

Genetically Modified Organisms Unit (GMO UNIT)

**Scientific Panel on Genetically Modified Organisms**

**Minutes of the 23<sup>rd</sup> meeting of the Working Group on the agronomic and phenotypic characterisation of genetically modified (GM) plants**

**TELE-conference 11 March 2015**

**(Agreed on 11 March 2015)**

**Participants**

- **Working Group Members**
- Hans Christer Andersson, Paolo Bàrberi, Tom de Jong, Thomas Frenzel, Antoine Messéan (chair) and Geoffrey Squire
  
- **Hearing Experts<sup>1</sup>:**
  - Jeremy Sweet
  
- **European Commission and/or Member States representatives:**
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- **EFSA:**
  - GMO Unit: Hermann Broll, Yann Devos and Andrea Gennaro
  
- **Others (In application of the guidelines for Observers<sup>2</sup>)**
  - Not Applicable

**1. Welcome and apologies for absence**

The Chair welcomed the participants.

Apologies received from Jürgen Gropp, Joe Perry and Claudia Paoletti (EFSA).

**2. Adoption of agenda**

The agenda was adopted without changes.

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<sup>1</sup> As defined in Article 17 of the Decision of the Executive Director on the selection of external experts: <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/expertselection.pdf>.

<sup>2</sup> <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/stakeholders/observers.html>

### **3. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members**

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence and Scientific Decision-Making Processes<sup>3</sup> and the Decision of the Executive Director on Declarations of Interest<sup>4</sup>, EFSA screened the Annual Declaration of Interest and the Specific Declaration of Interest filled in by the working group member invited for the present meeting. No Conflicts of Interest related to the issues discussed in this meeting have been identified during the screening process or at the Oral Declaration of Interest at the beginning of this meeting.

### **4. Agreement of the minutes of the 22<sup>nd</sup> Working Group meeting held on 23 February 2015.**

The minutes of the 22<sup>nd</sup> Working Group meeting held on 23 February 2015 were agreed by written procedure on 24 February 2015.<sup>5</sup>

### **5. Scientific topic(s) for discussion:**

#### **5.1 Discussion on the guidance document.**

[EFSA-Q-2013-00606](#)

The Working group modified the guidance document taking into account the comments received during discussion of the draft Guidance in the March Plenary of the EFSA GMO Panel.

### **6. Next meetings**

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<sup>3</sup> <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/independencepolicy.pdf>

<sup>4</sup> <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/independencerules2014.pdf>

<sup>5</sup> <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/gmowgs/documents/AgroandPheno.pdf>

Genetically Modified Organisms Unit (GMO UNIT)

**Scientific Panel on Genetically Modified Organisms**

**Minutes of the 22<sup>nd</sup> meeting of the Working Group on the agronomic and phenotypic characterisation of genetically modified (GM) plants**

**TELE-conference 23 February 2015**

**(Agreed on 24 February 2015)**

**Participants**

- **Working Group Members**
  - Antoine Messéan (chair) and Joe Perry
  
- **Hearing Experts<sup>1</sup>:**
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- **European Commission and/or Member States representatives:**
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- **EFSA:**
  - GMO Unit: Hermann Broll and Andrea Gennaro
  
- **Others (In application of the guidelines for Observers<sup>2</sup>)**
  - Not Applicable

**1. Welcome and apologies for absence**

The Chair welcomed the participants.

Apologies received from Yann Devos and Claudia Paoletti (EFSA).

**2. Adoption of agenda**

The agenda was adopted without changes.

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<sup>1</sup> As defined in Article 17 of the Decision of the Executive Director on the selection of external experts: <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/expertselection.pdf>.

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### 3. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members

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### 4. Agreement of the minutes of the 21<sup>st</sup> Working Group meeting held on 16 February 2015.

The minutes of the 21<sup>st</sup> Working Group meeting held on 16 February 2015 were agreed by written procedure on 16 February 2015.<sup>5</sup>

### 5. Scientific topic(s) for discussion:

#### 5.1 Discussion on the guidance document.

##### [EFSA-Q-2013-00606](#)

The Working group modified the guidance document taking into account the comments received during the info session (18-19 December 2014) and the ones submitted during the public consultation of the draft guidance ([EFSA-Q-2014-00660](#)). In particular the Working group focused on the chapter on the selection of sites and test materials.

### 6. Next meetings

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<sup>3</sup> <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/independencepolicy.pdf>

<sup>4</sup> <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/independencerules2014.pdf>

<sup>5</sup> <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/gmowgs/documents/AgroandPheno.pdf>

Genetically Modified Organisms Unit (GMO UNIT)

**Scientific Panel on Genetically Modified Organisms**

**Minutes of the 21<sup>st</sup> meeting of the Working Group on the agronomic and phenotypic characterisation of genetically modified (GM) plants**

**TELE-conference 16 February 2015**

**(Agreed on 16 February 2015)**

**Participants**

- **Working Group Members**
- Salvatore Arpaia, Thomas Frenzel, Huw Jones and Antoine Messéan (chair)
  
- **Hearing Experts<sup>1</sup>:**
  - Jeremy Sweet
  
- **European Commission and/or Member States representatives:**
  - -Maria Kammenou (DG-SANTE)
  
- **EFSA:**
  - GMO Unit: Hermann Broll, Yann Devos and Andrea Gennaro
  
- **Others (In application of the guidelines for Observers<sup>2</sup>)**
  - Not Applicable

**1. Welcome and apologies for absence**

The Chair welcomed the participants.

Apologies received from Claudia Paoletti (EFSA).

**2. Adoption of agenda**

The agenda was adopted without changes.

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### **3. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members**

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence and Scientific Decision-Making Processes<sup>3</sup> and the Decision of the Executive Director on Declarations of Interest<sup>4</sup>, EFSA screened the Annual Declaration of Interest and the Specific Declaration of Interest filled in by the working group member invited for the present meeting. No Conflicts of Interest related to the issues discussed in this meeting have been identified during the screening process or at the Oral Declaration of Interest at the beginning of this meeting.

### **4. Agreement of the minutes of the 20<sup>th</sup> Working Group meeting held on 27-28 January 2015.**

The minutes of the 20<sup>th</sup> Working Group meeting held on 27-28 January 2015 were agreed by written procedure on 29 January 2015.<sup>5</sup>

### **5. Scientific topic(s) for discussion:**

#### **5.1 Discussion on the guidance document.**

##### [EFSA-Q-2013-00606](#)

The Working group modified the guidance document taking into account the comments received during the info session (18-19 December 2014) and the ones submitted during the public consultation of the draft guidance ([EFSA-Q-2014-00660](#)). In particular the Working group focused on the sections on the introduction and on the selection of the agronomic and phenotypic endpoints.

### **6. Next meetings**

23 February 2015 – TELE-conference

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<sup>3</sup> <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/independencepolicy.pdf>

<sup>4</sup> <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/independencerules2014.pdf>

<sup>5</sup> <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/gmowgs/documents/AgroandPheno.pdf>

**Genetically Modified Organisms Unit (GMO UNIT)****Scientific Panel on Genetically Modified Organisms****Minutes of the 20<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Working Group on the agronomic and phenotypic characterisation of genetically modified (GM) plants****27-28 January 2015****(Agreed on 29 January 2015)****Participants**

- **Working Group Members**
  - Hans Christer Andersson, Salvatore Arpaia, Paolo Bàrberi, Tom de Jong, Thomas Frenzel, Jürgen Gropp (only 2nd day), Antoine Messéan (chair), Joe Perry, Angelo Porta Puglia and Geoffrey Squire (only 2nd day)
  - Hans Christer Andersson, Salvatore Arpaia, Jürgen Gropp, Joe Perry and Geoffrey Squire have participated via teleconference
- **Hearing Experts<sup>1</sup>:**
  - Jeremy Sweet
- **European Commission and/or Member States representatives:**
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- **EFSA:**
  - GMO Unit: Hermann Broll, Yann Devos and Andrea Gennaro
- **Others (In application of the guidelines for Observers<sup>2</sup>)**
  - Not Applicable

**1. Welcome and apologies for absence**

The Chair welcomed the participants.

Apologies received from Lammert Bastiaans, Huw Jones and Claudia Paoletti (EFSA).

**2. Adoption of agenda**

The agenda was adopted without changes.

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### 3. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members

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### 4. Agreement of the minutes of the 19<sup>th</sup> Working Group meeting held on 9 January 2015.

The minutes of the 19<sup>th</sup> Working Group meeting held on 9 January 2015 were agreed by written procedure on 14 January 2015.<sup>5</sup>

### 5. Scientific topic(s) for discussion:

#### 5.1 Discussion on the guidance document.

##### [EFSA-Q-2013-00606](#)

The Working group modified the guidance document taking into account the comments received during the info session (18-19 December 2014) and the ones submitted during the public consultation of the draft guidance ([EFSA-Q-2014-00660](#)). In particular the Working group focused on the introduction, on selection of sites, of test material and of the agronomic and phenotypic endpoints.

### 6. Next meetings

16 February 2015 – TELE-conference

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<sup>3</sup> <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/independencepolicy.pdf>

<sup>4</sup> <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/independencerules2014.pdf>

<sup>5</sup> <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/gmowgs/documents/AgroandPheno.pdf>



Genetically Modified Organisms Unit (GMO UNIT)

**Scientific Panel on Genetically Modified Organisms**

**Minutes of the 19<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Working Group on the agronomic and phenotypic characterisation of genetically modified (GM) plants**

**TELE-conference 9 January 2015**

**(Agreed on 14 January 2015)**

**Participants**

- **Working Group Members**
- Paolo Bàrberi, Thomas Frenzel, Antoine Messéan (chair) and Joe Perry
  
- **Hearing Experts<sup>1</sup>:**
  - Jeremy Sweet
  
- **European Commission and/or Member States representatives:**
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- **EFSA:**
  - GMO Unit: Hermann Broll, Yann Devos and Andrea Gennaro
  
- **Others (In application of the guidelines for Observers<sup>2</sup>)**
  - Not Applicable

**1. Welcome and apologies for absence**

The Chair welcomed the participants.

Apologies received from Claudia Paoletti (EFSA).

**2. Adoption of agenda**

The agenda was adopted without changes.

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### 3. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members

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### 4. Agreement of the minutes of the 18<sup>th</sup> Working Group meeting held on 18-19 December 2014.

The minutes of the 18<sup>th</sup> Working Group meeting held on 18-19 December 2014 were agreed by written procedure on 6 January 2015.<sup>5</sup>

### 5. Scientific topic(s) for discussion:

#### 5.1 Discussion on the guidance document.

##### [EFSA-Q-2013-00606](#)

The Working group modified the guidance document taking into account the comments received during the info session (18-19 December 2014) and the ones submitted during the public consultation of the draft guidance ([EFSA-Q-2014-00660](#)). In particular the Working group focused on the sections on the quality of the starting materials, the design of field trials and on the selection of the agronomic and phenotypic endpoints.

### 6. Next meetings

27-28 January 2015 – Parma

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<sup>3</sup> <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/independencepolicy.pdf>

<sup>4</sup> <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/independencerules2014.pdf>

<sup>5</sup> <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/gmowgs/documents/AgroandPheno.pdf>

**Genetically Modified Organisms Unit (GMO UNIT)**

**Scientific Panel on Genetically Modified Organisms**

**Minutes of the 18<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Working Group on the agronomic and phenotypic characterisation of genetically modified (GM) plants**

**18-19 December 2014**

**(Agreed on 05 January 2015)**

**Participants**

- **Working Group Members**
  - Tom de Jong, Thomas Frenzel, Antoine Messéan (chair) and Joe Perry
  - Joe Perry has participated via teleconference
  
- **Hearing Experts<sup>1</sup>:**
  - Jeremy Sweet
  
- **European Commission and/or Member States representatives:**
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- **EFSA:**
  - GMO Unit: Hermann Broll, Yann Devos, Andrea Gennaro, Claudia Paoletti and Elisabeth Waigmann
  
- **Others (In application of the guidelines for Observers<sup>2</sup>)**
  - Not Applicable

**1. Welcome and apologies for absence**

The Chair welcomed the participants.

**2. Adoption of agenda**

The agenda was adopted without changes.

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### 3. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members

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### 4. Agreement of the minutes of the 17<sup>th</sup> Working Group meeting held on 12 December 2014.

The minutes of the 17<sup>th</sup> Working Group meeting held on 12 December 2014 were agreed by written procedure on 16 December 2014.<sup>5</sup>

### 5. Scientific topic(s) for discussion:

#### 5.1 Discussion on the guidance document.

##### [EFSA-Q-2013-00606](#)

The meeting was held before (18 December am) and after (19 December pm) the info session with the stakeholders. The Working group focused on the upcoming info session to discuss the draft guidance with the stakeholders. During the second day, the Working group discussed changes to be made in the guidance document in response to the comments received during the info session and the ones submitted during the public consultation of the draft guidance ([EFSA-Q-2014-00660](#)).

### 6. Next meetings

9(pm) January 2015 – TELE-conference

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<sup>3</sup> <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/independencepolicy.pdf>

<sup>4</sup> <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/independencerules2014.pdf>

<sup>5</sup> <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/gmowgs/documents/AgroandPheno.pdf>

Genetically Modified Organisms Unit (GMO UNIT)

**Scientific Panel on Genetically Modified Organisms**

**Minutes of the 17<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Working Group on the agronomic and phenotypic characterisation of genetically modified (GM) plants**

**TELE-conference 12 December 2014**

**(Agreed on 16 December 2014)**

**Participants**

- **Working Group Members**
  - Tom de Jong, Thomas Frenzel, Antoine Messéan (chair) and Joe Perry
  
- **Hearing Experts<sup>1</sup>:**
  - Jeremy Sweet
  
- **European Commission and/or Member States representatives:**
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- **EFSA:**
  - GMO Unit: Yann Devos and Andrea Gennaro
  
- **Others (In application of the guidelines for Observers<sup>2</sup>)**
  - Not Applicable

**1. Welcome and apologies for absence**

The Chair welcomed the participants.

Apologies received from, Hermann Broll (EFSA) and Claudia Paoletti (EFSA).

**2. Adoption of agenda**

The agenda was adopted without changes.

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### 3. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members

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### 4. Agreement of the minutes of the 16<sup>th</sup> Working Group meeting held on 8 December 2014.

The minutes of the 16<sup>th</sup> Working Group meeting held on 8 December 2014 were agreed by written procedure on 10 December 2014.<sup>5</sup>

### 5. Scientific topic(s) for discussion:

#### 5.1 Discussion on the guidance document.

##### [EFSA-Q-2013-00606](#)

The Working group discussed changes to be made in the guidance document in response to the comments submitted during the public consultation of the draft guidance ([EFSA-Q-2014-00660](#)). The Working group also focused on the upcoming info session to discuss the draft guidance with the stakeholders.

### 6. Next meetings

18(am)-19(pm) December 2014 – Parma

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<sup>3</sup> <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/independencepolicy.pdf>

<sup>4</sup> <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/independencerules2014.pdf>

<sup>5</sup> <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/gmowgs/documents/AgroandPheno.pdf>

Genetically Modified Organisms Unit (GMO UNIT)

**Scientific Panel on Genetically Modified Organisms**

**Minutes of the 16<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Working Group on the agronomic and phenotypic characterisation of genetically modified (GM) plants**

**TELE-conference 8 December 2014**

**(Agreed on 10 December 2014)**

**Participants**

- **Working Group Members**
  - Paolo Bàrberi, Thomas Frenzel, Antoine Messéan (chair), Angelo Porta Puglia and Geoffrey Squire
  
- **Hearing Experts<sup>1</sup>:**
  - Jeremy Sweet
  
- **European Commission and/or Member States representatives:**
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- **EFSA:**
  - GMO Unit: Hermann Broll and Yann Devos
  
- **Others (In application of the guidelines for Observers<sup>2</sup>)**
  - Not Applicable

**1. Welcome and apologies for absence**

The Chair welcomed the participants.

Apologies received from, Andrea Gennaro (EFSA) and Claudia Paoletti (EFSA).

**2. Adoption of agenda**

The agenda was adopted without changes.

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### **3. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members**

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### **4. Agreement of the minutes of the 15<sup>th</sup> Working Group meeting held on 25 November 2014.**

The minutes of the 15<sup>th</sup> Working Group meeting held on 25 November 2014 were agreed by written procedure on 26 November 2014.<sup>5</sup>

### **5. Scientific topic(s) for discussion:**

#### **5.1 Discussion on the guidance document.**

##### [EFSA-Q-2013-00606](#)

The Working group discussed changes to be made in the guidance document in response to the comments submitted during the public consultation of the draft guidance ([EFSA-Q-2014-00660](#)).

### **6. Next meetings**

12 December 2014 – TELE-conference

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<sup>3</sup> <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/independencepolicy.pdf>

<sup>4</sup> <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/independencerules2014.pdf>

<sup>5</sup> <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/gmowgs/documents/AgroandPheno.pdf>



**Genetically Modified Organisms Unit (GMO UNIT)**

**Scientific Panel on Genetically Modified Organisms**

**Minutes of the 15<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Working Group on the agronomic and phenotypic characterisation of genetically modified (GM) plants**

**TELE-conference 25 November 2014**

**(Agreed on 26 November 2014)**

**Participants**

- **Working Group Members**
  - Hans Christer Andersson, Salvatore Arpaia, Lammert Bastiaans, Tom de Jong, Huw Jones, Antoine Messéan (chair), Joe Perry, Angelo Porta Puglia and Geoffrey Squire
  
- **Hearing Experts<sup>1</sup>:**
  - Jeremy Sweet
  
- **European Commission and/or Member States representatives: -**
  - Maria Kammenou (DG SANCO)
  
- **EFSA:**
  - GMO Unit: Hermann Broll, Yann Devos and Andrea Gennaro
  
- **Others (In application of the guidelines for Observers<sup>2</sup>)**
  - Not Applicable

**1. Welcome and apologies for absence**

The Chair welcomed the participants.

Apologies received from Paolo Bàrberi, Thomas Frenzel, Jürgen Gropp and Claudia Paoletti (EFSA).

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<sup>2</sup> <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/stakeholders/observers.html>

## 2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

## 3. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence and Scientific Decision-Making Processes<sup>3</sup> and the Decision of the Executive Director on Declarations of Interest<sup>4</sup>, EFSA screened the Annual Declaration of Interest and the Specific Declaration of Interest filled in by the working group member invited for the present meeting. No Conflicts of Interest related to the issues discussed in this meeting have been identified during the screening process or at the Oral Declaration of Interest at the beginning of this meeting.

## 4. Agreement of the minutes of the 14<sup>th</sup> Working Group meeting held on 18 November 2014.

The minutes of the 14<sup>th</sup> Working Group meeting held on 18 November 2014 were agreed by written procedure on 19 November 2014.<sup>5</sup>

## 5. Scientific topic(s) for discussion:

### 5.1 Discussion on the guidance document.

[EFSA-Q-2013-00606](#)

The Working group discussed the comments submitted during the public consultation of the draft guidance ([EFSA-Q-2014-00660](#)) and started discussing changes to be made in the guidance document.

## 6. Next meetings

8 December 2014 – TELE-conference

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<sup>3</sup> <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/independencepolicy.pdf>

<sup>4</sup> <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/independencerules2014.pdf>

<sup>5</sup> <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/gmowgs/documents/AgroandPheno.pdf>

Genetically Modified Organisms Unit (GMO UNIT)

**Scientific Panel on Genetically Modified Organisms**

**Minutes of the 14<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Working Group on the agronomic and phenotypic characterisation of genetically modified (GM) plants**

**TELE-conference 18 November 2014**

**(Agreed on 19 November 2014)**

**Participants**

- **Working Group Members**
  - Antoine Messéan, Joe Perry
  
- **Hearing Experts<sup>1</sup>:**
  - Jeremy Sweet
  
- **European Commission and/or Member States representatives: -**
  - Maria Kammenou (DG SANCO)
  
- **EFSA:**
  - GMO Unit: Hermann Broll, Yann Devos, Andrea Gennaro
  
- **Others (In application of the guidelines for Observers<sup>2</sup>)**
  - Not Applicable

**1. Welcome and apologies for absence**

The Chair welcomed the participants.

Apologies received from Claudia Paoletti (EFSA).

**2. Adoption of agenda**

The agenda was adopted without changes.

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### **3. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members**

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### **4. Agreement of the minutes of the 13<sup>th</sup> Working Group meeting held on 13 November 2014.**

The minutes of the 13<sup>th</sup> Working Group meeting held on 13 November 2014 were agreed by written procedure on 14 November 2014.<sup>5</sup>

### **5. Scientific topic(s) for discussion:**

#### **5.1 Discussion on the guidance document.**

[EFSA-Q-2013-00606](#)

The Working group discussed the comments submitted during the public consultation of the draft guidance ([EFSA-Q-2014-00660](#)).

### **6. Next meetings**

25 November 2014 – TELE-conference

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<sup>3</sup> <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/independencepolicy.pdf>

<sup>4</sup> <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/independencerules2014.pdf>

<sup>5</sup> <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/gmowgs/documents/AgroandPheno.pdf>

Genetically Modified Organisms Unit (GMO UNIT)

**Scientific Panel on Genetically Modified Organisms**

**Minutes of the 13<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Working Group on the agronomic and phenotypic characterisation of genetically modified (GM) plants**

**TELE-conference 13 November 2014**

**(Agreed on 14 November 2014)**

**Participants**

- **Working Group Members**
  - Antoine Messéan
  
- **Hearing Experts<sup>1</sup>:**
  - Not Applicable
  
- **European Commission and/or Member States representatives: -**
  - Not Applicable
  
- **EFSA:**
  - GMO Unit: Andrea Gennaro
  
- **Others (In application of the guidelines for Observers<sup>2</sup>)**
  - Not Applicable

**1. Welcome and apologies for absence**

The Chair welcomed the participants.

**2. Adoption of agenda**

The agenda was adopted without changes.

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<sup>1</sup> As defined in Article 17 of the Decision of the Executive Director on the selection of external experts: <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/expertselection.pdf>.

<sup>2</sup> <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/stakeholders/observers.html>

### **3. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members**

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence and Scientific Decision-Making Processes<sup>3</sup> and the Decision of the Executive Director on Declarations of Interest<sup>4</sup>, EFSA screened the Annual Declaration of Interest and the Specific Declaration of Interest filled in by the working group member invited for the present meeting. No Conflicts of Interest related to the issues discussed in this meeting have been identified during the screening process or at the Oral Declaration of Interest at the beginning of this meeting.

### **4. Agreement of the minutes of the 12<sup>th</sup> Working Group meeting held on 27 August 2014.**

The minutes of the of the 12<sup>th</sup> Working Group meeting held on 27 August 2014 were agreed by written procedure on 29 August 2014.<sup>5</sup>

### **5. Scientific topic(s) for discussion:**

#### **5.1 Discussion on the guidance document.**

[EFSA-Q-2013-00606](#)

The Working group discussed the comments submitted during the public consultation of the draft guidance ([EFSA-Q-2014-00660](#)).

### **6. Next meetings**

18 November 2014 – TELE-conference

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<sup>3</sup> <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/independencepolicy.pdf>

<sup>4</sup> <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/independencerules2014.pdf>

<sup>5</sup> <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/gmowgs/documents/AgroandPheno.pdf>

**GMO UNIT****Scientific Panel on Genetically Modified Organisms****Minutes of the 12<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Working Group on the agronomic and phenotypic characterisation of genetically modified (GM) plants****Held on 27 08 2014, Parma****(Agreed on 29 08 2014)****Participants**

- **Working Group Experts:**
  - Hans Christer Andersson, Salvatore Arpaia, Paolo Bàrberi, Jürgen Gropp, Tom de Jong, Thomas Frenzel, Antoine Messéan (chair), Joe Perry and Angelo Porta Puglia
  - Thomas Frenzel and Jürgen Gropp have participated via teleconference
  
- **Hearing Experts:**
  - Jeremy Sweet
  - Jeremy Sweet has participated via teleconference
  
- **European Commission and/or Member States representatives:**
  - Maria Kammenou (DG SANCO)
  
- **EFSA:**
  - GMO Unit: Yann Devos, Andrea Gennaro and Claudia Paoletti

**1. Welcome and apologies for absence**

The Chair welcomed the participants.

Apologies received from Lammert Bastiaans, Hermann Broll, Huw Jones and Geoffrey Squire.

**2. Adoption of agenda**

The agenda was adopted without changes.

### **3. Declarations of interest**

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence and Scientific Decision-Making Processes<sup>1</sup> and the Decision of the Executive Director implementing this Policy regarding Declarations of Interests<sup>2</sup>, EFSA screened the Annual Declaration of interest and the Specific Declaration of interest) filled in by the experts invited for the present meeting. No conflicts of interests related to the issues discussed in this meeting have been identified during the screening process or at the Oral Declaration of interest at the beginning of this meeting.

### **4. Agreement of the minutes of the 11<sup>th</sup> Working Group meeting held on 31 07 2014, tele-meeting.**

The minutes were agreed on 31 07 2014 and published on the EFSA website 06 08 2014.

### **5. Scientific topic(s) for discussion**

#### **5.1 Discussion on the guidance document. ([EFSA-Q-2013-00606](#))**

The WG revised the draft guidance document that will be discussed by the EFSA GMO Panel.

### **6. Next meeting**

**4 November 2014, Tele-meeting**

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<sup>1</sup> <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/independencepolicy.pdf>

<sup>2</sup> <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/independencerules.pdf>



**GMO UNIT****Scientific Panel on Genetically Modified Organisms****Minutes of the 11<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Working Group on the agronomic and phenotypic characterisation of genetically modified (GM) plants****Held on 31 07 2014****TELE conference****(Agreed on 31 07 2014)****Participants**

- **Working Group Experts:**
  - Salvatore Arpaia, Hans Christer Andersson, Tom de Jong, Thomas Frenzel, Jürgen Gropp, Huw Jones, Antoine Messéan (chair), Joe Perry and Angelo Porta Puglia
- **Hearing Experts:**
  - Jeremy Sweet
- **European Commission and/or Member States representatives:**
  - Sarah Brown and Maria Kammenou
- **EFSA:**
  - GMO Unit: Yann Devos and Andrea Gennaro

**1. Welcome and apologies for absence**

The Chair welcomed the participants.

Apologies were received from Paolo Bàrberi, Lammert Bastiaans, Hermann Broll, Claudia Paoletti and Geoffrey Squire.

**2. Adoption of agenda**

The agenda was adopted without changes.

**3. Declarations of interest**

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence and Scientific Decision-Making Processes<sup>1</sup> and the Decision of the Executive Director implementing this Policy regarding Declarations of Interests<sup>2</sup>, EFSA screened the Annual Declaration of interest and the Specific Declaration of interest) filled in by the experts invited for the present meeting. No conflicts of interests related to the issues discussed in this meeting have been identified

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<sup>2</sup> <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/independencerules.pdf>

during the screening process or at the Oral Declaration of interest at the beginning of this meeting.

**4. Agreement of the minutes of the 10<sup>th</sup> Working Group meeting held on 18 07 2014, tele-meeting.**

The minutes were agreed on 23 07 2014 and published on the EFSA website 23 07 2014.

**5. Scientific topic(s) for discussion**

**5.1 Discussion on the guidance document. ([EFSA-Q-2013-00606](#))**

The WG discussed the draft guidance document.

Further discussion is needed.

**6. Next meeting**

**27 August 2014, Parma**

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**GMO UNIT**

**Scientific Panel on Genetically Modified Organisms**  
**Minutes of the 10<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Working Group on the agronomic and phenotypic characterisation of genetically modified (GM) plants**  
**Held on 18 07 2014**  
**(Agreed on 23 07 2014)**

**Participants**

- **Working Group Experts:**
  - Hans Christer Andersson, Paolo Bàrberi, Lammert Bastiaans, Tom de Jong, Thomas Frenzel, Huw Jones, Antoine Messéan (chair), Joe Perry and Angelo Porta Puglia.
  - Thomas Frenzel, Huw Jones and Joe Perry have participated via teleconference
  
- **Hearing Experts:**
  - Jeremy Sweet
  
- **European Commission and/or Member States representatives:**
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- **EFSA:**
  - GMO Unit: Yann Devos and Andrea Gennaro

**1. Welcome and apologies for absence**

The Chair welcomed the participants.

Apologies received from Salvatore Arpaia, Hermann Broll, Jürgen Gropp, Claudia Paoletti and Geoffrey Squire.

**2. Adoption of agenda**

The agenda was adopted without changes.

**3. Declarations of interest**

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence and Scientific Decision-Making Processes<sup>1</sup> and the Decision of the Executive Director implementing this Policy regarding

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<sup>1</sup> <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/independencepolicy.pdf>

Declarations of Interests<sup>2</sup>, EFSA screened the Annual Declaration of interest and the Specific Declaration of interest) filled in by the experts invited for the present meeting. No conflicts of interests related to the issues discussed in this meeting have been identified during the screening process or at the Oral Declaration of interest at the beginning of this meeting.

**4. Agreement of the minutes of the 9<sup>th</sup> Working Group meeting held on 30 06 2014, tele-meeting.**

The minutes were agreed on 02 07 2014 and published on the EFSA website 07 07 2014.

**5. Scientific topic(s) for discussion**

**5.1 Discussion on the guidance document. ([EFSA-Q-2013-00606](#))**

The WG discussed the draft guidance document.

Further discussion is needed.

**6. Next meeting**

**31 July 2014, Tele-meeting**

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<sup>2</sup> <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/independencerules.pdf>

**GMO UNIT****Scientific Panel on Genetically Modified Organisms****Minutes of the 9<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Working Group on the agronomic and phenotypic characterisation of genetically modified (GM) plants****Held on 30 06 2014****TELE conference****(Agreed on 02 07 2014)****Participants**

- **Working Group Experts:**
  - Salvatore Arpaia, Hans Christer Andersson, Paolo Bàrberi, Lammert Bastiaans, Tom de Jong, Jürgen Gropp, Huw Jones, Antoine Messéan (chair), Joe Perry, Angelo Porta Puglia and Geoffrey Squire
  
- **Hearing Experts:**
  - Jeremy Sweet
  
- **European Commission and/or Member States representatives:**
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- **EFSA:**
  - GMO Unit: Hermann Broll, Yann Devos and Andrea Gennaro

**1. Welcome and apologies for absence**

The Chair welcomed the participants.

Apologies were received from Thomas Frenzel and Claudia Paoletti

**2. Adoption of agenda**

The agenda was adopted without changes.

**3. Declarations of interest**

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence and Scientific Decision-Making Processes<sup>1</sup> and the Decision of the Executive Director implementing this Policy regarding Declarations of Interests<sup>2</sup>, EFSA screened the Annual Declaration of interest and the Specific Declaration of interest) filled in by the experts invited for the present meeting. No

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<sup>1</sup> <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/independencepolicy.pdf>

<sup>2</sup> <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/independencerules.pdf>

conflicts of interests related to the issues discussed in this meeting have been identified during the screening process or at the Oral Declaration of interest at the beginning of this meeting.

**4. Agreement of the minutes of the 8<sup>th</sup> Working Group meeting held on 26-27 05 2014, tele-meeting.**

The minutes were agreed on 29 05 2014 and published on the EFSA website 20 06 2014.

**5. Scientific topic(s) for discussion**

**5.1 Discussion on the guidance document. ([EFSA-Q-2013-00606](#))**

The WG discussed the draft guidance document.

Further discussion is needed.

**6. Next meeting**

**18 July 2014, Parma**

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**GMO UNIT**

**Scientific Panel on Genetically Modified Organisms**

**Minutes of the 8<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Working Group on the agronomic and phenotypic characterisation of genetically modified (GM) plants**

**Held on 26-27 05 2014**

**(Agreed on 29 05 2014)**

**Participants**

- **Working Group Experts:**
  - Salvatore Arpaia (only 1<sup>st</sup> day), Hans Christer Andersson, Paolo Bàrberi, Lammert Bastiaans, Tom de Jong (only 2<sup>nd</sup> day), Thomas Frenzel, Jürgen Gropp, Huw Jones, Antoine Messéan (chair), Joe Perry, Angelo Porta Puglia and Geoffrey Squire (only 2<sup>nd</sup> day)
  - Salvatore Arpaia, Tom de Jong, Joe Perry and Geoffrey Squire have participated via teleconference
  
- **Hearing Experts:**
  - Jeremy Sweet
  
- **European Commission and/or Member States representatives:**
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- **EFSA:**
  - GMO Unit: Hermann Broll, Yann Devos (only 2<sup>nd</sup> day), Andrea Gennaro, Claudia Paoletti

**1. Welcome and apologies for absence**

The Chair welcomed the participants.

**2. Adoption of agenda**

The agenda was adopted without changes.

**3. Declarations of interest**

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence and Scientific Decision-Making Processes<sup>1</sup> and the Decision of the Executive Director implementing this Policy regarding

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<sup>1</sup> <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/independencepolicy.pdf>

Declarations of Interests<sup>2</sup>, EFSA screened the Annual Declaration of interest and the Specific Declaration of interest) filled in by the experts invited for the present meeting. No conflicts of interests related to the issues discussed in this meeting have been identified during the screening process or at the Oral Declaration of interest at the beginning of this meeting.

**4. Agreement of the minutes of the 7<sup>th</sup> Working Group meeting held on 14 04 2014, tele-meeting.**

The minutes were agreed on 28 04 2014 and published on the EFSA website 02 05 2014.

**5. Scientific topic(s) for discussion**

**5.1 Discussion on the guidance document. ([EFSA-Q-2013-00606](#))**

The WG discussed the draft guidance document.

Further discussion is needed.

**6. Next meeting**

**30 June 2014, Tele-meeting**

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<sup>2</sup> <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/independencerules.pdf>



**GMO UNIT****Scientific Panel on Genetically Modified Organisms****Minutes of the 7<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Working Group on the agronomic and phenotypic characterisation of genetically modified (GM) plants****Held on 14 04 2014****TELE conference****(Agreed on 28 04 2014)****Participants**

- **Working Group Experts:**
  - Salvatore Arpaia, Hans Christer Andersson, Paolo Bàrberi, Lammert Bastiaans, Tom de Jong, Thomas Frenzel, Huw Jones, Antoine Messéan (chair), Joe Perry, Angelo Porta Puglia and Geoffrey Squire
  
- **Hearing Experts:**
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- **European Commission and/or Member States representatives:**
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- **EFSA:**
  - GMO Unit: Hermann Broll, Yann Devos and Andrea Gennaro

**1. Welcome and apologies for absence**

The Chair welcomed the participants.

Apologies were received from Jeremy Sweet and Claudia Paoletti

**2. Adoption of agenda**

The agenda was adopted without changes.

**3. Declarations of interest**

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence and Scientific Decision-Making Processes<sup>1</sup> and the Decision of the Executive Director implementing this Policy regarding Declarations of Interests<sup>2</sup>, EFSA screened the Annual Declaration of interest and the Specific Declaration of interest) filled in by the experts invited for the present meeting. No

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<sup>2</sup> <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/independencerules.pdf>

conflicts of interests related to the issues discussed in this meeting have been identified during the screening process or at the Oral Declaration of interest at the beginning of this meeting.

**4. Agreement of the minutes of the 6<sup>th</sup> Working Group meeting held on 13 03 2014, tele-meeting.**

The minutes were agreed on 03 04 2014 and published on the EFSA website 09 04 2014.

**5. Scientific topic(s) for discussion**

**5.1 Discussion on the guidance document. ([EFSA-Q-2013-00606](#))**

The WG discussed several specific sections of the draft guidance document and in particular the sections on representativeness of field trials, on the datasets in support to the biotic interactions and to the assessment of invasiveness and persistence. The WG also discussed the minimal requirements for agronomic and phenotypic characterisation of genetically modified plants.

Further discussion is needed.

**6. Next meeting**

**26-27 May 2014, Parma**

**GMO UNIT****Scientific Panel on Genetically Modified Organisms****Minutes of the 6<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Working Group on the agronomic and phenotypic characterisation of genetically modified (GM) plants****Held on 13 03 2014, Rome****(Agreed on 03 04 2014)****Participants**

- **Working Group Experts:**
  - Salvatore Arpaia, Hans Christer Andersson, Paolo Bàrberi, Lammert Bastiaans, Tom de Jong, Antoine Messéan (chair), Joe Perry, Angelo Porta Puglia and Geoffrey Squire
- **Hearing Experts:**
  - Jeremy Sweet
- **European Commission and/or Member States representatives:**
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- **EFSA:**
  - GMO Unit: Yann Devos, Andrea Gennaro

**1. Welcome and apologies for absence**

The Chair welcomed the participants.

Apologies were received from Hermann Broll, Thomas Frenzel, Huw Jones and Claudia Paoletti

**2. Adoption of agenda**

The agenda was adopted without changes.

**3. Declarations of interest**

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence and Scientific Decision-Making Processes<sup>1</sup> and the Decision of the Executive Director implementing this Policy regarding Declarations of Interests<sup>2</sup>, EFSA screened the Annual Declaration of interest and the Specific Declaration of interest) filled in by the experts invited for the present meeting. No

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<sup>2</sup> <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/independencerules.pdf>

conflicts of interests related to the issues discussed in this meeting have been identified during the screening process or at the Oral Declaration of interest at the beginning of this meeting.

**4. Agreement of the minutes of the 5<sup>th</sup> Working Group meeting held on 03 03 2014, tele-meeting.**

The minutes were agreed on 13 03 2014 and published on the EFSA website 19 03 2014.

**5. Scientific topic(s) for discussion**

**5.1 Discussion on the guidance document. ([EFSA-Q-2013-00606](#))**

The WG discussed the minimal requirements for agronomic and phenotypic characterisation of genetically modified (GM) plants and several specific sections of the draft guidance document.

Further discussion is needed.

**6. Next meeting**

**14 April 2014, Tele-meeting**

**GMO UNIT****Scientific Panel on Genetically Modified Organisms****Minutes of the 5<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Working Group on the agronomic and phenotypic characterisation of genetically modified (GM) plants****Held on 03 03 2014****TELE conference****(Agreed on 13 03 2014)****Participants**

- **Working Group Experts:**
  - Salvatore Arpaia, Hans Christer Andersson, Paolo Bàrberi, Lammert Bastiaans, Tom de Jong, Thomas Frenzel, Antoine Messéan (chair), Joe Perry and Angelo Porta Puglia
- **Hearing Experts:**
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- **European Commission and/or Member States representatives:**
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- **EFSA:**
  - GMO Unit: Hermann Broll, Andrea Gennaro.

**1. Welcome and apologies for absence**

The Chair welcomed the participants.

Apologies were received from Huw Jones and Geoffrey Squire.

**2. Adoption of agenda**

The agenda was adopted without changes.

**3. Declarations of interest**

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence and Scientific Decision-Making Processes<sup>1</sup> and the Decision of the Executive Director implementing this Policy regarding Declarations of Interests<sup>2</sup>, EFSA screened the Annual Declaration of interest and the Specific Declaration of interest) filled in by the experts invited for the present meeting. No conflicts of interests related to the issues discussed in this meeting have been identified

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<sup>2</sup> <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/independencerules.pdf>

during the screening process or at the Oral Declaration of interest at the beginning of this meeting.

**4. Agreement of the minutes of the 4<sup>th</sup> Working Group meeting held on 17-18 02 2014, Parma.**

The minutes were agreed on 03 03 2014 and published on the EFSA website 04 03 2014.

**5. Scientific topic(s) for discussion**

**5.1 Discussion on the guidance document. ([EFSA-Q-2013-00606](#))**

The WG discussed the minimal requirements for agronomic and phenotypic characterisation of genetically modified (GM) plants.

Further discussion is needed.

**6. Next meeting**

**13 March 2014, Rome**

**GMO UNIT****Scientific Panel on Genetically Modified Organisms****Minutes of the 4<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Working Group on the agronomic and phenotypic characterisation of genetically modified (GM) plants****Held on 17-18 02 2014, Parma****(Agreed on 03 03 2014)****Participants**

- **Working Group Experts:**
  - Salvatore Arpaia, Hans Christer Andersson, Paolo Bàrberi, Lammert Bastiaans, Tom de Jong, Thomas Frenzel, Huw Jones, Antoine Messéan (chair), Joe Perry and Angelo Porta Puglia
  - Joe Perry has participated via teleconference during the first day.
- **Hearing Experts:**
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- **European Commission and/or Member States representatives:**
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- **EFSA:**
  - GMO Unit: Hermann Broll (second day), Yann Devos, Andrea Gennaro.

**1. Welcome and apologies for absence**

The Chair welcomed the participants.

Apologies were received from Geoffrey Squire.

**2. Adoption of agenda**

The agenda was adopted without changes.

**3. Declarations of interest**

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence and Scientific Decision-Making Processes<sup>1</sup> and the Decision of the Executive Director implementing this Policy regarding Declarations of Interests<sup>2</sup>, EFSA screened the Annual Declaration of interest and the Specific Declaration of interest) filled in by the experts invited for the present meeting. No conflicts of interests related to the issues discussed in this meeting have been identified

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<sup>2</sup> <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/independencerules.pdf>

during the screening process or at the Oral Declaration of interest at the beginning of this meeting.

**4. Agreement of the minutes of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Working Group meeting held on 15-16 01 2014, Parma.**

The minutes were agreed by written procedure on 31 01 2014 and published on the EFSA website 06 02 2014.

**5. Scientific topic(s) for discussion**

**5.1 Discussion on the guidance document. ([EFSA-Q-2013-00606](#))**

The WG discussed several specific sections of the draft guidance document on agronomic and phenotypic characterisation of genetically modified (GM) plants.

Further discussion is needed.

**6. Next meeting**

**3 March 2014, Tele-meeting**



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**GMO UNIT**

**Scientific Panel on Genetically Modified Organisms**

**Minutes of the 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting of the Working Group on the agronomic and phenotypic characterisation of genetically modified (GM) plants**

**Held on 15-16 01 2014, Parma**

**(Agreed on 31 01 2014)**

**Participants**

- **Working Group Experts:**
  - Salvatore Arpaia, Hans Christer Andersson, Lammert Bastiaans, Tom de Jong, Thomas Frenzel, Huw Jones, Antoine Messéan (chair), Joe Perry and Angelo Porta Puglia
  - Salvatore Arpaia, Hans Christer Andersson, Thomas Frenzel and Huw Jones have participated via teleconference.
- **Hearing Experts:**
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- **European Commission and/or Member States representatives:**
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- **EFSA:**
  - GMO Unit: Hermann Broll, Yann Devos, Andrea Gennaro, Claudia Paoletti.

**1. Welcome and apologies for absence**

The Chair welcomed the participants.

Apologies were received from Paolo Bàrberi and Geoffrey Squire.

**2. Adoption of agenda**

The agenda was adopted without changes.

**3. Declarations of interest**

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence and Scientific Decision-Making Processes<sup>1</sup> and the Decision of the Executive Director implementing this Policy regarding Declarations of Interests<sup>2</sup>, EFSA screened the Annual Declaration of interest and the Specific Declaration of interest) filled in by the experts invited for the present meeting. No

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<sup>1</sup> <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/independencepolicy.pdf>

<sup>2</sup> <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/independencerules.pdf>

conflicts of interests related to the issues discussed in this meeting have been identified during the screening process or at the Oral Declaration of interest at the beginning of this meeting.

**4. Agreement of the minutes of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Working Group meeting held on 10-11 12 2013, Parma.**

The minutes were agreed by written procedure on 12 12 2013 and published on the EFSA website 03 01 2014.

**5. Scientific topic(s) for discussion**

**5.1 Discussion on the guidance document. ([EFSA-Q-2013-00606](#))**

The WG discussed several specific sections of the draft guidance document on agronomic and phenotypic characterisation of genetically modified (GM) plants.

Further discussion is needed.

**6. Next meeting**

**17-18 February 2014, Parma**

**GMO UNIT****Scientific Panel on Genetically Modified Organisms****Minutes of the 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting of the Working Group on the agronomic and phenotypic characterisation of genetically modified (GM) plants****Held on 10-11 12 2013, Parma****(Agreed on 12 12 2013)****Participants**

- **Working Group Experts:**
  - Christer Andersson, Salvatore Arpaia (only 1<sup>st</sup> day), Paolo Bàrberi, Lammert Bastiaans, Tom de Jong, Huw Jones, Antoine Messéan (chair), Joe Perry, Angelo Porta-Puglia.
  - Salvatore Arpaia, Paolo Bàrberi and Huw Jones have participated via teleconference.
- **Hearing Experts:**
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- **European Commission and/or Member States representatives:**
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- **EFSA:**
  - GMO Unit: Hermann Broll, Yann Devos, Andrea Gennaro, Claudia Paoletti.

**1. Welcome and apologies for absence**

The Chair welcomed the participants.

Apologies were received from Thomas Frenzel and Geoffrey Squire.

**2. Adoption of agenda**

The agenda was adopted without changes.

**3. Declarations of interest**

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence and Scientific Decision-Making Processes<sup>1</sup> and the Decision of the Executive Director implementing this Policy regarding Declarations of Interests<sup>2</sup>, EFSA screened the Annual Declaration of interest and the Specific Declaration of interest) filled in by the experts invited for the present meeting. No

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<sup>2</sup> <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/independencerules.pdf>

conflicts of interests related to the issues discussed in this meeting have been identified during the screening process or at the Oral Declaration of interest at the beginning of this meeting.

**4. Agreement of the minutes of the 1<sup>st</sup> Working Group meeting held on 14 10 2013, Parma.**

The minutes were agreed by written procedure on 22 10 2013 and published on the EFSA website 28 10 2013.

**5. Scientific topic(s) for discussion**

**5.1 Discussion on the guidance document. ([EFSA-Q-2013-00606](#))**

The Working Group discussed the relevance of the commonly measured endpoints in the agronomic and phenotypic field trials. The Working Group analyzed their relevance to support the comparative analysis and the ERA as well as how they could be harmonized and optimized.

Further discussion is needed.

**6. Next meeting**

**15-16 January 2014, Parma**

**GMO UNIT****Scientific Panel on Genetically Modified Organisms****Minutes of the 1<sup>st</sup> meeting of the Working Group on the agronomic and phenotypic characterisation of genetically modified (GM) plants****Held on 14 10 2013, Parma****(Agreed on 22 10 2013)****Participants**

- **Working Group Experts:**
  - Christer Andersson, Paolo Bàrberi, Lammert Bastiaans, Tom de Jong, Thomas Frenzel, Huw Jones, Antoine Messéan (chair), Joe Perry, Angelo Porta-Puglia.
  - Huw Jones and Joe Perry have participated via teleconference.
- **Hearing Experts:**
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- **European Commission and/or Member States representatives:**
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- **EFSA:**
  - GMO Unit: Hermann Broll, Yann Devos, Andrea Gennaro, Sylvie Mestdagh, Claudia Paoletti.

**1. Welcome and apologies for absence**

The Chair welcomed the participants.

Apologies were received from Geoffrey Squire.

**2. Adoption of agenda**

The agenda was adopted without changes.

**3. Declarations of interest**

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence and Scientific Decision-Making Processes<sup>1</sup> and the Decision of the Executive Director implementing this Policy regarding Declarations of Interests<sup>2</sup>, EFSA screened the Annual Declaration of interest and the Specific Declaration of interest) filled in by the experts invited for the present meeting. No

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<sup>1</sup> <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/independencepolicy.pdf>

<sup>2</sup> <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/independencerules.pdf>

conflicts of interests related to the issues discussed in this meeting have been identified during the screening process or at the Oral Declaration of interest at the beginning of this meeting.

#### **4. Scientific topic(s) for discussion**

##### **4.1 Introduction of the mandate and preliminary discussion on the structure of the guidance document. ([EFSA-Q-2013-00606](#))**

The working group discussed the terms of reference of the mandate. The main objectives were identified and a preliminary structure of the guidance documents was proposed for discussion. Several items deserving specific attention were identified.

Further discussion is needed.

#### **5. Next meeting**

**10-11 December 2013, Parma**