

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: Member-FAF Panel 2018-2024 (FAF), Member-Cross-cutting WG Genotoxicity (SC), Member-WG on Flavourings (FAF), Member-WG on Guidance Update on Flavourings (FAF), Hearing Expert-WG on the Update of the Guidance on Food Enzymes (CEP), Member-WG on the re-evaluation of remaining food additives other than colours and sweeteners (FAF)

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

III. Member of a scientific advisory entity	10/2016 - now	-Name: Joint FAO/WHO Expert Committee on Food Additives (JECFA), Geneva / Rome, SWITZERLAND	<p>Appointment to the JECFA WHO Roster of Toxicological and Epidemiological Experts (2016 - 2020). At the request of the JECFA WHO Secretariat I agreed to serve as a WHO expert on the 84th JECFA meeting in June 2017. The list of substances evaluated with summaries and conclusions is available at https://www.who.int/foodsafety/publications/JECFA_84_Summary_Report.pdf?ua=1</p> <p>I prepared a draft toxicity monograph for the use of Brilliant Blue FCF as food additive. I was not actively involved in the discussion of the other agenda items of this meeting and I was not involved in the adoption of the JECFA report (that was adopted by JECFA members only).</p> <p>At the request of the JECFA WHO Secretariat (invitation from May 2018) I agreed to participate in the development and update of the guidance on evaluation of genotoxicity of chemical substances in food, undertaken within the context of a Joint FAO/WHO project to update the Principles and Methods for the Risk Assessment of Chemicals in Food (EHC 240).</p> <p>At the request of the JECFA WHO Secretariat I agreed to serve as a WHO expert on the 87th JECFA meeting in June 2019. The list of substances scheduled for evaluation is available at http://www.fao.org/3/CA0953EN/ca0953en.pdf.</p> <p>I prepared a draft toxicity monograph for the use of potassium polyaspartate as food additive in wine. I was not actively involved in the discussion of the other agenda items of this meeting and I was not involved in the adoption of the JECFA report (that was adopted by JECFA members only).</p> <p>The section on genotoxicity of EHC 240 to which I have contributed (see above) has been published in December 2020. (https://www.who.int/docs/default-source/food-safety/publications/section4-5-genotoxicity.pdf?sfvrsn=8ec3434_2)</p> <p>Impact on annual earnings: 0%</p>
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IV. Employment	11/2002 - now	-Name: Federal Institute for Risk Assessment (BfR)	<p>Deputy head of unit Food Toxicology. Risk assessment of food additives, flavourings and processing aids, mainly regarding requests from the German Federal Ministry of Food and Agriculture concerning draft regulations on food additives and flavourings and the question if the intended conditions of use would result in an exceedance of acceptable daily intakes. Further tasks are to respond to inquiries from journalists and consumers and to perform risk assessments in cases in which German official food control agencies reported that a non-permitted food additive was used or that a maximum permitted use level was exceeded.</p> <p>In June 2018, I was involved in the preparation of a statement on thermal stability of the sweetener sucralose (E 955) and the generation of potentially toxic chlorinated substances resulting from heating of sucralose. The statement was a review based on published data. It was sent to the German Federal Ministry of Food and Agriculture that forwarded it to the European Commission. Meanwhile it is published on a BfR-Website (https://www.bfr.bund.de/cm/349/harmful-compounds-might-be-formed-when-foods-containing-the-sweetener-sucralose-are-heated.pdf) and this information was forwarded to the FAF unit. I'm also co-author of a corresponding publication (Eisenreich et al 2020).</p> <p>In August 2018, I provided a minor contribution to an assessment of the risk resulting from exposure to aluminium from different sources, such as food, food contact materials, cosmetics and consumer products. My contribution was mainly restricted to the description of the legal provisions applicable for food additives. I'm also co-author of a corresponding publication (Tietz et al 2019).</p> <p>In May 2019, I prepared a BfR statement on the ANSES opinion on the use of titanium dioxid as food additive that was sent to the German Federal Ministry of Food and Agriculture. It was not published but was consistent with FAQs on titanium dioxide to which I also contributed and which are available at https://www.bfr.bund.de/en/titanium_dioxide___there_is_still_a_need_for_research-241091.html</p> <p>Together with Davide Arcella from EFSA, I drafted a book chapter on exposure assessment of food additives. It is published as part of the following book chapter: Abraham K. et al. (2019) Exposure to Substances via Food Consumption. In: Heinemeyer G., Jantunen M., Hakkinen P. (eds) The Practice of Consumer Exposure Assessment. Springer, Cham</p> <p>In November 2020, I contributed to an update of the BfR statement on the use of flavourings in baby food (https://www.bfr.bund.de/cm/343/aromastoffe-in-saeuglingsnahrung.42156110.pdf). A translation into English will be available on the BfR website soon.</p> <p>In January 2021, I was nominated by the BfR for the EFSA Partnership on Food Enzyme Safety Assessment. Impact on annual earnings: >25%</p>
V. Occasional consultancy			NO INTEREST
VI. Research funding			NO INTEREST
VII. Intellectual property rights			NO INTEREST

VIII. Other memberships or affiliations	09/2008 - now	-Name: BfR-Committee for Food Additives, Flavourings and Processing Aids	The BfR-Committee for Food Additives, Flavourings and Processing Aids advises the BfR on specific issues in the field of food additives, flavourings and processing aids. Minutes of the meetings are available (in German language) at http://www.bfr.bund.de/de/bfr_kommission_fuer_lebensmittelzusatzstoffe__aromastoffe_und_verarbeitungshilfsstoffe-11082.html . I am the scientific administrator (not a member) of this committee. My task is to scientifically organise the meetings. This is one of my tasks as an employee of the BfR. Impact on annual earnings: 0%
	04/1998 - now	-Name: German Society for Experimental and Clinical Pharmacology and Toxicology (DGPT)	Member Impact on annual earnings: 0%
	09/1991 - now	-Name: German Environmental Mutagen Society (GUM), German Section of the European Environmental Mutagen Society	Member Impact on annual earnings: 0%
IX. Other relevant interest			NO INTEREST
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: 07/01/2021 Signature: **SIGNED**