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(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-PPR Panel 2012-2015 (PPR), Member-Cumulative Assessment Groups of Pesticides (PPR), Chair-PPR WG Relevance of Dissimilar Mode of Action for Cumulative Risk Assessment (PPR), Member-WG on the developmental neurotoxicity of acetamiprid and imidacloprid (PPR)

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	11/2011 - now	-Name: DG Environment/European Commission	Representative of BfR in the endocrine disruptor ad-hoc group and in the endocrine disruptor expert advisory group. These groups are to provide advice to the Commission in relation to the policy and scientific/technical issues asscciated with identification of endocrine disruptors.
	05/2010 - now	-Name: OECD	Member (BfR representative for human health) in the Endocrine Disrupter Testing and Assessment Advisory Group (EDTA-AG). The task of this group is to address general technical and regulatory issues relating to testing for endocrine disrupting properties of chemicals.

PPR = Plant Protection Products and their Residues

	02/2010 - 07/2012	-Name: EFSA, European Food Safety Authority, Italy, Parma	Member - Toxicological relevance of pesticide metabolites (PPR)
	09/2009 - 07/2012	-Name: EFSA, European Food Safety Authority, Italy, Parma	Member - PPR Panel 2009-2012 (PPR)
	09/2009 - 04/2012	-Name: EFSA, European Food Safety Authority, Italy, Parma	Member - Toxicology of Pesticides (PPR)
	01/2011 - 11/2011	-Name: EFSA, European Food Safety Authority, Italy, Parma	Member - Steering group of project on dissimilar modes of action (PPR)
	11/2009 - 12/2010	-Name: DG Sanco/European Commission	Governmental expert at meetings on revision of toxicology data requirements for approval of pesticidal active substances or authorisation of plant protection products

IV. Employment	03/2007 - now	-Name: Federal Institute for Risk Assessment (BfR), Germany	The main task of BfR is to voice an opinion on the potential risks from food, consumer articles and chemicals, and to offer scientific advice to the Federal ministries for their policy decisions. BfR cooperates with a number of national and international, governmental and non-governmental agencies (FAO, WHO, OECD, etc.) and is the national Focal Point of EFSA. BfR participates in the regulatory risk assessment of pesticides, not in development of pesticides in view of their authorisation. It does not have an official capacity of Risk Management of pesticides. Among others, the BfR has been involved in the toxicological assessment of imidacloprid within the context of Germany serving as rapporteur in the EU. Some members of BfR have developed (dietary or resident/bystander) exposure models for risk assessment, which have been used in the national plant protection product authorisation procedure and have been published in: -Bundesgesundheitsblatt, Gesundheitsforschung, Gesundheitsschutz 48 (2005): 84 ff; -J. Verbr. Lebensm. 2 (2007): 54 ff; -J. Verbr. Lebensm. 3 (2008): 272 ff. The expert has not been involved in development of the models. BfR does not have/own rights on guidance document, risk assessment methodologies, commercial software or computational models of potential use in regulatory assessment of pesticides. The expert is a senior scientific officer in the Unit Toxicology of Pesticides and Biocides and is involved in: -Toxicological assessment of pesticides both on the EU level (implementation of Regulation (EC) 1107/2009 and Directive 98/8/EC) and within the framework of national authorisation procedures; -Preparation of proposals for classification and labelling of active substances based on toxicological properties; -Participation in drawing up of guidance documents of the EU or OECD concerning toxicological hazard identification or risk assessment; -Participation in providing scientific advice on toxicological assessment of pesticides; -Presentation of the BfR position at scientific meetings. The expert has participated in development of concept proposals by the BfR concerning the assessment of substances with endocrine disrupting properties in a regulatory context. The expert is involved in experimental research activities, which have been/are subject to internal (governmental) funding. All fundings are paid to the employer: -Characterisation of in vitro models for prediction of transplacental transport of xenobiotics (deliverable: Scientific publication); -Array-based analysis of endocrine-disrupting properties of selected pesticides in the low dose range in vitro (deliverables: Scientific publication, project report to Federal Ministry of Food, Agriculture and Consumer Protection (BMELV)) -Hepatotoxic combination effects of multiple pesticide residues in food (starting 2011; deliverables: Scientific publication, project report to BMELV).
V. Ad hoc or occasional consultancy			NO INTEREST
VI. Research funding			NO INTEREST
VII. Intellectual property rights			NO INTEREST

VIII. Other membership or affiliation	03/1995 - now	-Name: Membership within the DGPT (“Deutsche Gesellschaft für Experimentelle und Klinische Pharmakologie und Toxikologie” = German Society of Experimental and Clinical Pharmacology and Toxicology)	The expert is a member of the DGPT. This society is a scientific non-profit registered association. Its aim is to bring forward and support the scientific and practical interests concerning the disciplines of pharmacology and toxicology. Within the DGPT, the expert is a member of the GT (“Deutsche Gesellschaft für Toxikologie” = German Society of Toxicology), which is a sub-society within the DGPT. The expert is a member of the scientific committee that is involved in the preparation of the scientific programme for the annual national meetings of the GT.
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: 16/01/2013 Signature: SIGNED