

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: Chair-CONTAM Panel 2012-2015 (CONTAM), Member-Scientific Committee 2012-2015 (SC), Vice-Chair-Alkaloids (CONTAM), Hearing Expert-Cumulative Assessment Groups of Pesticides (PPR), Hearing Expert-Reference Points for Action (CONTAM), Member-Review of Guidance documents (standing WG) (SC)

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	10/2012 - now	-Name: World Health Organization	Food Safety Panel. Contaminants in food, food additives, flavouring agents, general principles in food toxicology

	01/2001 - now	-Name: Joint FAO/WHO Expert Committee on Food Additives	JECFA provides advice to Codex in developing international standards for food safety. The advice is also used by FSOs in risk assessments. Participation in the work of JECFA in the role of WHO temporary adviser Preparing toxicological working papers on food additives and contaminants. Participated in following discussions of relevance to CONTAM since 2007 - aflatoxins, ochratoxin A (68th meeting, June 2007), - arsenic (as lead monographer), acrylamide, deoxynivalenol, furan, inorganic mercury and perchlorate (72nd meeting, Feb 2010) - class II and III mineral oils (76th meeting, June 2012) - lead (as lead monographer) and cadmium (73rd, meeting June 2010) - aluminium (as lead monographer) (74th meeting, June 2011)
	10/2012 - 03/2013	-Name: EFSA, European Food Safety Authority, Italy, Parma	Member - Endocrine Active Substances (SC)
	03/2012 - 01/2013	-Name: EFSA, European Food Safety Authority, Italy, Parma	Member - Dioxins in food for children (CONTAM)
	12/2011 - 01/2013	-Name: EFSA, European Food Safety Authority, Italy, Parma	Member - Mercury in food (CONTAM)
	05/2012 - 07/2012	-Name: EFSA, European Food Safety Authority, Italy, Parma	Alternate member - Scientific Committee 2009-2012 (SC)
	02/2009 - 07/2012	-Name: EFSA, European Food Safety Authority, Italy, Parma	Vice-Chair - CONTAM Panel 2009-2012 (CONTAM)
	07/2010 - 03/2012	-Name: EFSA, European Food Safety Authority, Italy, Parma	Member - Default Assumptions (SC)
	08/2010 - 12/2011	-Name: EFSA, European Food Safety Authority, Italy, Parma	Chair - Poppy seeds (CONTAM)
	09/2010 - 08/2011	-Name: EFSA, European Food Safety Authority, Italy, Parma	Chair - Zearalenone (CONTAM)
	08/2010 - 04/2011	-Name: EFSA, European Food Safety Authority, Italy, Parma	Member - Cadmium modelling (CONTAM)
	09/2010 - 03/2011	-Name: EFSA, European Food Safety Authority, Italy, Parma	Chair - Nitrate (CONTAM)
	08/2008 - 09/2010	-Name: EFSA, European Food Safety Authority, Italy, Parma	Member - Human Health Risk-Benefit Assessment of Foods (SC)
	08/2008 - 09/2010	-Name: EFSA, European Food Safety Authority, Italy, Parma	Member - Marine biotoxins (CONTAM)
	05/2009 - 06/2010	-Name: EFSA, European Food Safety Authority, Italy, Parma	Chair - Melamine (CONTAM)
	10/2008 - 01/2010	-Name: EFSA, European Food Safety Authority, Italy, Parma	Member - Arsenic in food (CONTAM)
	11/2007 - 12/2009	-Name: WHO	Project on chlorine-containing disinfectant used in food production and food processing
	08/2008 - 09/2009	-Name: EFSA, European Food Safety Authority, Italy, Parma	Member - Polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons in food (CONTAM)
	08/2008 - 09/2009	-Name: EFSA, European Food Safety Authority, Italy, Parma	Member - Welfare of Experimental Animals (SC)
	08/2008 - 09/2009	-Name: EFSA, European Food Safety Authority, Italy, Parma	Member - CONTAM Panel 2006-2009 (CONTAM)
	09/2006 - 05/2008	-Name: EFSA	WG on aluminium

	01/2006 - 02/2008	-Name: EFSA,	WG on PFOS
	10/2006 - 02/2007	-Name: EFSA	WG on aflatoxins (chair)
IV. Employment	10/2000 - now	-Name: Food Standards Agency	<p>National Food Authority, which provides risk assessment, communication and management Employed as Head of Chemical Risk Assessment Unit, not taking risk management decisions Involved in risk assessment of all types of chemicals in food, including natural toxicants (e.g. nitrate, mycotoxins such as zearalone and aflatoxins, marine biotoxins), environmental contaminants (e.g. PAHs, dioxins, PFOS, lead, arsenic, cadmium, mercury), process contaminants, residues of veterinary drugs and pesticides, food additives, food contact materials (e.g. melamine) and toxicological evaluation of novel foods.</p> <p>Scientific Secretary to the UK Committee on toxicity of Chemicals on Food, Consumer products and Environment (COT).</p> <p>The FSA funds research of relevance to risk assessment of food chemicals</p>
V. Ad hoc or occasional consultancy	09/2009 - 04/2012	-Name: ILSI Europe	<p>Member of Expert Group on Data Selection for BMD Modelling This activity was an expert group aiming to advance risk assessment methodology. My participation was on behalf of the Food Standards Agency in support of its aim to use best scientific evidence, and was 100% funded by the Food Standards Agency It did not involve advice, consultancy or services to ILSI Europe, and as far as is known has not been used by ILSI Europe The output is a peer-reviewed journal and will used by FSOs including EFSA</p>
	07/2006 - 01/2010	-Name: ILSI Europe	<p>Member of expert group on the Margin of Exposure approach to substances that are genotoxic and carcinogenic, in support of EFSA and WHO activities This activity was an expert group aiming to advance risk assessment methodology. My participation was on behalf of the Food Standards Agency in support of its aim to use best scientific evidence, and was 100% funded by the Food Standards Agency It did not involve advice, consultancy or services to ILSI Europe, and as far as is known has not been used by ILSI Europe The output was a peer-reviewed journal and is used by FSOs including EFSA</p>
VI. Research funding	09/2012 - now	-Name: EFSA, European Food Safety Authority, Italy, Parma	Provision of data from the National Diet and Nutrition Survey (NDNS) for inclusion in the European Food Comprehensive Database
VII. Intellectual property rights			NO INTEREST
VIII. Other membership or affiliation	07/1996 - now	-Name: European Society of Toxicology In Vitro (ESTIV)	Scientific society with objectives to strengthen the scientific network of in vitro toxicologists and promote in vitro toxicology, both scientifically and educationally in all countries of Europe I am an honorary member
	01/1990 - now	-Name: Eurotox	Association of European Toxicologists and European Societies of Toxicology Aims to foster toxicology, both scientifically and educationally, in all countries of Europe. I am a Eurotox Registered toxicologist.
	01/1984 - now	-Name: UK Environmental Mutagen Society (UKEMS)	Education and training in mutagenecity. Member

	01/1980 - now	-Name: British Toxicology Society (BTS)	Fellow of the Society. Education and training in Toxicology. Director of the Society April 2004-March 2008
IX. Other relevant interest	02/2013 - 02/2013	-Name: ECETOC-WHO	Workshop on Mode of Action, 21-22 February 2013, funded by Food Standards Agency
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: 12/04/2013 Signature: **SIGNED**