

## 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:** Professor

**Profession:** Veterinarian

**Current EFSA involvements:** Chair-Scientific Committee 2018-2021 (SC), Member-Panel SWG African swine fever (AHAW), Chair-WG MUST-B (SC)

Nature of Activities	Period	Organisation	Subject matter
<b>I. Financial investments</b>			NO INTEREST
<b>II. Managerial role</b>	12/2003 - now	-Name: UCD, University College of Dublin, University College of Dublin, IRELAND, Dublin	Director of the UCD Centre for Veterinary Epidemiology and Risk Analysis (CVERA). CVERA is an independent university-based research centre within UCD Veterinary Medicine, funded by the national Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine (DAFM). The primary role of CVERA is to provide scientific research, applied epidemiology, scientific leadership and scientific support services across a broad canvas of issues relating to animal health & welfare and public health. In my role as CVERA Director (a scientific leadership role), I lead and conduct a broad portfolio of scientific research on animal health & welfare and public health. In early 2018, an independent management board will be established to provide independent oversight of the strategic direction of the Centre. I invest approximately 3 days each week in this role and receive no remuneration from this role, in addition to my UCD professorial salary. Impact on annual earnings: 0%

<b>III. Member of a scientific advisory entity</b>	11/2011 - 12/2014	-Name: Food Safety Authority of Ireland	<p>Member of the Scientific Committee and the Biological Safety Sub-Committee of the Food Safety Authority of Ireland, covering a broad range of areas in support of the FSAI including:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. To provide advice on possible risks to the public health arising from exposure to micro-organisms (parasites, bacteria, viruses), microbial toxins and other biological agents (including TSE-related agents) in food</li> <li>2. To carry out risk assessments on specific biological hazards in food and evaluate risk management options</li> <li>3. To advise on the content and effectiveness of national surveillance and official monitoring of foodstuffs for micro-organisms</li> <li>4. To advise on emerging and newly emerged and re-emerging biological hazards in foods;</li> <li>5. To advise on relevant aspects of new EC and national legislative proposals related to the control of biological agents in foods</li> <li>6. To advise on the scientific content, impact on food safety in Ireland and relevance to food safety in Ireland of biological risk assessment work carried out in other international and national organisations including the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- European Food Safety Authority (EFSA)</li> <li>- World Health Organisation / Food and Agricultural Organisation committees</li> <li>- Other food agencies</li> <li>- Academic institutions</li> </ul> </li> <li>7. To advise the Scientific Committee on research gaps and needs in the area of biological hazards in food</li> <li>8. To undertake any other such work or assessments in the area of biological hazards in food as proposed by the Sub-committee subject to approval from the Scientific Committee.</li> </ol> <p>Performed in private capacity.</p> <p>The sub-committee meets approximately every 2 months. I would spend about 1 day on the Sub-Committee work during each 2 month cycle.</p> <p>Impact on annual earnings: 0%</p>
	01/2010 - 12/2014	-Name: Animal Health Ireland	<p>Chair, AHI's technical working group on Johne's disease.</p> <p>In this role, I chair a technical group of experts focused on issues relating to Johne's disease. The group provides scientific advice to Animal Health Ireland, including AHI's Johne's Disease Implementation Group.</p> <p>The group meets approximately every month. I would spend approximately 2 days on TWG issues every 2 month cycle.</p> <p>Impact on annual earnings: 0%</p>
	01/2010 - 12/2014	-Name: Animal Health Ireland	<p>Chair, AHI's technical working group on mastitis.</p> <p>In this role, I chair a technical group of experts focused on issues relating to mastitis and milk quality. The group provides scientific advice to Animal Health Ireland, including AHI's CellCheck Consultative Group.</p> <p>The group meets approximately every 2 months. I would spend approximately 1 day on TWG issues every 2 month cycle.</p> <p>Impact on annual earnings: 0%</p>

	01/2008 - 12/2014	-Name: Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine	<p>Member, Scientific Advisory Committee on Animal Health and Welfare.</p> <p>This Committee was established by Ireland's Chief Veterinary Office, to provide independent scientific guidance on a range of issues relevant to animal health and welfare in Ireland, including non-stunning slaughter, exotic disease preparedness and response, tail docking of dogs etc.</p> <p>The committee meets approximately every 2 months, taking about 0.5 days of my time during every 2 month cycle.</p> <p>Impact on annual earnings: 0%</p>
	01/2014 - 01/2014	-Name: Food Standards Agency (FSA), UK, London, UK	<p>Member of a committee to review scientific projects relating to data collection around slaughter of livestock (Food Chain Information to abattoir, feedback to primary producers). The committee met on a single occasion earlier this year, to consider 5 'bids' for this project.</p> <p>This work took approximately 2 days of my time. This is a possibility that I may assist FSA in the future.</p> <p>I performed this work in a private capacity.</p> <p>Impact on annual earnings: &gt;0% and &lt;5%</p>
	01/2008 - 06/2013	-Name: Defra	<p>Member of the Epidemiology &amp; wildlife risks programme advisory sub-group (EWRPAG). The role of this group is to advise Defra (the government department with responsibility in the UK for TB control and eradication) on TB science relating to epidemiology and wildlife risks. As part of a small (3 person: including Profs Dirk Pfeiffer and Tim Roper), I provide advice on prospective and ongoing research projects supported by Defra, and more-general advice on current scientific advances in this area, based on research conducted in the UK, in Ireland and elsewhere.</p> <p>The sub-group met approximately 2 times annually. I spent about 2 days in preparing for, and attending, each of these meetings.</p> <p>Performed in personal capacity.</p> <p>Impact on annual earnings: &gt;0% and &lt;5%</p>

<b>IV. Employment</b>	12/2003 - now	-Name: UCD, University College of Dublin, University College of Dublin, IRELAND, Dublin	<p>I am employed as Professor in Veterinary Epidemiology and Risk Analysis in the UCD School of Veterinary Medicine and Director of the UCD Centre for Veterinary Epidemiology and Risk Analysis. In my work, I lead and undertake a broad range of scientific research in support of national policy decision-making in animal health &amp; welfare and public health.</p> <p>This work is conducted within the following three broad themes:</p> <p>a. Scientific research, including contributions on risk assessment as a member of committees established by the national Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine (DAFM), to support the control and eradication of regulatory animal diseases, particularly bovine tuberculosis. These programmes are managed by DAFM.</p> <p>b. Scientific research, including contributions on risk assessment as either a chair or member of committees established by Animal Health Ireland, to support the control and/or eradication of a range of non-regulatory animal health concerns of cattle in Ireland, including mastitis, Johne's disease, bovine viral diarrhoea and antimicrobial usage. In Ireland, these issues are primarily managed by AHI, which was established in 2009 as the national organisation to coordinate collective action on these issues for the common good.</p> <p>c. Scientific research, including contribution on risk assessment as a member of committees of DAFM, on a broad range of other animal health &amp; welfare and public health issues relating to emergency animal disease preparedness and response, the welfare of farmed livestock and horses, and the health of companion animals and farmed fish.</p> <p>Since May 2018, I have also been Associate Dean for Research, Innovation and Impact within the UCD School of Veterinary Medicine, assisting the School Dean in nurturing research, innovation and impact within the School. A key activity has been the development and implementation of a strategic plan seeking to strengthen research activity among early career academic staff and those with predominantly clinical roles.</p> <p>Impact on annual earnings: &gt;25%</p>
<b>V. Occasional consultancy</b>	01/2008 - now	-Name: Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs Northern Ireland	<p>I have occasionally provided scientific advice to DEARA (previously DARDNI) on a range of animal health and welfare issues.</p> <p>At times, this advice is very specific (providing input into specific potential research projects, including badger prevalence studies, or to the national TB eradication strategy), including an epidemiological critique of a recently completed strategy for bTB eradication in Northern Ireland.</p> <p>At other times, the discussions are more broad-ranging, focusing on strategies to tackle non-regulatory animal health issues on the island of Ireland and on issues relating to governance of the national TB programmes. In addition, I sit on an government-to-government (Ireland-Northern Ireland) TB/brucellosis committee, sharing scientific information relevant to these two disease eradication programmes.</p> <p>The TB/brucellosis committee meets approximately twice each year, taking a day of my time at each meeting.</p> <p>Performed in a personal capacity.</p> <p>Impact on annual earnings: &gt;0% and &lt;5%</p>

<b>VI. Research funding</b>	01/2017 - now	-Name: EFSA, European Food Safety Authority, Italy, Parma	This public funding supports the 'STOC free' project, through GP/EFSA/AFSCO/2016/01 LOT 3 Methodology development in risk assessment. This project will seek to develop and validate a new framework (STOC free) that enables a transparent and standardised comparison of the confidence of freedom of non-regulated disease control programmes (CPs) in the EU on animal, herd, sector, regional or national level. The project is lead by Dutch colleagues, and including input from colleagues in Sweden, Germany, Ireland, the Netherlands and Scotland.
	01/2007 - now	-Name: University College Dublin	<p>This public funding source supports research on areas of epidemiology that are not directly related to the interests of the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine. These including small animal epidemiology and equine welfare.</p> <p>This funding is received in my professional UCD capacity, and handled through the UCD financial system.</p> <p>This research (co-)funding is minimal, representing &lt;5% of the total annual research budget that I manage.</p>
	12/2003 - now	-Name: DAFM, Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine, IRELAND	<p>The UCD Centre of Veterinary Epidemiology and Risk Analysis (CVERA) is funded by the national Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine. CVERA is the national resource centre for veterinary epidemiology in Ireland, located within the UCD School of Veterinary Medicine at University College Dublin. The Centre was initially established as the Tuberculosis Investigation Unit, but in recent years has broadened its remit to cover a wide range of international, national and local issues relating to animal health &amp; welfare and public health, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Epidemiological support for the control and eradication of regulatory animal diseases, which includes national programmes for bovine tuberculosis, bovine brucellosis and bovine spongiform encephalopathy;</li> <li>• Work in support of Animal Health Ireland, which provides a proactive, coordinated and industry-led approach in Ireland to non-regulatory animal health concerns (such as mastitis, eradication of bovine viral diarrhoea and Johne's disease control); and</li> <li>• Epidemiological support for a broad range of other animal health and welfare issues relating to emergency animal disease preparedness and response (for example, avian influenza, bluetongue and equine infectious anaemia), on-farm investigations, welfare of farmed livestock and horses, health of companion animals and farmed fish, and international collaboration.</li> </ul> <p>UCD CVERA staff work closely with national policy-makers in animal health &amp; welfare and public health. Staff also contribute to training in veterinary medicine, both to undergraduates and postgraduate. A broad range of expertise is represented within the Centre, including agriculture and animal sciences, database development and management, geographic information systems, statistics, veterinary medicine and epidemiology. The Centre is staffed by employees of University College Dublin and of the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine (DAFM).</p> <p>CVERA is fully funded by the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine. All funds are managed through the UCD financial system.</p>

<b>VII. Intellectual property rights</b>			NO INTEREST
<b>VIII. Other memberships or affiliations</b>	01/2018 - now	-Name: M. bovis 2020 conference (deferred to 2022)	Member of the scientific committee supporting M. bovis 2020, an international conference Impact on annual earnings: 0%
	01/2018 - now	-Name: Journal of Science & Technology	Member of the editorial board of this journal, based at Naval State University in Biliran, the Philippines Impact on annual earnings: 0%
	01/2007 - now	-Name: European College of Bovine Health Management	Professional veterinary body, specialising in postgraduate education and specialisation Impact on annual earnings: 0%
	01/2004 - now	-Name: Veterinary Council of Ireland	National veterinary registration authority Impact on annual earnings: 0%
	01/2004 - now	-Name: European College of Veterinary Public Health	Professional veterinary body, specialising in postgraduate education and specialisation Impact on annual earnings: 0%
	01/1992 - now	-Name: Australian and New Zealand College of Veterinary Scientists	Professional veterinary body, specialising in postgraduate education and specialisation Impact on annual earnings: 0%
	03/2007 - 03/2014	-Name: Society for Veterinary Epidemiology and Preventive Medicine	A member of this professional society. Further, I was a committee member on two occasions, contributing to oversight of the activities of this scholarly society. Between 2007 and 2010, I was an ordinary committee member. Between 2012 and 2014, I was co-opted as a member in my role as local organiser of the 2014 annual conference in Dublin. Impact on annual earnings: 0%
	01/2004 - 01/2014	-Name: Veterinary Ireland	Professional veterinary body (membership throughout this period, except for a short period during 2012/13) Impact on annual earnings: 0%
<b>IX. Other relevant interest</b>	03/2020 - now	-Name: Irish Epidemiological Modelling Advisory Group (IEMAG)	The IEMAG is advising the National Public Health Emergency Team (NPHET) during the current COVID-19 emergency. NPHET is a government body supporting the Chief Medical Officer. As a IEMAG member, I have been working closely with several teams of epidemiological modellers, both to ensure the biological robustness of all COVID-19 models and also providing estimates for a range of relevant epidemiological parameters (for example, the latent period, the incubation period, the proportion of infected who are asymptomatic etc). During the first half of 2020, I led approx. 10 people conducting detailed, focused review of relevant literature. Impact on annual earnings: 0%
	06/2016 - now	-Name: Preventive Veterinary Medicine	Member of the Editorial Advisory Board, including provision of scientific advice to PVM editor and sub-editors (choice of reviewers, advice on suitable referees, additional specialist input, peer review). Impact on annual earnings: 0%
	03/2011 - now	-Name: Irish Veterinary Journal	Deputy Editor, providing scientific editorial assistance to the Editor-in-Chief Impact on annual earnings: 0%
	12/2008 - 12/2014	-Name: The Veterinary Journal	Provision of scientific advice to TVJ editor and sub-editors (choice of reviewers, advice on suitable referees, additional specialist input) Impact on annual earnings: 0%
<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: 25/02/2021      Signature:      SIGNED**