

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-PLH Panel 2012-2015 (PLH), Member-WG Nepoviruses Pest Risk Assessment (PLH), Member-WG on pine wood nematode host plants (PLH)

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	01/1998 - now	-Name: Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Food, Commission of Plant Protection	Member. Provision of scientific advice on issues related to plant protection in Slovenia. Scientific Advisory Body is a national consultative body of the Ministry of Agriculture, which deals with the issue of plant health. The members are appointed by the Minister of agriculture. The expert opinions/advice relating to all areas of plant health are delivered to the Ministry of agriculture/Phytosanitary Administration of RS as an opinion or suggestion (the members of this body have no right to vote/veto the outputs).
	06/2011 - 07/2012	-Name: EFSA, European Food Safety Authority, Italy, Parma	Chair - WG Potato Cyst Nematode (PLH)

	01/2011 - 07/2012	-Name: EFSA, European Food Safety Authority, Italy, Parma	Member - Guidance on evaluation of risk reduction options (PLH)
	01/2010 - 07/2012	-Name: EFSA, European Food Safety Authority, Italy, Parma	Member - PLH Panel 2009-2012 (PLH)
	06/2009 - 05/2012	-Name: European Food safety Authority	Member of the Scientific panel on Plant Health. Provision of scientific advice (opinions, statements) on matters related to plant health risk assessment in the EU. Member - WG on Guidance on evaluation of risk reduction options (PLH), Chair - WG Potato Cyst Nematode (PLH), Member - WG on pine wood nematode host plants (PLH).
	07/2010 - 07/2011	-Name: EFSA, European Food Safety Authority, Italy, Parma	Rapporteur (member) - WG on evaluation of pinewood nematode and Anoplophora chinensis dossiers (PLH)
	01/2010 - 09/2010	-Name: EFSA, European Food Safety Authority, Italy, Parma	Member - WG Wood Packaging Material (PLH)
IV. Employment	07/1989 - now	-Name: Agricultural Institute of Slovenia, Plant Protection Department (AIS PPD)	Head of Plant Protection Department (AIS PPD). Management of AIS PPD. Nematologist, researcher with expertise in plant parasitic nematodes with particular regard to plant-nematode interactions. As a Head I coordinate the expert team of PPD that is involved in the expert work in the field of plant health. The expert work is based on examinations, monitoring and systematic research and is related to three main segments: diagnosis, support to Phytosanitary Administration of RS delivered as an opinion or expert advice in the field of pest risk (I have no right to vote/veto the outputs) and forecasting and warning service for pests and diseases. The task of this group is to provide scientific advice to the Slovenian risk managers on phytosanitary issues. Provision of national risk analyses on <i>Bursaphelenchus xylophilus</i> , <i>Globodera rostochiensis</i> , <i>G. pallida</i> and <i>Diabrotica virgifera virgifera</i> . The pest risk assessments for <i>G. rostochiensis</i> and <i>G. pallida</i> were produced in 2000 following a national short scheme and including a list of possible management options. I also provided an expert opinion in 2000 to the Slovenian phytosanitary administration on the measures to eradicate <i>G. rostochiensis</i> from the outbreak area. I was not remunerated for this activity. I am not involved in pest risk management decision-making.
V. Ad hoc or occasional consultancy			NO INTEREST
VI. Research funding	03/2011 - now	-Name: EU Commission	FP7-KBBE-2010-4 project: PURE - Pesticide Use and risk Reduction in European farming systems with Integrated Pest Management (Coordinator: INRA). I am national (Slovenia - Agricultural Institute of Slovenia) coordinator for this project I am not remunerated for this activity. There is no financial contribution from private sector. I do not benefit from this project in my personal capacity.
	10/2010 - 03/2012	-Name: Slovenian Research Agency and Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Food	Project leader: The use of pesticides and identification of options to their rational use in Slovenia. I was not remunerated for this activity. There was no financial contribution from private sector. I do not benefit from this project in my personal capacity.

	01/2008 - 01/2011	-Name: Slovenian Research Agency and Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Food	Principal investigator. Can global changes influence the settlement of tropic plant parasitic nematode species new to Slovenia, for example of <i>Meloidogyne ethiopica</i> . I was not remunerated for this activity. There was no financial contribution from private sector. I do not benefit from this project in my personal capacity.
	01/2009 - 12/2010	-Name: Slovenian Research Agency	Principal investigator. Bilateral Slovenian-Bulgarian project on Development of sustainable agriculture in South-Eastern Europe, risk assessment of virus vector nematodes (family Longidoridae) in agricultural and horticultural crops in Slovenia and Bulgaria. I was not remunerated for this activity. There was no financial contribution from private sector. I do not benefit from this project in my personal capacity.
	01/2008 - 12/2009	-Name: Slovenian Research Agency	Principal investigator. Bilateral Slovenian-Portuguese project on Biogeography and diversity of <i>Bursaphelenchus</i> species associated with pine forests. I was not remunerated for this activity. There was no financial contribution from private sector. I do not benefit from this project in my personal capacity.
	01/2008 - 12/2009	-Name: European Commission, Research Directorate General	Representation of my employer (AIS PPD) involved as participant in the project. As such, I participated in ring test on Potato cyst nematodes for identification and resistance testing. This test is important for the identification of the nematodes but is not a good tool for the identification of different populations within the species. I was not remunerated for this activity. There was no financial contribution from private sector. I do not benefit from this project in my personal capacity.
	01/2006 - 01/2008	-Name: Slovenian Research Agency and Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Food	Project leader. Study of plant pests and diseases resistance to some pesticides. I was not remunerated for this activity. There was no financial contribution from private sector. I do not benefit from this project in my personal capacity.
	01/2006 - 12/2007	-Name: Slovenian Research Agency	Principal investigator. Bilateral Slovenian-Hungarian project on the life cycle of the Western Corn Rootworm <i>Diabrotica virgifera virgifera</i> in different growing conditions of maize. I was not remunerated for this activity. There was no financial contribution from private sector. I do not benefit from this project in my personal capacity.
	12/2004 - 12/2007	-Name: Slovenian Research Agency	Project leader. The role of nematode <i>Xiphinema rivesi</i> Dalmasso, 1969 for transmission of nepoviruses. I was not remunerated for this activity. There was no financial contribution from private sector. I do not benefit from this project in my personal capacity.
VII. Intellectual property rights			NO INTEREST
VIII. Other membership or affiliation	01/2007 - now	-Name: Plant Protection Society of Slovenia	Member.
	01/1991 - now	-Name: European Society of Nematologists	Member.

IX. Other relevant interest	01/2003 - now	-Name: University of Ljubljana, Biotechnical Faculty	Assistant Professor. Teaching of plant protections matters. Ad hoc lectures on Nematology. Periodically invited lecturer (not employed at University).
	01/1998 - 09/2010	-Name: European and Mediterranean Plant Protection Organisation (EPPO)	National representative of the Panel on Diagnostics. The main task of this Panel is to develop and support implementation of diagnostic protocols for regulated pests. Basic requirements for quality management in plant pest diagnosis laboratories are also discussed. I had no risk managerial responsibilities within this EPPO panel.
	01/2001 - 03/2009	-Name: European and Mediterranean Plant Protection Organisation (EPPO)	National representative of the Panel on Quarantine Nematodes. The main task of this Panel is the preparation of protocols for diagnosing quarantine nematodes, including <i>G. rostochiensis</i> and <i>G. pallida</i> . I participated in the revision of the protocol (prepared by experts from the EPPO member states) for the identification of the above species. I had no risk managerial responsibilities within this EPPO panel.
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: 30/11/2012 Signature: **SIGNED**