

## 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:** toxicologist

**Current EFSA involvements:** Member-PPR Panel 2012-2015 (PPR), Member-Review of Guidance documents (standing WG) (SC), Member-WG on Allura Red (ANS)

| Nature of Activities   | Period        | Organisation                                      | Subject matter   |
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| <b>I. Economic interest</b>                                    |               |   | NO INTEREST  |
| <b>II. Member of a management body or equivalent structure</b> |               |   | NO INTEREST  |
| <b>III. Member of a scientific advisory body</b>               | 01/2011 - now | -Name: Ministry of Environment and Space Planning | Member of the scientific board for deliberate release of GMO to environment and placing GMO containing products on the market. The board consists of the experts and is established by the government to assist the ministries responsible for regulating deliberate release of GMO in the environment and placing products on the market. Main tasks of the expert board are: providing expert opinions on GMO management; providing suggestions in the preparation of regulations related to the GMO management; giving opinions on proposals for approval of deliberate release of GMO and placing products on the market Slovenia; cooperation with similar institutions abroad. I did not participate in any preparation of outputs concerning the issues that are or will be in my mandate as the member of PPR panel and the WG Brominated Retardants and WG on Allura Red. |

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|  | 06/2009 - now     | -Name: European Commission DG Research - I Environment    | National representative in the FP7 Programme Committee for Environment (including climate change) appointed by Ministry of Science and Higher Education of the Republic of Slovenia. Slovenia has in the Committee two representatives, one from the Ministry and the other from one of the research organisations active in the environmental research. As the national representative I have the status of the member of the Committee and in the remit of member is participation in the formation research programmes in the field of Environment within FP7 as well as discussion and confirmation of the research projects proposed for funding upon the calls. In the remit of the national representatives is also transfer national research interest to the Committee for the discussion. The suggestions or advises by members are brought to the Committee for the general discussion. As a member I have the right to vote for the decisions brought by the Committee as well as for the selected projects proposed for funding; however as the member I do not have the right for veto. I did not participate in any advisory board or preparation of outputs concerning the issues that are or will be in my mandate as the member of PPR panel and the WG Brominated Retardants and WG on Allura Red. |
|  | 10/2009 - 10/2012 | -Name: EFSA, European Food Safety Authority, Italy, Parma | Member - Brominated Flame Retardants (CONTAM) Upon the request of EC to deliver scientific opinion on Brominated Flame Retardants in food a WG Brominated Flame Retardants has been established. I participated in preparation of the six opinions, that were published between 2011 and 2012. In particular I was requested to review toxicological data regarding genotoxicity, reproductive toxicity and endocrine effects of Brominated Flame Retardants.   |
|  | 09/2009 - 07/2012 | -Name: EFSA, European Food Safety Authority, Italy, Parma | Member - CONTAM Panel 2009-2012 (CONTAM)  |
|  | 01/2010 - 06/2011 | -Name: EFSA, Scientific Panel                             | Member of the Working Group on Genotoxicity testing<br>Strategies that prepared: Scientific opinion on genotoxicity testing strategies applicable to food and feed safety assessment.   |
|  | 12/2002 - 12/2010 | -Name: Ministry of Environment and Space Planning         | The member of scientific board for contained use of GMO. The board consists of the experts and is established by the government to assist the ministries responsible for regulating contained use of GMO. Main tasks of the expert board are: providing expert opinions on GMO management; providing suggestions in the preparation of regulations related to the GMO management; giving opinions on proposals for approval of contained use of GMO; cooperation with similar institutions abroad. I did not participate in any preparation of outputs concerning the issues that are or will be in my mandate as the member of PPR panel and the WG Brominated Retardants and WG on Allura Red.  |

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| <b>IV. Employment</b>                        | 10/1996 - now     | -Name: National Institute of Biology    | <p>The National Institute of Biology (NIB) is a public research institute established by the Government of RSlovenia. The Institute main mission is creation of new fundamental knowledge in the field of biology and related natural and environmental sciences and transfer of this knowledge to use with the intention of improving the quality of life, supporting the environmental policy, and development in biotechnology. The Institute comprises five departments: Biotechnology and Systems Biology, Freshwater and Terrestrial Ecosystems, Entomology, Genetic Toxicology and Cancer Biology and Marine Biology Station. The main activities are fundamental and applied research that is funded predominantly by national and international research projects. Currently the Department of Biotechnology and Systems Biology is authorized by the Ministry of Agriculture and Food for the diagnostics of certain plant diseases and for the detection of GMOs in foodstuffs and agricultural products of plant origin, and the Departments of Freshwater and Terrestrial Ecosystems and Marine Biology Station are involved in national monitoring programme (in the frame of EU Water directive) for the assessment of water quality and pollution sources.</p> <p>I am the head of the Department of Genetic Toxicology and Cancer Biology that within the basic research investigate the water ecosystems and the pollution effects, the damage of genetic material and the origin and development of cancer diseases. My main expertise is in the field of toxicology and genetic toxicology focused on studying the mechanisms of toxicity, genotoxicity and potential carcinogenicity of different contaminants such as heavy metals, natural toxins, pesticides, food borne carcinogens (heterocyclic amines, nitrosamines, acrylamide, furan), residues of pharmaceuticals in the environment, and the mechanisms of action of natural antimutagens. To the customers we offer in vitro genotoxicity and ecotoxicity testing, however only for research purposes as currently we do not conduct the tests under GLP conditions. The Institute is not authorized for regulatory risk assessment or management of pesticides or other chemicals and products and has no rights or ownership on RA guidance, methodology or software. The Institute also does conduct any studies of pesticides or other chemicals and products related to their registration. Also personally I am not involved in any risk management of pesticides or other chemicals or products.</p> |
| <b>V. Ad hoc or occasional consultancy</b>   | 01/1994 - 06/2005 | -Name: Ministry of Health RSlovenia     | I have been the member of the board for Registration, classification and labeling of pesticide compounds and products in Slovenia.   |
| <b>VI. Research funding</b>                  | 01/2011 - now     | -Name: European Commission              | Coordinator of FP7 project Cytothreat focusing on exploration the fate and potential adverse effects of residues of cytostatic drugs in the environment to human and environmental health.   |
|  | 06/2009 - now     | -Name: Research Agency of the RSlovenia | Coordinator of national project Molecular mechanisms of synergistic and antagonistic toxic effects of heterocyclic amines in combination with a bioactive nutrient pollutants and natural sestavini.   |
| <b>VII. Intellectual property rights</b>     |                   |   | NO INTEREST  |
| <b>VIII. Other membership or affiliation</b> |                   |   | NO INTEREST  |
| <b>IX. Other relevant interest</b>           |                   |   | NO INTEREST  |
| <b>X. Interests of close family members</b>  |                   |   | 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:** 15/11/2012      **Signature:**      **SIGNED**