

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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Title: Prof

Profession: Researcher

Current EFSA involvements: Member-GMO Panel 2012-2015 (GMO), Member-Applications-Environment (GMO), 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			NO INTEREST
IV. Employment	01/1985 - now	-Name: James Hutton Institute	Agricultural research (formerly called Scottish Crop Research Institute). I am a Principle Investigator and Senior Research Entomologist. I study Integrated Pest Management, insect-plant interactions, chemical ecology and GM crop system biosafety and ERA.
V. Ad hoc or occasional consultancy	01/2011 - 06/2012	-Name: Koppert Biological Systems	Biocontrol in soft fruit. Koppert Biological Systems (UK and Netherlands) develop and market biocontrol products for a range of crops. My role is as a consultant, advising on biocontrol for soft fruit grown in polytunnels and open fields. This consultancy is not related to GMOs and is now completed.

VI. Research funding	01/2012 - now	-Name: EU FP7	EU AMIGA (Assessing and Monitoring Impacts of Genetically Modified Plants on Agro-ecosystems: GM crop system biosafety and potential uses of GM crops in IPM.
	04/2011 - now	-Name: EU FP7	EU PURE consortium member and coordinator for James Hutton Institute (JHI). My responsibility is to design and test Integrated Pest Management (IPM) M systems for conventional crops including field vegetables, cereals, wheat. This does not cover GMOs.
	03/2011 - now	-Name: Department for Environment Food and Rural Affairs + Horticultural Development Council	Project to evaluate biopesticides for U.K. fruit and vegetable for conventional protected crops. My role is as a consultant and Principle Investigator, co-coordinating the UK entomology research on biocontrol and alternatives to pesticides.
	01/2011 - now	-Name: Scottish Government, Rural and Environmental Science and Analytical Services	IPM and ecological service provision. My role is as a Principle Investigator in two workpackages: IPM and Ecosystem Services assessment. This does not include GMOs.
	01/2002 - 01/2008	-Name: Scottish Crop Research Institute	Swiss Government funded GMO risk assessment project (2005-2008) 'GMO ERA' (Environmental Risk Assessment) I co-led non-target risk assessment research and workshops in Brazil and Vietnam on GM crops (Bt maize and Bt cotton). My role was as an independent consultant. I co-authored several book chapters from this project, published by CABI.
VII. Intellectual property rights			NO INTEREST
VIII. Other membership or affiliation	02/1998 - now	-Name: Royal Entomological Society	Entomology (Fellow)
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: 01/10/2012 Signature: **SIGNED**