

ALPHA UNIT

Scientific Panel on Plant Health
Minutes of the 9th meeting of the Working Group on Dir 2000/29 Viruses
WEB-conference, 12 November 2014
(Agreed on 17 December 2014)

Participants

- **Working Group Experts:**
 - Thierry CANDRESSE
 - Stephan WINTER
- **EFSA:**
 - ALPHA Unit: Virag KERTESZ

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

EFSA welcomed the participants.

No apologies were received.

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 Processes¹ and the Decision of the Executive Director implementing this Policy regarding Declarations of Interests², 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. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

4.1. *Citrus tristeza virus* ([EFSA-Q-2014-00283](#))

4.2. *Potato stolbur mycoplasma* ([EFSA-Q-2014-00254](#))

The draft scientific opinions on *Citrus tristeza virus* and *Potato stolbur mycoplasma* (recently renamed as *Candidatus phytoplasma solani*) were finalised in order to be circulated to the Plant Health Panel for possible adoption at the plenary meeting in November.

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

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5. Next meeting(s)

No more meetings are foreseen.

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Scientific Panel on Plant Health
Minutes of the 8th meeting of the Working Group on Dir 2000/29 Viruses
Held on 22-24 October 2014, Parma
(Agreed on 17 December 2014)

Participants

- **Working Group Experts:**
 - Thierry CANDRESSE
 - Stephan WINTER
 - Xavier FOISSAC
 - Mariano CAMBRA (participated via teleconference on 22 and 24 October)
- **EFSA:**
 - ALPHA Unit: Virag KERTESZ

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

EFSA welcomed the participants.

No apologies were received.

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

3. Declarations of interest

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4. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

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4.1. *Citrus tristeza virus* ([EFSA-Q-2014-00283](#))

4.2. *Potato stolbur mycoplasma* ([EFSA-Q-2014-00254](#))

The draft scientific opinions on *Citrus tristeza virus* and *Potato stolbur mycoplasma* (recently renamed as *Candidatus phytoplasma solani*) were reviewed and further elaborated by the working group members. Conclusions were agreed and drafted.

5. Next meeting(s)

The next meeting (web-conference) will take place on 12 November 2014.

ALPHA UNIT

Scientific Panel on Plant Health
Minutes of the 7th meeting of the Working Group on Dir 2000/29 Viruses
WEB-conference, 7 and 8 October 2014
(Agreed on 17 December 2014)

Participants

- **Working Group Experts:**
 - Thierry CANDRESSE
 - Stephan WINTER
 - Xavier FOISSAC (participated on 8 October)
- **EFSA:**
 - ALPHA Unit: Virag KERTESZ

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

EFSA welcomed the participants.

No apologies were received.

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

3. Declarations of interest

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4. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

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4.1. *Citrus tristeza virus* ([EFSA-Q-2014-00283](#))

4.2. *Potato stolbur mycoplasma* ([EFSA-Q-2014-00254](#))

The draft scientific opinion on *Citrus tristeza virus* was further elaborated, reviewed and discussed by the working group members.

Available literature references on *Potato stolbur mycoplasma* (recently renamed as *Candidatus phytoplasma solani*) were reviewed and key issues in relation to the distribution, spread and impact of the organism were discussed.

5. Next meeting(s)

The next meeting will take place on 22-24 October 2014, Parma.

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Scientific Panel on Plant Health
Minutes of the 6th meeting of the Working Group on Dir 2000/29 Viruses
Held on 22 September 2014, Parma
(Agreed on 17 December 2014)

Participants

- **Working Group Experts:**
 - Stephan WINTER
- **EFSA:**
 - ALPHA Unit: Virag KERTESZ

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

EFSA welcomed the participants.

No apologies were received.

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 Processes¹ and the Decision of the Executive Director implementing this Policy regarding Declarations of Interests², 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. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

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- 4.1. Beet leaf curl virus ([EFSA-Q-2014-00281](#))**
- 4.2. Cherry leafroll virus ([EFSA-Q-2014-00282](#))**
- 4.3. Citrus tristeza virus ([EFSA-Q-2014-00283](#))**
- 4.4. Prunus necrotic ringspot virus ([EFSA-Q-2014-00284](#))**
- 4.5. Tomato yellow leaf curl virus ([EFSA-Q-2014-00287](#))**
- 4.6. Potato stolbur mycoplasma ([EFSA-Q-2014-00254](#))**

The sections on biology, intraspecific diversity and distribution of the draft scientific opinion on *Citrus tristeza virus* were further elaborated.

5. Next meeting(s)

The next meeting (web-conference) will take place on 7 and 8 October 2014.

ALPHA UNIT

Scientific Panel on Plant Health
Minutes of the 5th meeting of the Working Group on Dir 2000/29 Viruses
WEB-conference, 3 and 18 September 2014
(Agreed on 18 September 2014)

Participants

- **Working Group Experts:**
 - Stephan WINTER
- **EFSA:**
 - ALPHA Unit: Virag KERTESZ

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

EFSA welcomed the participants.

No apologies were received.

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 Processes¹ and the Decision of the Executive Director implementing this Policy regarding Declarations of Interests², 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. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

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- 4.1. *Beet leaf curl virus* ([EFSA-Q-2014-00281](#))
- 4.2. *Cherry leafroll virus* ([EFSA-Q-2014-00282](#))
- 4.3. *Citrus tristeza virus* ([EFSA-Q-2014-00283](#))
- 4.4. *Prunus necrotic ringspot virus* ([EFSA-Q-2014-00284](#))
- 4.5. *Tomato yellow leaf curl virus* ([EFSA-Q-2014-00287](#))
- 4.6. *Potato stolbur mycoplasma* ([EFSA-Q-2014-00254](#))

Literature references for *Citrus tristeza virus* were reviewed. The section of the scientific opinion on intraspecific diversity was developed and discussed.

5. Next meeting(s)

The next meeting will take place on 22 September 2014.

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Scientific Panel on Plant Health
Minutes of the 4th meeting of the Working Group on Dir 2000/29 Viruses
Held on 11-13 August 2014, Parma
(Agreed on 13 August 2014)

Participants

- **Working Group Experts:**
 - Thierry CANDRESSE (Chair)
 - Stephan WINTER
- **EFSA:**
 - ALPHA Unit: Virag KERTESZ

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants.

No apologies were received.

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 Processes¹ and the Decision of the Executive Director implementing this Policy regarding Declarations of Interests², 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. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

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- 4.1. Beet leaf curl virus ([EFSA-Q-2014-00281](#))**
- 4.2. Cherry leafroll virus ([EFSA-Q-2014-00282](#))**
- 4.3. Citrus tristeza virus ([EFSA-Q-2014-00283](#))**
- 4.4. Prunus necrotic ringspot virus ([EFSA-Q-2014-00284](#))**
- 4.5. Tomato yellow leaf curl virus ([EFSA-Q-2014-00287](#))**
- 4.6. Potato stolbur mycoplasma ([EFSA-Q-2014-00254](#))**

The working group members reviewed, discussed and finalised the draft scientific opinions on *Prunus necrotic ringspot virus*, *Cherry leafroll virus* and *Tomato yellow leaf curl virus*. Literature references for *Beet leaf curl virus* were reviewed, the scientific opinion on this organism was drafted, reviewed and discussed by the group and finalised. All four draft opinions will be circulated to the Plant Health Panel for possible adoption at the plenary meeting on 24-25 September 2014.

5. Next meeting(s)

The next meeting (web-conference) will take place on 3 September 2014.

ALPHA UNIT

Scientific Panel on Plant Health
Minutes of the 3rd meeting of the Working Group on Dir 2000/29 Viruses
Held on 30 June-1 July and 3-4 July 2014, Parma
(Agreed on 4 July 2014)

Participants

- **Working Group Experts:**
 - Thierry CANDRESSE (Chair)
 - Stephan WINTER
- **EFSA:**
 - ALPHA Unit: Virag KERTESZ

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants.

No apologies were received.

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

3. Declarations of interest

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4. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

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- 4.1. *Beet leaf curl virus* ([EFSA-Q-2014-00281](#))
- 4.2. *Cherry leafroll virus* ([EFSA-Q-2014-00282](#))
- 4.3. *Citrus tristeza virus* ([EFSA-Q-2014-00283](#))
- 4.4. *Prunus necrotic ringspot virus* ([EFSA-Q-2014-00284](#))
- 4.5. Strawberry latent C virus ([EFSA-Q-2014-00285](#))
- 4.6. *Strawberry vein banding virus* ([EFSA-Q-2014-00286](#))
- 4.7. *Tomato yellow leaf curl virus* ([EFSA-Q-2014-00287](#))
- 4.8. *Potato stolbur mycoplasma* ([EFSA-Q-2014-00254](#))

The working group members reviewed, discussed and finalised the draft scientific opinion on *Cherry leafroll virus*. Literature references for *Prunus necrotic ringspot virus* and *Tomato yellow leaf curl virus* were reviewed, and the draft scientific opinions on these two organisms were further elaborated.

5. Next meeting(s)

The next meeting will take place on 11-13 August 2014, Parma.

ALPHA UNIT

Scientific Panel on Plant Health
Minutes of the 2nd meeting of the Working Group on Dir 2000/29 Viruses
Held on 16-18 June 2014, Parma
(Agreed on 18 June 2014)

Participants

- **Working Group Experts:**
 - Thierry CANDRESSE (Chair)
 - Stephan WINTER
- **External expert:**
 - Wilhelm JELKMANN
 - Josef SPAK
- **EFSA:**
 - ALPHA Unit: Virag KERTESZ

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants.

No apologies were received.

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

3. Declarations of interest

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4. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

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- 4.1. *Beet leaf curl virus* ([EFSA-Q-2014-00281](#))
- 4.2. *Cherry leafroll virus* ([EFSA-Q-2014-00282](#))
- 4.3. *Citrus tristeza virus* ([EFSA-Q-2014-00283](#))
- 4.4. *Prunus necrotic ringspot virus* ([EFSA-Q-2014-00284](#))
- 4.5. *Strawberry latent C virus* ([EFSA-Q-2014-00285](#))
- 4.6. *Strawberry vein banding virus* ([EFSA-Q-2014-00286](#))
- 4.7. *Tomato yellow leaf curl virus* ([EFSA-Q-2014-00287](#))
- 4.8. *Potato stolbur mycoplasma* ([EFSA-Q-2014-00254](#))

The working group members discussed the biology, vector transmission and distribution of *Strawberry vein banding virus* and *Strawberry latent C virus*, as well as their potential for establishment, spread and consequences in the EU. Following the discussion, the scientific opinions on these two organisms were drafted.

Literature references collected for *Prunus necrotic ringspot virus* and *Tomato yellow leaf curl virus* were reviewed, and the first draft of the scientific opinions on these two organisms were prepared.

5. Next meeting(s)

The next meeting will take place on 30 June-1 July and 3-4 July 2014, Parma.

ALPHA UNIT

Scientific Panel on Plant Health
Minutes of the 1st meeting of the Working Group on Dir 2000/29 Viruses
WEB-conference, 8 May 2014
(Agreed on 18 June 2014)

Participants

- **Working Group Experts:**
 - Thierry CANDRESSE (Chair)
 - Stephan WINTER
- **EFSA:**
 - ALPHA Unit: Virag KERTESZ

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants.

No apologies were received.

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

3. Declarations of interest

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4. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

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- 4.3. *Citrus tristeza virus* ([EFSA-Q-2014-00283](#))
- 4.4. *Prunus necrotic ringspot virus* ([EFSA-Q-2014-00284](#))
- 4.5. *Strawberry latent C virus* ([EFSA-Q-2014-00285](#))
- 4.6. *Strawberry vein banding virus* ([EFSA-Q-2014-00286](#))
- 4.7. *Tomato yellow leaf curl virus* ([EFSA-Q-2014-00287](#))
- 4.8. *Potato stolbur mycoplasma* ([EFSA-Q-2014-00254](#))

The participants discussed the Terms of Reference of the mandate, outlined the work plan and agreed on the meeting dates. Literature references collected for *Strawberry vein banding virus* and *Strawberry latent C virus* were reviewed, and the first draft of the scientific opinions on these two organisms were prepared. Details on data collection needs were discussed.

It was agreed to involve in the working group two external experts with specific expertise on *Strawberry vein banding virus* and *Strawberry latent C virus* in order to discuss with them the draft opinions.

5. Next meeting(s)

The next meeting will take place on 16-18 June 2014, Parma.