS (SCER Unit)

- **Others**

Not Applicable

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants.

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

3. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members

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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

The working group reviewed the draft 24th edition of the EFSA Plant Health Media Newsletter, including links to the articles published and the draft text of the "Main issues" section.

The working group also considered the draft 3rd pilot edition of the EFSA Plant Health Scientific Newsletter.

The inclusion of additional scientific articles was discussed, leading to the conclusion that for some journals the "current issue" as well as "latest articles" or "posted/first published online" should be followed by specific feeds. The revision of the sources so far implemented in MEDISYS will be carried out in this direction.

The experts observed that, in some cases, the abstract lines included in the newsletter do not represent the core information of the articles. This is due to the automated selection by the platform of the first few lines of the articles only. EFSA will report this to the JRC for consideration in future improvements of the platform.

The ongoing work (collaboration between ALPHA, AMU, SCER units and ANSES) for the verification of monitoring results through searches in PUBMED was presented to the working group.

5. Next meeting date

The working group meeting scheduled on 4th of April 2019 was confirmed.

6. Any other business

Not Applicable.

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Minutes of the 12th meeting of the EFSA Working Group on Horizon scanning

5 February 2019, 14.00-18.00
Web-meeting
(Agreed on 8 February 2019)

Participants

- **Working Group Expert**

Thierry CANDRESSE
Josep A. JAUQUES MIRET
Michael JEGER

- **Tasking Grant Expert**

Magali LARENAUDIE

- **Hearing Experts¹**

Not Applicable

- **European Commission**

Not Applicable

- **EFSA**

Maria Rosaria MANNINO (ALPHA Unit, chair)
Elisabeth Meyer-Landrut (ALPHA Unit, trainee)

- **Others**

Not Applicable

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants.

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

3. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence and Scientific Decision-Making Processes² and the Decision of the Executive Director on Declarations of Interest³, 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

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Interest at the beginning of this meeting.

4. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

The working group reviewed the draft 23rd edition of the EFSA Plant Health Newsletter, including links to items found on media and the draft text of the "Main issues" section.

The working group also reviewed the draft of the 2nd pilot edition of the EFSA Scientific Plant Health Newsletter. The inclusion of additional scientific articles was discussed as well as ongoing work to improve the scientific literature scanning performed by the MediSys platform.

The working group also discussed a draft document on the criteria for selecting articles and topics included in the "Main issues" section of the media newsletter.

5. Next meeting date

The working group meeting scheduled on 4th of March 2019 was confirmed.

6. Any other business

Not Applicable.

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Minutes of the 11th meeting of the EFSA Working Group on Horizon scanning

11 January 2019, 14.00-18.00
Web-meeting
(Agreed on 25 January 2019)

Participants

- **Working Group Expert**

Thierry CANDRESSE
Josep A. JAUQUES MIRET
Michael JEGER

- **Tasking Grant Expert**

Magali LARENAUDIE

- **Hearing Experts¹**

Not Applicable

- **European Commission**

Not Applicable

- **EFSA**

Maria Rosaria MANNINO (ALPHA Unit, chair)
Elisabeth Meyer-Landrut (ALPHA Unit, trainee)

- **Others**

Not Applicable

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants.

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

3. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members

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Interest at the beginning of this meeting.

4. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

The working group reviewed the draft 22nd edition of the EFSA Plant Health Newsletter including links to items found on media and the draft text of the main issue section.

The working group also reviewed the updated draft of the 1st pilot edition of the EFSA Scientific Plant Health Newsletter.

With regards to the pilot scientific newsletter, the working group commented on the sources, content of the selected articles and criteria for their inclusion in the newsletter, in particular for articles on not listed pests. This last point will be clarified at the next meeting.

The addition of scientific sources by the JRC is in progress as well as the validation by EFSA and ANSES of the results provided by MediSys. The comments and suggestions of the experts of the working group assist EFSA in this task.

5. Next meeting date

The working group meeting of 5 February 2019 was confirmed.

6. Any other business

Not Applicable.

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Minutes of the 10th meeting of the EFSA Working Group on Horizon scanning

3 December 2018, 14.00-18.00
Web-meeting
(Agreed on 16 January 2019)

Participants

- **Working Group Expert**

Thierry CANDRESSE
Josep A. JAUQUES MIRET
Michael JEGER

- **Tasking Grant Expert**

Magali LARENAUDIE

- **Hearing Experts¹**

Not Applicable

- **European Commission**

Not Applicable

- **EFSA**

Maria Rosaria MANNINO (ALPHA Unit, chair)
Elisabeth Meyer-Landrut (ALPHA Unit, trainee)

- **Others**

Not Applicable

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants.

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

3. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence and Scientific Decision-Making Processes² and the Decision of the Executive Director on Declarations of Interest³, 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

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Interest at the beginning of this meeting.

4. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

The working group reviewed the draft 21st edition of the EFSA Plant Health Newsletter including links to items found on media and the draft text of the main issue section.

The working group also reviewed the draft 1st pilot edition of the EFSA Scientific Plant Health Newsletter drafted following the template agreed with the European Commission. The draft included articles selected by the platform from the sources recently added by JRC whose work was still in progress.

Comments were raised by the experts underlining the need of developing criteria for the article inclusion in the scientific newsletter. As an example of this approach, the experts considered that among the scientific articles relating to research on new control methods, only those with immediate applicability should be included in the newsletter.

Another comment concerned the first lines of the articles, which should be as informative as possible. It was also suggested that the source ID automatically assigned to each article be replaced by the tool with the full name of the journal where the article is published.

5. Next meeting date

The working group meeting of 11 January 2019 was confirmed and experts confirmed their participation.

6. Any other business

Not Applicable.

UNIT of Animal and Plant Health

Minutes of the 9th meeting of the EFSA Working Group on Horizon scanning

29 October 2018, 14.00-18.00

Web-meeting

(Agreed on 16 January 2019)

Participants

- **Working Group Expert**

Thierry CANDRESSE

Josep A. JAUQUES MIRET

Michael JEGER

- **Tasking Grant Expert**

Magali LARENAUDIE

- **Hearing Experts¹**

Not Applicable

- **European Commission**

Not Applicable

- **EFSA**

Maria Rosaria MANNINO (ALPHA Unit, chair)

- **Others**

Not Applicable

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants.

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

3. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence and Scientific Decision-Making Processes² and the Decision of the Executive Director on Declarations of Interest³, 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 reviewed the draft 20th edition of the EFSA Plant Health Newsletter including links to items found on media and the draft text of the main issue section.

5. Next meeting date

The working group meeting of 3 December 2018 was confirmed and experts confirmed their participation.

6. Any other business

Not Applicable.

UNIT of Animal and Plant Health

Minutes of the 8th meeting of the EFSA Working Group on Horizon scanning

4 October 2018, 14.00-18.00
Web-meeting
(Agreed on 15 October 2018)

Participants

- **Working Group Expert**

Thierry CANDRESSE
Josep A. JAUQUES MIRET
Michael JEGER

- **Tasking Grant Expert**

Magali LARENAUDIE

- **Hearing Experts¹**

Not Applicable

- **European Commission**

Not Applicable

- **EFSA**

Maria Rosaria MANNINO (ALPHA Unit, chair)
Franco Ferilli (ALPHA Unit, trainee)

- **Others**

Not Applicable

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants.

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

3. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence and Scientific Decision-Making Processes² and the Decision of the Executive Director on Declarations of Interest³, 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

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Interest at the beginning of this meeting.

4. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

The working group reviewed the draft 19th edition of the EFSA Plant Health Newsletter including links to items found on media and the draft text of the main issue section.

The working group also revised the criteria to follow for the selection of pests/diseases to be highlighted in the “main issues” section. In particular, it was pointed out that the number of articles selected on a given pest/disease is not necessarily a criterion for retaining that pest/disease in the topics to be highlighted. As an example of this approach, experts considered that news related to the characteristics of the infested area (open air instead of nursery) should be highlighted even if in the country the pest/disease was already known to be present.

5. Next meeting date

The working group meetings of 29 October and 3 December 2018 were confirmed. Experts confirmed their participation.

6. Any other business

Not Applicable.

UNIT of Animal and Plant Health

Minutes of the 7th meeting of the EFSA Working Group on Horizon scanning

**10 September 2018, 14.00-18.00
(Agreed on 15 October 2018)**

Participants

- **Working Group Expert**

Thierry CANDRESSE (web-meeting)
Josep A. JAUQUES MIRET
Michael JEGER

- **Tasking Grant Expert**

Magali LARENAUDIE

- **Hearing Experts¹**

Not Applicable

- **European Commission**

Not Applicable

- **EFSA**

Maria Rosaria MANNINO (ALPHA Unit, chair)
Franco Ferilli (ALPHA Unit, trainee)

- **Others**

Not Applicable

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants.

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

3. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence and Scientific Decision-Making Processes² and the Decision of the Executive Director on Declarations of Interest³, 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 reviewed the draft 18th edition of the EFSA Plant Health Newsletter including links to items found on media and the draft text of the main issue section. As agreed at the meeting, a revised version was sent after the meeting and approved by the experts by e-mail.

5. Next meeting date

The working group meetings of 4 and 29 October and 3 December 2018 were confirmed. Experts confirmed their participation.

6. Any other business

Not Applicable.

UNIT of Animal and Plant Health

Minutes of the 6th meeting of the EFSA Working Group on Horizon scanning

27 July 2018, 14.00-18.00
Web-meeting
(Agreed on 30 July 2018)

Participants

- **Working Group Expert**

Thierry CANDRESSE
Josep A. JAUQUES MIRET
Michael JEGER

- **Tasking Grant Expert**

Magali LARENAUDIE

- **Hearing Experts¹**

Not Applicable

- **European Commission**

Not Applicable

- **EFSA**

Maria Rosaria MANNINO (ALPHA Unit, chair)
Franco Ferilli (ALPHA Unit, trainee)

- **Others**

Not Applicable

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants.

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

3. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence and Scientific Decision-Making Processes² and the Decision of the Executive Director on Declarations of Interest³, 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

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Interest at the beginning of this meeting.

4. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

The working group reviewed the draft 17th edition of the EFSA Plant Health Newsletter including links to items found on media and the draft text of the main issue section. The chair provided an update on the ongoing discussion with the European Commission on the template of the scientific newsletter. Following an initial exchange of views, a new template was sent to the European Commission for consideration.

5. Next meeting date

The working group meetings of 10 September, 4 and 29 October and 3 December 2018 were confirmed. Experts confirmed their participation.

6. Any other business

Not Applicable.

Minutes of the 5th meeting of the EFSA Working Group on Horizon scanning

28 June 2018, 14.00-18.00
Web-meeting
(Agreed on 16 August 2018)

Participants

- **Working Group Expert**

Thierry CANDRESSE
Josep A. JAUQUES MIRET
Michael JEGER

- **Tasking Grant Expert**

Christine TAYEH (Anses)

- **Hearing Experts⁴**

Not Applicable

- **European Commission**

Not Applicable

- **EFSA**

Maria Rosaria MANNINO (ALPHA Unit, chair)
Franco Ferilli (ALPHA Unit, trainee)

- **Others**

Not Applicable

7. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants.

8. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

9. 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

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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.

10. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

The working group reviewed the draft 16th edition of the EFSA Plant Health Newsletter including the links to items found on media and the draft text of the main issue section. Experts also reviewed the draft first pilot edition of the newsletter resulting from the monitoring of the scientific literature and expressed their views on the new template. In response to comments, the chair proposed to restructure the links to the papers and the main issue section following the template already used for the media newsletter and to provide both versions for EFSA internal validation. The criteria for articles and main issue selection were also revised.

The proposal for pest ranking was presented by Anses, partner in the Tasking Grant on Horizon Scanning. The experts expressed their views on the criteria for ranking. An updated version of the proposal will be provided by Anses for further discussion.

11. Any other business

Not Applicable.

Minutes of the 4th meeting of the EFSA Working Group on Horizon scanning

7 June 2018, 14.00-18.00
Web-meeting
(Agreed on 27 July 2018)

Participants

- **Working Group Expert**

Josep A. JAQUES MIRET
Michael JEGER

- **Hearing Experts⁷**

Not Applicable

- **European Commission**

Not Applicable

- **EFSA**

Maria Rosaria MANNINO (ALPHA Unit, chair)
Franco FERILLI (ALPHA Unit, trainee)

- **Others**

Not Applicable

12. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants.

13. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

14. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members

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15. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

The working group reviewed the draft 15th edition of the EFSA Plant Health Newsletter including the links to items found on media and the draft text of the main issue section. The comments and suggestions sent by e-mail by member not attending the meeting were also taken into account.

16. Any other business

Not Applicable.

Minutes of the 3rd meeting of the EFSA Working Group on Horizon scanning

14 May 2018, 09.00-13.00
Web-meeting
(Agreed on 23 May 2018)

Participants

- **Working Group Expert**
Josep A. JAQUES MIRET (Panel member)
- **Hearing Experts**¹⁰
Not Applicable
- **European Commission**
Not Applicable
- **EFSA**
Maria Rosaria MANNINO (ALPHA Unit, chair)
- **Others**
Not Applicable

17. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants.

18. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

19. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members

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20. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

The working group reviewed the draft 14th edition of the EFSA Plant Health Newsletter including the links to items found on media and the draft text of the main issue section. The comments and suggestions sent by e-mail by members not attending the meeting were also taken into account.

21. Any other business

Not Applicable.

Minutes of the 2nd meeting of the EFSA Working Group on Horizon scanning

16 April 2018, 14.00-18.00
Web-meeting

(Agreed on 25 May 2018)

Participants

- **Working Group Expert**

Thierry CANDRESSE (Panel member)
Josep A. JAUQUES MIRET (Panel member)
Michael JEGER (Panel member)

- **Hearing Experts**¹³

Not Applicable

- **European Commission**

Not Applicable

- **EFSA**

Maria Rosaria MANNINO (ALPHA Unit, chair)
Franco Ferilli (ALPHA Unit, trainee)

- **Others**

- **Not Applicable**

22. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants.

23. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

24. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members

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Interest at the beginning of this meeting.

25. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

The links included in the draft of the EFSA Plant Health Newsletter were reviewed in order to identify topics to be highlighted as main issues in the 13th edition.
For the next meeting of the working group, the chair proposed to make available, in addition to the list of selected links, a first draft of the “Main issues” section.

26. Any other business

Not Applicable.

Minutes of the 1st meeting of the EFSA Working Group on Horizon scanning

22 March 2018, 14.00-18.00
EFSA, Parma, Italy

(Agreed on 29 March 2018)

Participants

- **Working Group Expert**

Josep A. JAUQUES MIRET (Panel member)
Michael JEGER (Panel member)

- **Hearing Experts¹⁶**

Not Applicable

- **European Commission**

Not Applicable

- **EFSA**

Maria Rosaria MANNINO (ALPHA Unit, chair)

- **Others**

- **Not Applicable**

27. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants. Thierry CANDRESSE, member of the working group did not participate because of another commitment already planned (meeting of the virus working group).

28. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

29. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members

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30. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

EFSA presented the Horizon Scanning mandate and the tool (MedISys IT platform) used to screen news from media on pests that can be of concern for the EU territory. It included an overview of pests monitored, keywords, filters and newsletter template.

The suggestions provided by the experts to the “Main issues” section of the 12th edition of the newsletter were discussed. The criteria for articles selection were reviewed and clarified as well as the procedure for the newsletter validation. An improved text of the disclaimer was also agreed.

31. Any other business

Not Applicable.

32. Next meeting (s)

Based on the deadlines for sending the newsletters to the EC for discussion at the monthly PAFF meetings, the calendar of working group meetings in 2018 was updated and agreed by the experts.

The next web meeting is scheduled on 16 April 2018, 14:00-18:00.