

## 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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**Profession:** Biologist

**Current EFSA involvements:** Member-PPR Panel 2012-2015 (PPR)

Nature of Activities	Period	Organisation	Subject matter
<b>I. Ownership or other investments, including shares</b>			NO INTEREST
<b>II. Member of a Managing Body or equivalent structure</b>	10/2005 - 09/2009	-Name: University of Huddersfield -Location: Huddersfield, UK -Type: public	The subject matter of the University is Higher Education and Research. As Dean of Applied Sciences, I was a member of the Senior Management Committee of the University. The Senior Management Committee met weekly with the Chief Executive (the Vice-Chancellor) to discuss and to provide advice to the Chief Executive on financial and policy matters within the University. The role of the Senior Management Committee was advisory and it was not a voting committee. As far as I am aware, the University of Huddersfield has no contracts concerning plant protection products. There is some research done by students on the distribution of rodenticide-resistance mutations in the UK.

<b>III. Member of a Scientific Advisory Body</b>	06/2011 - now	-Name: Defra Panel on Bee Health policy in the UK -Location: Fera, York, UK -Type: public	Government (Defra) policy on bee health in the UK. My role as a member is that of an independent scientist reviewing policy. The role of the panel is to provide advice to Defra on matters concerning bee health. The business of the panel is primarily about diseases but there may be reference to effects of pesticides on bees from time to time. The panel is not created under a national or international regulation and there are no voting rights on the panel.
	01/2010 - now	-Name: Committee on Toxicity -Location: Food Standards Agency, London, UK -Type: public	The role of the Committee on Toxicity is to assess and to advise UK government agencies and departments on the toxic risks to man of substances that might contaminate food, agricultural and other products. Such substances include plant protection products. The Committee is established under the remit of the Food Standards Agency and was not created under a national or international regulation. Members of the Committee contribute to discussions but we do not vote.
	01/2006 - now	-Name: Centre for Ecology & Hydrology -Location: Lancaster, UK -Type: public	I am a Member of the Research Programme Advisory Board, which advises the Director of the UK Centre for Ecology & Hydrology on environmental research in terrestrial and aquatic ecology. Some of the research involves monitoring levels of plant protection products and measuring their effects. The Board was not created under a national or international regulation. It was established by the Director to provide advice on the general direction of research in the Centre for Ecology and Hydrology. Members of the Board do not vote.
	01/2000 - now	-Name: Rodenticide Resistance Action Group (RRAG) -Location: UK -Type: public	The role of RRAG is to provide information on rodenticide-resistance avoidance and management strategies. The deliberations of RRAG are published on the web site of the UK Chemical Regulations Directorate. I was Chairman of RRAG during the eight years from 2000 to 2007, and continue to be a member having relinquished the chair. RRAG was not created under a national or international statute. It was established in order to provide advice on management of rodenticide resistance to any interested party who might access the RRAG web site. Material published on the web is agreed by discussion. There is no voting.
	01/2004 - 04/2012	-Name: Campaign for Responsible Rodenticide Use (CRRU) -Location: UK -Type: private	CRRU is an industry-led organisation that addresses concerns about adverse effects of rodenticides by promoting responsible rodenticide use. My role is that of a technical adviser (honorary). I do not have the right to vote.
	01/2001 - 07/2011	-Name: Environmental Panel of the Advisory Committee on Pesticides -Location: UK -Type: public	The role of the Panel is to assess and to provide advice on environmental impacts and risk assessments of pesticides and certain biocides to the Advisory Committee on Pesticides. I was a member of the Environmental Panel from 2001 to 2006, and again from March 2010 to July 2011. I was Chairman of the Environmental Panel from 2003 to 2006. The Panel was not created under a national or international regulation. It is a panel set up by the UK Advisory Committee on Pesticides to provide specialist advice on environmental matters related to pesticide use. There is no voting.

	01/2000 - 07/2011	-Name: Advisory Committee on Pesticides (ACP) -Location: UK -Type: public	The Advisory Committee on Pesticides (ACP) is mainly concerned with risk assessment of plant protection products. The ACP provides opinions, advice and statements for UK government ministers. I was a member of the ACP in the seven years from January 2000 to December 2006, and again from March 2010 to July 2011. I was Deputy Chair of the ACP in the four years 2003 to 2006. The ACP is a statutory body within the UK established originally under the Control of Pesticides Regulations (1985). I had the right to vote as a member.
<b>IV. Employment</b>	10/2005 - 09/2009	-Name: University of Huddersfield -Location: Huddersfield, UK -Type: public	The legal remit of the University is Higher Education and Research. I was Dean of Applied Sciences at the University of Huddersfield. My role was to make decisions on financial and planning matters and to provide leadership in research and teaching. As far as I am aware, the University of Huddersfield has no contracts concerning plant protection products. There is some research done by students on the distribution of rodenticide-resistance mutations in the UK but this is not related to their authorisation. As far as I am aware: the University does not participate in any way to the development of pesticides; it is not involved in the regulatory assessment of pesticides; it has not developed or published RA guidance or methodologies used in a regulatory process; it does not own software or computational models used in regulatory processes; it has no official capacity of Risk Management in relation to pesticides or biocides.
<b>V. Consultancy/Advisory</b>	01/2004 - 12/2010	-Name: Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (Defra) -Location: London, UK -Type: public	Environmental Effects of Pesticides. I was a Research Programme Advisor to the UK Chemicals Regulation Directorate (formerly Pesticides Safety Directorate). This activity was done in a private capacity. Deliverables included written assessments of research proposals, written assessments of research reports, and participation in meetings, including planning overall priorities within the pesticides research programme of Defra. The research projects with which I was involved were designed to support the regulatory role of the Chemicals Regulations Directorate, i.e. they dealt with generic issues and not the development of specific plant protection products.
<b>VI. Research funding</b>	10/2003 - 09/2006	-Name: Central Science Laboratory (CSL) -Location: York, UK -Type: public	Integrated pest management of rats on UK farms. CSL provided funding from a Defra contract to support a PhD student that I supervised at Leicester University. Funding was paid to my employer to support the PhD student. The project was concerned with using available anticoagulant rodenticides more effectively. It was not concerned with the development or authorisation of any rodenticide. The deliverable was the PhD thesis of the student.
<b>VII. Intellectual property</b>			NO INTEREST
<b>VIII. Other membership or affiliation</b>	03/2006 - now	-Name: University of Leeds -Location: Leeds, UK -Type: public	The University of Leeds is concerned with Higher Education and Research. I have the title of Visiting Professor (honorary) at the University of Leeds during the period 2006-2012. I receive no remuneration for this and have no involvement at all with the management of the University.

	01/1970 - now	-Name: British Ecological Society -Location: London, UK -Type: public	The British Ecological Society is a scientific society that was founded in 1913. It is a charity under UK law. The objective of the British Ecological Society is to advance ecology and to make it count. It does this by organising meetings and supporting publications, including several scientific journals. My participation as a member is through reading the publications of the Society and attending its scientific meetings.
<b>IX. Other</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:** 11/04/2012      **Signature:**      **SIGNED**