

ANNUAL DECLARATION OF INTERESTS (ADoI)

(Please note that high quality of scientific expertise is by nature based on prior experience and that therefore having an interest does not necessarily mean having a conflict of interest)

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Current EFSA involvements: Member-GMO Panel 2012-2015 (GMO), Member-Applications-Molecular Characterisation (GMO), Member-Enzymes WG (CEF), Member-Genetically Modified Microorganisms (GMO), Chair-Genetically Modified Microorganisms (FEEDAP) 2012-2015 (FEEDAP), Member-Standing WG on PMEM reports (GMO)

Nature of Activities	Period	Organisation	Subject matter
I. Economic interest			NO INTEREST
II. Member of a management body or equivalent structure			NO INTEREST

III. Member of a scientific advisory body	10/2000 - now	-Name: Belgian federal agency for safety of the food chain	<p>The Belgian Federal Agency for the Safety of the Food Chain (FASFC) lays down the operational standards applicable to businesses and integrates all official control and inspection services for the safety of the food chain (microbiological and chemical food safety), animal and plant diseases and animal welfare. The Scientific Committee consists of scientific experts who are independent from the Agency and are employed by universities and research centers in Belgium. The Committee is completely autonomous and is in charge of risk assessment. It gives its opinion on draft regulations and on the control plans. Moreover, it sees to it that the Food Agency work proactively. It must identify problems in time and report them to allow the Agency to take the measures that are required, e.g. providing for an adequate survey system. The Scientific Committee has strictly no relation with risk management issues.</p> <p>As expert I am involved in all microbiological safety issues the scientific committee is dealing with e.g. the risk assessment of listeria in smoked salmon, the risk and benefit analysis of the consumption of raw milk.</p> <p>Risk assessment of genetically modified organisms does not belong to the tasks of the Food Agency and its scientific committee. Risk assessment of feed enzymes does not belong to the tasks of the Food agency and its scientific committee.</p>
	07/2011 - 07/2012	-Name: EFSA, European Food Safety Authority, Italy, Parma	Member - Joint GMO-BIOHAZ WG on Austrian safeguard clause for GM potato EH92-527-1 (GMO)
	02/2009 - 07/2012	-Name: EFSA, European Food Safety Authority, Italy, Parma	Member - GMO Panel 2009-2012 (GMO)
	05/2009 - 05/2012	-Name: EFSA, European Food Safety Authority, Italy, Parma	Chair - Updated GMM GD WG (GMO)
	07/2006 - 05/2012	-Name: EFSA, European Food Safety Authority, Italy, Parma	Member - GMO Panel 2006-2009 (GMO) Member - GMO Panel 2009-2012 (GMO)
	01/2009 - 09/2009	-Name: EFSA, European Food Safety Authority, Italy, Parma	Member - Joint GMO-BIOHAZ Working Group for the consolidated opinion on the use of antibiotic resistance marker (ARM) genes used as marker genes in genetically modified plants. (GMO)
	08/2008 - 09/2009	-Name: EFSA, European Food Safety Authority, Italy, Parma	Member - Antimicrobial Resistance (BIOHAZ)
IV. Employment	01/2002 - now	-Name: Ministry of the Flemish Community-Institute for Agricultural and Fisheries Research-Unit Technology and Food	At ILVO I am head of the unit Technology and Food Sciences and member of the directory committee of ILVO– In the business unit of the institute, on regular basis laboratory analyses are performed concerning food safety and food quality including GMO identification and detection. The activity on GMO in the business unit, is limited to testing of food and feed products for authenticity reasons. There are no activities in the unit Technology and Food Sciences in relation to companies producing feed or food enzymes on the basis of genetically modified micro-organisms.
V. Ad hoc or occasional consultancy			NO INTEREST

VI. Research funding	05/2011 - now	-Name: ILVO	ILVO is carrying out field trials on the ILVO fields which fall under the control of the Units Plant and Animal Sciences. The unit Technology and Food, which falls under my responsibility, is delegating some collaborators to the central ILVO level for supporting and supervising the field trials with their expertise on the detection and the characterization of GMOs. In the field trials GMO-potato lines resistant to Phytophthora infestans are evaluated for their agronomical performance under Flemish agricultural practice. The field trials are carried out by ILVO in collaboration with the University of Ghent, University College Ghent, the Flemish Institute for Biotechnology (VIB). In the trials different GMO lines developed by Wageningen University and Research Centre are tested for disease resistance (Phytophthora infestans) under Flemish conditions. In the trial of 2011 (not in 2012) one GM-potato line from BASF, already tested for several years under field conditions, was included as a positive reference. For using this control line in the field a contract was established between ILVO and BASF under the responsibility of the general director of ILVO. Personally, I was not directly involved in the field trial and I had no direct contacts with BASF. The field trial in 2012 is carried out only by the research institutes and universities (see above) of the consortium without involvement of any private company.
	01/2011 - now	-Name: ILVO	At ILVO-T&V, we are performing GGO identification and detection tests for the Belgian Food Safety Agency (FAVV) and for the private sector for authenticity purposes. For the FAVV we are also functioning as National Reference Centre for the detection and identification of GMOs in agricultural products. The total funding from the private sector amounts to 0.45% of the total budget and from the FAVV to 0.73%. During 2011 we received a funding for carrying out the project 509EU ERA safefoodera Gmoseek which amounts to 0.13% of the total budget. ILVO also received private funding for the security of the potato field trial in 2011. This amounted to 0.57% of the total budget. The research (co-)funding I received from the private sector in the latest full budget year, and for the areas covered by the Panels, does not exceed 25% of the total annual research budget that is managed by me.
	10/2008 - 11/2011	-Name: ILVO	A PhD work was carried out to evaluate the possibilities of molecular pharming for the Flemish Community. The PhD work is financed by ILVO and no biotech company is involved. The PhD work is finalised in 2011. The document is publicly available.
	05/2010 - 03/2011	-Name: ILVO	ILVO was involved in a an experiment for testing agricultural performance and co-existence rules, financed by the Flemish Community. For maize a MON810 variety, in combination with a related non-GMO variety, were used as a model. Seeds were commercially bought and no biotech firm was involved in the execution of the experiment. The experiment with maize is finalized and the report is presented to the Flemish Parliament March 2011. The document is publicly available.
VII. Intellectual property rights			NO INTEREST
VIII. Other membership or affiliation			NO INTEREST
IX. Other relevant interest			NO INTEREST
X. Interests of close family members			NO INTEREST

I hereby declare that I have read both the Guidance Document on Declarations of Interests and the Procedure for identifying and handling potential conflict of interests and that the above Declaration of Interests is complete.

Date: 10/10/2012 Signature: SIGNED