

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)

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	08/2006 - now	-Name: Latvian Council of Science	I serve as an expert for the Latvian Council of Science. My duties involve routinely reviewing research project proposals and annual reports. The projects are those funded through the Council of Science, such as Council of Science grants and national programmes, Latvian - Taiwanese or Latvian - Belorussian bilateral projects.
IV. Employment	07/2010 - now	-Name: University of Latvia	Dean of the Faculty of Biology. My work as a dean involves both academic and administrative activities.

	11/2009 - now	-Name: State Priekuli Plant Breeding Institute	I am employed within the European Social Fund project "Development, improvement and implementation of environmentally friendly and sustainable crop breeding technologies". My duties involve association mapping of agronomically relevant traits in a spring barley association mapping population, as well as development of molecular markers for plant breeding.
	11/2009 - now	-Name: Latvian University of Agriculture	I am a contract employee at the Latvian University of Agriculture within the European Social Fund project "Establishment of Latvian interdisciplinary interuniversity scientific group of systems biology". My duties specifically involve transcriptome analyses of genetically modified yeast <i>Saccharomyces cerevisiae</i> strains.
	06/2006 - now	-Name: University of Latvia	Leading research group in plant molecular genetics currently including 4 PhD and 2 master's level students. The research is funded only by public funding agencies, such as Latvian Council of Science and European Social Fund.
V. Ad hoc or occasional consultancy			NO INTEREST
VI. Research funding	01/2010 - now	-Name: State Education Development Agency	I did not receive any (co-)funding from the private sector in the latest full budget year, and for the areas covered by the Panels. Research project "Capacity building for interdisciplinary biosafety research" is funded by the European Social Fund. The project aims to increase the research capacity in several different biosafety aspects, such as biosafety of GMOs and social and legal aspects of GMOs.
	01/2009 - now	-Name: Latvian Council of Science	I did not receive any (co-)funding from the private sector in the latest full budget year, and for the areas covered by the Panels. Research project "Identification and functional characterization of molecular mechanisms of hypersensitive response and disease resistance in barley (<i>Hordeum vulgare</i> L.)" is funded by the Latvian Council of Science.
	04/2008 - 11/2009	-Name: Ministry of Agriculture	I did not receive any (co-)funding from the private sector in the latest full budget year, and for the areas covered by the Panels. Project "Assessment of environmental impact and risk factors associated with Genetically Modified Organisms" was funded by Ministry of Agriculture to specifically provide risk assessment of four Genetically Modified crop plants, and generally to assist the Ministry with science-based opinion of safety of GMOs.
VII. Intellectual property rights			NO INTEREST
VIII. Other membership or affiliation	01/2008 - now	-Name: EUCARPIA - European Association for Research on Plant Breeding	I am an individual member of the EUCARPIA, which enabled me to participate in EUCARPIA general congress in 2008 and EUCARPIA cereals section meeting in 2010. Membership provides me with the access to the latest information on trends and technologies in plant breeding.
	06/2006 - now	-Name: Latvian Society of Geneticists and Breeders	I am an individual member of the Latvian Society of Geneticists and Breeders. My activities in the Society include attending the scientific meetings organized by the Society.
	01/1998 - now	-Name: Latvian Society for Microbiology	I am an individual member of the Latvian Society of Microbiology. My activities in the Society include attending an annual meeting.

	03/2011 - 02/2012	-Name: European Biosafety Association	I was an individual member (2011-2012) of EBSA, which is a not for profit organisation aiming to provide a forum for its members to discuss and debate issues of concern and to represent those working in the field of biosafety and associated activities. Participation in the EBSA allowed me to participate in the annual EBSA meeting in 2011, and provided me with members-only access to relevant information on GMO biosafety.
	06/2010 - 06/2011	-Name: International Society for Biosafety Research	I was a member of ISBR during 2010-2011. ISBR is a non-profit corporation. ISBR aims to promote scientifically sound biosafety research. The society focuses on the scientific aspects of environmental biosafety research, in particular, focusing on GMO biosafety, and provides a fair exchange platform for scientists, regulators and developers. Membership in the ISBR allowed me to participate in the International Symposium on GMO biosafety and gave access to the journal "Environmental Biosafety Research".
IX. Other relevant interest	01/2011 - now	-Name: Editorial board of the journal Environmental and Experimental Biology	I am a member of the editorial board of the scientific journal "Environmental and Experimental Biology" published by University of Latvia. As a member of editorial board my duties include reviewing 1 - 3 manuscripts per year. The decision for acceptance/rejection rests on the chief editor. There is no remuneration for my duties. The publication costs are entirely covered by the University of Latvia.
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: 01/08/2012 Signature: **SIGNED**