

## 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:** Dr

**Profession:** Analytical Chemist

**Current EFSA involvements:** Hearing Expert-CEP Panel 2018-2024 (CEP), Member-FAF Panel 2018-2024 (FAF), Vice-Chair-BIOHAZ WG on high pressure processing of food (EFSA-Q-2020-00380) (BIOHAZ), Hearing Expert-FAF WG on Titanium dioxide (E171) (FAF), Member-Protein hydrolysate-based formula (NDA), Chair-WG Food Additives Applications (FAF), Member-WG Food Contact Materials (CEP), Member-WG on Specifications of Food Additives (FAF), Member-WG on Sweeteners (FAF), Chair-WG on preparation for re-evaluation of phthalates, structurally similar substances and replacement substances (CEP), Member-WG on the re-evaluation of food additives permitted in foods for infants below 16 weeks of age (FAF)

Nature of Activities	Period	Organisation	Subject matter
I. Financial investments			NO INTEREST
II. Managerial role			NO INTEREST

<b>III. Member of a scientific advisory entity</b>	11/2017 - 11/2017	-Name: Swiss Federal Food Safety and Veterinary Office (FSVO), Bern, SWITZERLAND	I participated as an invited expert in a 1-day meeting (22-11-2017) held by the Swiss Federal Food Safety and Veterinary Office (FSVO) to evaluate the supporting documentation of the European polyolefin industries. My travel and accommodation was paid for by the FSVO. Impact on annual earnings: 0%
<b>IV. Employment</b>	01/1986 - 03/2015	-Name: FERA, Food & Environment Research Agency, UNITED KINGDOM, YORK	<p>I was employed full-time at Fera (the Food and Environment Research Agency, formerly the Central Science Laboratory, and before that the Food Science Laboratory) which was an Agency of the UK Department for Environment Food and Rural Affairs (Defra, formerly MAFF - The Ministry of Agriculture Fisheries and Food). Fera was a not-for-profit full-costs-recovery government Agency of Defra. Fera offered, in open competition, its R&amp;D and analytical services to bodies such as its parent department Defra and to other UK and non-UK Government departments, industry world-wide, the EU Research programmes, and consumer organisations. This included research projects and the analysis of samples for food and feed additives, residues, chemical migrants from packaging, markers of authenticity, and contaminants of all sorts. I was a civil servant. My salary was fixed and I had no other paid employment, contracted work, or fee income of any kind.</p> <p>I was most recently a member of the Food Quality &amp; Safety programme within Fera. This programme had approximately 120 staff members plus visiting workers and students. The programme ran more than 130 projects pa for its customers and provided analytical services too.</p> <p>I retired from Fera on 31 March 2015. My occupational pension comes from the UK Principal Civil Service Pension Scheme. Impact on annual earnings: &gt;25%</p>
<b>V. Occasional consultancy</b>			NO INTEREST
<b>VI. Research funding</b>			NO INTEREST
<b>VII. Intellectual property rights</b>			NO INTEREST
<b>VIII. Other memberships or affiliations</b>			NO INTEREST
<b>IX. Other relevant interest</b>	02/2017 - 02/2017	-Name: Euro Consultants	<p>On 7-8 Feb 2017 I acted as a trainer at a course in Treviso (IT) run by Euro Consultants under their contract to the European Commission for the BTSF (better training for safer foods) initiative. The course was entitled "Auditing Plastic Recycling Processes" and my part was to make 5 presentations and facilitate group exercises on Safety Assessment. Impact on annual earnings: &gt;0% and &lt;5%</p>
	11/2016 - 11/2016	-Name: ILSI (International Life Science Institut)	<p>I made a 25 min presentation on 'Recent Progress in the Risk Assessment of FCMs' at the 6th International Symposium on Food Packaging, entitled: 'Scientific developments supporting safety and innovation' organised by ILSI Europe and held on 16-18 November 2016 in Barcelona, Spain. I attended in my personal capacity as a scientific expert. No payment was involved. The conference fee was waived for invited speakers, I received no fee, and I paid my travel and subsistence expenses myself. Impact on annual earnings: 0%</p>
<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:** 26/02/2021      **Signature:**      **SIGNED**