

Scientific Panel on Plant Health

Minutes of the 13th meeting of the Working Group on Nematodes

Held on 15th May 2018

(Agreed on 15th May 2018)

Participants

- **Working Group Members:**

Björn Niere - chair

Gregor Urek - member

- **Hearing Experts¹:**

Not Applicable

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

Not Applicable

- **EFSA:**

ALPHA Unit: Tomasz Kaluski

- **Others:**

Not Applicable

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants.

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

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

3. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members

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

4. Agreement of the minutes of the 12th Working Group meeting held on 08 May 2018, WEB-conference.

The minutes of the 12th Working Group meeting held on 08 May 2018 were agreed on 15 May.

5. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

5.1. Pest categorisation of *Hirschmanniella* spp. (EFSA-Q-2017-00377)

The working group finalised the opinion and addressed comments from Panel members.

5.2. Pest categorisation of *Xiphinema americanum sensu lato* (EFSA-Q-2017-00379)

The working group finalised the opinion and addressed comments from Panel members.

6. Next meetings

No further meetings are planned by the Working Group.

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

³ <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 Nematodes

Held on 08th May 2018

(Agreed on 15th May 2018)

Participants

- **Working Group Members:**

Björn Niere - chair

Gregor Urek - member

- **Hearing Experts¹:**

Not Applicable

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

Not Applicable

- **EFSA:**

ALPHA Unit: Tomasz Kaluski

- **Others:**

Not Applicable

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants.

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

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

3. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members

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4. Agreement of the minutes of the 11th Working Group meeting held on 17 April 2018, WEB-conference.

The minutes of the 11th Working Group meeting held on 17 April 2018 were agreed on 17 April.

5. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

5.1. Pest categorisation of *Xiphinema americanum sensu lato* (EFSA-Q-2017-00379)

The working group drafted the opinion. The document is planned to be submitted to the PLH Panel for possible adoption at the May PLH Panel plenary.

6. Next meetings

The working group discussed and agreed on the next meeting dates for 2018. The next meeting will take place on 15 May 2018 in Parma (EFSA).

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

³ <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 Nematodes

Held on 17th April 2018

(Agreed on 17th April 2018)

Participants

- **Working Group Members:**

Björn Niere - chair

Gregor Urek - member

- **Hearing Experts¹:**

Not Applicable

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

Not Applicable

- **EFSA:**

ALPHA Unit: Tomasz Kaluski

- **Others:**

Not Applicable

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants.

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

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

3. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members

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.

4. Agreement of the minutes of the 10th Working Group meeting held on 22-23 March 2018 in Parma.

The minutes of the 10th Working Group meeting held on 22-23 March 2018 were agreed on 17 April.

5. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

5.1. Finalising categorisation of *Hirschmanniella* spp. after comments from Panel members.

The working group finalised the categorisation of *Hirschmanniella* spp. for possible adoption at the May PLH Panel plenary as agreed with the chair of the PLH Panel.

5.2. Pest categorisation of *Xiphinema americanum sensu lato* (EFSA-Q-2017-00379)

The working group drafted the opinion. The document is planned to be submitted to the PLH Panel for possible adoption at the May PLH Panel plenary.

6. Next meetings

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

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

The working group discussed and agreed on the next meeting dates for 2018. The next meeting will take place on 24 April 2018 in Parma (EFSA) by WEB meeting.

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Minutes of the 10th meeting of the Working Group on Nematodes

Held on 22nd - 23rd March 2018

(Agreed on 17th April 2018)

Participants

- **Working Group Members:**

Björn Niere - chair

Gregor Urek - member

- **Hearing Experts¹:**

Not Applicable

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

Not Applicable

- **EFSA:**

ALPHA Unit: Virag Kertesz, Ewelina Czwieniczek

- **Others:**

Not Applicable

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants.

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

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

3. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members

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

4. Agreement of the minutes of the 9th Working Group meeting held on 2 March 2018, WEB-conference.

The minutes of the 9th Working Group meeting held on 2 March 2018 were agreed on 23 March.

5. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

5.1. Pest categorisation of *Xiphinema americanum sensu lato* (EFSA-Q-2017-00379)

The working group discussed the terms of reference and agreed on the methodology to use for the categorisation. The document is planned to be submitted to the PLH Panel for possible adoption at the May PLH Panel plenary.

6. Next meetings

The working group discussed and agreed on the next meeting dates for 2018. The next meeting will take place on 17 April 2018 in Parma (EFSA) by WEB meeting.

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

³ <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 Nematodes

Held by WEB-conference on 2nd March 2018

(Agreed on 23 March 2018)

Participants

- **Working Group Members:**

Björn Niere - chair

Gregor Urek - member

- **Hearing Experts¹:**

Not Applicable

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

Not Applicable

- **EFSA:**

ALPHA Unit: Tomasz Kaluski

- **Others:**

Not Applicable

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants.

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

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

3. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members

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

4. Agreement of the minutes of the 8th Working Group meeting held on 23 February 2018.

The minutes of the 8th Working Group meeting held on 23 February 2018 were agreed on 23 February 2018.

5. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

5.1. Pest categorisation of *Hirschmanniella* spp. (EFSA-Q-2017-00377)⁴

The working group worked further on the draft pest categorisation of *Hirschmanniella* spp.

5.2. Finalising categorisation of *Nacobbus aberrans* after comments from Panel members.

The working group addressed the comments from Panel members on the draft pest categorization of *Nacobbus aberrans*.

6. Next meetings

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

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

⁴ <http://registerofquestions.efsa.europa.eu/roqFrontend/questionLoader?question=EFSA-Q-2017-00377>

The working group discussed and agreed on the next meeting dates for 2018. The next meeting will take place on 22-23 March 2018 in Parma (EFSA).

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Minutes of the 8th meeting of the Working Group on Nematodes

Held by WEB-conference on 23 February 2018

(Agreed on 23 February 2018)

Participants

- **Working Group Members:**

Björn Niere - chair

Gregor Urek - member

- **Hearing Experts¹:**

Not Applicable

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

Not Applicable

- **EFSA:**

ALPHA Unit: Tomasz Kaluski

- **Others:**

Not Applicable

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants.

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

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

3. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members

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

4. Agreement of the minutes of the 8th Working Group meeting held on 26 January 2018, WEB-conference.

The minutes of the 6th Working Group meeting held on 23 February 2018 were agreed at the end of this meeting.

5. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

5.1. Pest categorisation of *Hirschmanniella* spp. (EFSA-Q-2017-00377)⁴

The working group worked further on the draft pest categorisation of *Hirschmanniella* spp.

6. Next meetings

The working group discussed and agreed on the next meeting dates for 2018. The next meeting will take place on 2 March 2018 in Parma (EFSA). The WG discussed the need for an additional meeting after the comments phase of the opinion for *Xiphinema americanum sensu lato*.

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

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

⁴ <http://registerofquestions.efsa.europa.eu/roqFrontend/questionLoader?question=EFSA-Q-2017-00377>

Scientific Panel on Plant Health

Minutes of the 7th meeting of the Working Group on Nematodes

Held on 2nd February 2018

(Agreed on 2nd February 2018)

Participants

- **Working Group Members:**

Björn Niere - chair

Gregor Urek - member

- **Hearing Experts¹:**

Not Applicable

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

Not Applicable

- **EFSA:**

ALPHA Unit: Tomasz Kaluski

- **Others:**

Not Applicable

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants.

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

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

3. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members

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

4. Agreement of the minutes of the 6th Working Group meeting held on 26 January 2018, WEB-conference.

The minutes of the 6th Working Group meeting held on 26 January 2018 were agreed on 26 January.

5. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

5.1. Pest categorisation of *Nacobbus aberrans* (EFSA-Q-2017-00376)⁴

The working group finalised the draft pest categorisation of *N. aberrans*.

5.2. Pest categorisation of *Hirschmanniella* spp. (EFSA-Q-2017-00377)⁵

The working group worked further on the draft pest categorisation of *Hirschmanniella* spp.

6. Next meetings

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

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

⁴ <http://registerofquestions.efsa.europa.eu/roqFrontend/questionLoader?question=EFSA-Q-2017-00376>

⁵ <http://registerofquestions.efsa.europa.eu/roqFrontend/questionLoader?question=EFSA-Q-2017-00377>

The working group discussed and agreed on the next meeting dates for 2018. The next meeting will take place on 23 February 2018 in Parma (EFSA) by WEB meeting.

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Minutes of the 6th meeting of the Working Group on Nematodes

Held by WEB-conference on 26 January 2018

(Agreed on 26 January 2018)

Participants

- **Working Group Members:**

Björn Niere - chair

Gregor Urek - member

- **Hearing Experts¹:**

Not Applicable

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

Not Applicable

- **EFSA:**

ALPHA Unit: Tomasz Kaluski

- **Others:**

Not Applicable

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants.

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

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

3. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members

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4. Agreement of the minutes of the 6th Working Group meeting held on 26 January 2018, WEB-conference.

The minutes of the 6th Working Group meeting held on 26 January 2018 were agreed at the end of this meeting.

5. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

5.1. Pest categorisation of *Nacobbus aberrans* (EFSA-Q-2017-00376)⁴

The working group worked further on the draft pest categorisation of *N. aberrans*.

5.2. Pest categorisation of *Hirschmanniella* spp. (EFSA-Q-2017-00377)⁵

The working group discussed the terms of reference, agreed on the methodology to use. The document is planned to be submitted by 9 March 2018 to the PLH Panel for possible adoption at the March PLH Panel plenary.

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

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

⁴ <http://registerofquestions.efsa.europa.eu/roqFrontend/questionLoader?question=EFSA-Q-2017-00376>

⁵ <http://registerofquestions.efsa.europa.eu/roqFrontend/questionLoader?question=EFSA-Q-2017-00377>

6. Next meetings

The working group discussed and agreed on the next meeting dates for 2018. The next meeting will take place on 2 February 2018 in Parma (EFSA). The working group concluded that due to the complexity of the *Hirschmanniella* spp. opinion additional web meeting on 2nd March 2018 is necessary.

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Minutes of the 5th meeting of the Working Group on Nematodes

Held by WEB-conference on 12 January 2018

(Agreed on 12 January 2018)

Participants

- **Working Group Members:**

Björn Niere - chair

Gregor Urek - member

- **Hearing Experts¹:**

Not Applicable

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

Not Applicable

- **EFSA:**

ALPHA Unit: Tomasz Kaluski

- **Others:**

Not Applicable

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants.

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

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

3. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members

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.

4. Agreement of the minutes of the 5th Working Group meeting held on 12 January 2018, WEB-conference.

The minutes of the 5th Working Group meeting held on 12 January 2018 were agreed at the end of this meeting.

5. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

5.1. Pest categorisation of *Nacobbus aberrans* (EFSA-Q-2017-00376)⁴

The working group worked further on the draft pest categorisation of *N. aberrans*.

6. Next meetings

The working group discussed and agreed on the next meeting dates for 2018. The next meeting will take place on 26 January 2018 by web conference.

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

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

⁴ <http://registerofquestions.efsa.europa.eu/roqFrontend/wicket/page?6>

Scientific Panel on Plant Health

Minutes of the 4th meeting of the Working Group on Nematodes

Held on 23-24 November 2017, Parma (Italy)

(Agreed on 24 November 2017)

Participants

- **Working Group Members:**

Björn Niere - chair

Gregor Urek - member

- **Hearing Experts¹:**

Not Applicable

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

Not Applicable

- **EFSA:**

ALPHA Unit: Tomasz Kaluski

- **Others:**

Not Applicable

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants.

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

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

3. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members

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

4. Agreement of the minutes of the 4th Working Group meeting held on 23-24 November 2017.

The minutes of the 4th Working Group meeting held on 23-24 November 2017 were agreed at the end of this meeting.⁴

5. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

5.1. Preparing opinions on *Xiphinema californicum* and *Longidorus diadecturus* after adoption for publication.

The working group prepared the opinion for publication.

5.2. Pest categorisation of *Nacobus aberrans* (EFSA-Q-2017-00376)

The working group worked on the draft pest categorisation of *N. aberrans*. The document is planned to be submitted to the PLH Panel for possible adoption by 12 March 2018 at the latest.

6. Next meetings

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

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

⁴ Please add here the link to the respective minutes published on the EFSA website

The working group discussed and agreed on the next meeting dates for 2018. The next meeting will take place on 12 January 2018 by WEB-meeting.

Scientific Panel on Plant Health

Minutes of the 3rd meeting of the Working Group on Nematodes

Held by WEB-conference on 7 November 2017

(Agreed on 7 November 2017)

Participants

- **Working Group Members:**

Björn Niere - chair

Gregor Urek - member

- **Hearing Experts¹:**

Not Applicable

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

Not Applicable

- **EFSA:**

ALPHA Unit: Tomasz Kaluski

- **Others:**

Not Applicable

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants.

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

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

3. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members

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

4. Agreement of the minutes of the 3rd Working Group meeting held on 7 November 2017, WEB-conference.

The minutes of the 3rd Working Group meeting held on 7 November 2017 were agreed at the end of this meeting.⁴

5. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

5.1. Pest categorisation of *Longidorus diadecturus* (EFSA-Q-2017-00622)⁵

The working group worked further on the draft pest categorisation of *L. diadecturus*.

6. Next meetings

The working group discussed and agreed on the next meeting dates for 2017 and 2018. The next meeting will take place on 23-24 November 2017 in EFSA, Parma.

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

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

⁴ Please add here the link to the respective minutes published on the EFSA website

⁵ <http://registerofquestions.efsa.europa.eu/roqFrontend/questionLoader?question=EFSA-Q-2017-00568>

Scientific Panel on Plant Health

Minutes of the 2nd meeting of the Working Group on Nematodes

Held by WEB-conference on 26 October 2017

(Agreed on 26 October 2017)

Participants

- **Working Group Members:**

Björn Niere - chair

Gregor Urek - member

- **Hearing Experts¹:**

Not Applicable

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

Not Applicable

- **EFSA:**

ALPHA Unit: Tomasz Kaluski

- **Others:**

Not Applicable

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants.

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

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

3. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members

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

4. Agreement of the minutes of the 2nd Working Group meeting held on 26 October 2017, WEB-conference.

The minutes of the 2nd Working Group meeting held on 26 October 2017 were agreed on the end of this meeting.⁴

5. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

5.1. Pest categorisation of *Xiphinema californicum* (EFSA-Q-2017-00568)⁵

The working group worked further on the draft pest categorisation of *X. californicum*.

6. Next meetings

The working group discussed and agreed on the next meeting dates for 2017 and 2018. The next meeting will take place on 7 November 2017 held by WEB-meeting.

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

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

⁴ Please add here the link to the respective minutes published on the EFSA website

⁵ <http://registerofquestions.efsa.europa.eu/roqFrontend/questionLoader?question=EFSA-Q-2017-00568>

Scientific Panel on Plant Health

Minutes of the 1st meeting of the Working Group on Nematodes

Held on 28-29 September 2017, Parma (Italy)

(Agreed on 29 September 2017)

Participants

- **Working Group Members:**

Björn Niere - chair

Gregor Urek - member

- **Hearing Experts¹:**

Not Applicable

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

Not Applicable

- **EFSA:**

ALPHA Unit: Tomasz Kaluski

- **Others:**

Not Applicable

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants.

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

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

3. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members

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

4. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

4.1. Pest categorisation of *Xiphinema californicum* (EFSA-Q-2017-00568)⁴

The working group discussed the terms of reference, agreed on the methodology use and worked on the draft pest categorisation of *X. californicum*. The document is planned to be submitted to the PLH Panel for possible adoption by 10 November 2017 at the latest.

4.2. Pest categorisation of *Longidorus diadecturus* (EFSA-Q-2017-00622)⁵

The working group discussed the terms of reference, agreed on the methodology use and worked on the draft pest categorisation of *L. diadecturus*. The document is planned to be submitted to the PLH Panel for possible adoption by 10 November 2017 at the latest.

5. Work plan

The working group discussed the working plan for 2017 and 2018. It was decided that categorisations for *Nacobbus aberrans* and *Xiphinema americanum* Cobb sensu lato (non-EU populations) will be prepared for

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

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

⁴ <http://registerofquestions.efsa.europa.eu/roqFrontend/questionLoader?question=EFSA-Q-2017-00568>

⁵ <http://registerofquestions.efsa.europa.eu/roqFrontend/questionLoader?question=EFSA-Q-2017-00622>

possible adoption in March 2018 and for *Hirschmanniella* spp., other than *Hirschmanniella gracilis* (de Man) Luc and Goodey for possible adoption in May 2018.

6. Next meetings

The working group discussed and agreed to next meeting dates for 2017 and 2018:

- 24 October – web-conference from 16:00 to 20:00
- 7 November – web-conference from 16:00 to 20:00
- 23 November – WG meeting, EFSA Parma from 15:30 to 18:00
- 24 November – WG meeting, EFSA Parma from 09:00 to 16:00
- 12 January - web-conference from 9:00 to 13:00
- 26 January - web-conference from 9:00 to 13:00
- 1 February - WG meeting, EFSA Parma from 16:00 to 18:00
- 2 February - WG meeting, EFSA Parma from 09:00 to 16:00
- 23 February - web-conference from 9:00 to 13:00
- 22 March - WG meeting, EFSA Parma from 16:00 to 18:00
- 23 March - WG meeting, EFSA Parma from 09:00 to 16:00
- 10 April - web-conference from 16:00 to 20:00
- 17 April - web-conference from 16:00 to 20:00