



PLANT HEALTH UNIT

SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON PLANT HEALTH

MINUTES OF THE 55th MEETING OF THE WORKING GROUP ON PLANT VIRUSES CATEGORISATION

Held on 19 November 2020 via web conference

(Agreed on 19 November 2020)

Participants

- Working Group Members:
 - Claude Bragard (Chair)
 - Thierry Candresse
 - Elisavet Chatzivassiliou
 - Stephan Winter

- EFSA:
 - Alpha Unit: Alice Delbianco, Virag Kertész

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Secretariat welcomed the participants. No apologies were received.

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 Independence¹ and the Decision of the Executive Director on Competing Interest Management², EFSA screened the Annual Declarations of Interest filled out by the Working Group members invited to the present meeting. No Conflicts of Interest related to the issues

¹ http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/policy_independence.pdf

² http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/competing_interest_management_17.pdf



discussed in this meeting have been identified during the screening process, and no interests were declared orally by the members at the beginning of this meeting.

4. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

4.1. Urgent question on Citrus leprosis virus from EC

The working group addressed the urgent question received from EC on Citrus leprosis virus. VK left the meeting at 14.45.

4.2. Draft opinion on pest categorisation of Beet necrotic yellow vein virus (BNYVV)

The working group reviewed the comments received from the PLH Panel and revised the pest categorisation accordingly. The BNYVV categorisation will be proposed for possible adoption at the next PLH Plenary meeting, planned for 25th and 26th November 2020.

5. Next meeting(s)

No additional meetings have been planned.



SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON PLANT HEALTH

MINUTES OF THE 54th MEETING OF THE WORKING GROUP ON PLANT VIRUSES CATEGORISATION

Held on 3 and 4 November 2020 via web conference

(Agreed on 05 November 2020)

Participants

- Working Group Members:
 - Claude Bragard (Chair)
 - Thierry Candresse
 - Elisavet Chatzivassiliou
 - Stephan Winter

- EFSA:
 - Alpha Unit: Alice Delbianco

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Secretariat welcomed the participants. No apologies were received.

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 Independence¹ and the Decision of the Executive Director on Competing Interest Management², EFSA screened the Annual Declarations of Interest filled out by the Working Group members invited to the present meeting. No Conflicts of Interest related to the issues

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discussed in this meeting have been identified during the screening process, and no interests were declared orally by the members at the beginning of this meeting.

4. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

4.1. Draft opinion on pest categorisation of Beet necrotic yellow vein virus (BNYVV)

The working group nominated Stephan Winter as rapporteur for BNYVV categorisation. The working group reviewed the various sections of the draft pest categorisation and finalised the draft document. The draft BNYVV categorisation will be sent to the PLH Panel for commenting phase. The objective is to have the document adopted at the November 2020 Plenary meeting.

5. Next meeting(s)

The following meeting dates were agreed by the working group to implement the PLH Panel comments and feedback in the draft BNYVV categorisation:

- 19th November 2020 (14.00-18.00)



SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON PLANT HEALTH

MINUTES OF THE 53rd MEETING OF THE WORKING GROUP ON PLANT VIRUSES CATEGORISATION

Held on 19 October 2020 via web conference

(Agreed on 20 October 2020)

Participants

- Working Group Members:
 - Claude Bragard (Chair)
 - Thierry Candresse
 - Elisavet Chatzivassiliou
 - Stephan Winter

- EFSA:
 - Alpha Unit: Alice Delbianco

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Secretariat welcomed the participants. No apologies were received.

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 Independence¹ and the Decision of the Executive Director on Competing Interest Management², EFSA screened the Annual Declarations of Interest filled out by the Working Group members invited to the present meeting. No Conflicts of Interest related to the issues

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discussed in this meeting have been identified during the screening process, and no interests were declared orally by the members at the beginning of this meeting.

4. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

4.1. Draft opinion on pest categorisation of Beet necrotic yellow vein virus (BNYVV)

The working group reviewed the various sections of the draft pest categorisation, particularly the sections on regulatory status and entry. The Chair left the meeting at 16.00. The meeting continued with a drafting session. The objective is to have the document adopted at the November 2020 Plenary meeting.

5. Next meeting(s)

The following meeting dates were agreed by the working group to prepare the pest categorisation:

- 3rd and 4th November 2020 (09.00-13.00)
- 19th November 2020 (14.00-18.00)



SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON PLANT HEALTH

MINUTES OF THE 52nd MEETING OF THE WORKING GROUP ON PLANT VIRUSES CATEGORISATION

Held on 09 October 2020 via web conference

(Agreed on 15 October 2020)

Participants

- Working Group Members:
 - Claude Bragard (Chair)
 - Thierry Candresse
 - Elisavet Chatzivassiliou
 - Stephan Winter

- EFSA:
 - Alpha Unit: Alice Delbianco

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Secretariat welcomed the participants. No apologies were received.

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 Independence¹ and the Decision of the Executive Director on Competing Interest Management², EFSA screened the Annual Declarations of Interest filled out by the Working Group members invited to the present meeting. No Conflicts of Interest related to the issues

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discussed in this meeting have been identified during the screening process, and no interests were declared orally by the members at the beginning of this meeting.

4. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

4.1. Draft opinion on pest categorisation of Beet necrotic yellow vein virus (BNYVV)

The working group reviewed the various sections of the draft pest categorisation, identifying improvement needs, and allocated part of the meeting to a drafting section. In particular, the legislation section was addressed and discussed. The objective is to have the document adopted at the November 2020 Plenary meeting.

5. Next meeting(s)

The following meeting dates were agreed by the working group to prepare the pest categorisation:

- 19th October 2020 (change of time from 09.00-13.00 to 14.00-18.00)
- 3rd and 4th November 2020 (09.00-13.00)
- 19th November 2020 (14.00-18.00)



SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON PLANT HEALTH

MINUTES OF THE 51st MEETING OF THE WORKING GROUP ON PLANT VIRUSES CATEGORISATION

Held on 01 October 2020 via web conference

(Agreed on 02 October 2020)

Participants

- Working Group Members:
 - Claude Bragard (Chair)
 - Thierry Candresse
 - Elisavet Chatzivassiliou
 - Stephan Winter

- EFSA:
 - Alpha Unit: Alice Delbianco

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Secretariat welcomed the participants. No apologies were received.

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 Independence¹ and the Decision of the Executive Director on Competing Interest Management², EFSA screened the Annual Declarations of Interest filled out by the Working Group members invited to the present meeting. No Conflicts of Interest related to the issues

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discussed in this meeting have been identified during the screening process, and no interests were declared orally by the members at the beginning of this meeting.

4. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

4.1. Draft opinion on pest categorisation of Beet necrotic yellow vein virus (BNYVV)

The working group reviewed the various sections of the draft pest categorisation, identifying improvement needs, and allocated part of the meeting to a drafting section. The objective is to have the document adopted at the November 2020 Plenary meeting.

5. Next meeting(s)

The following meeting dates were agreed by the working group to prepare the pest categorisation:

- 9th October 2020 (14.00-18.00)
- 19th October 2020 (09.00-13.00)
- 3rd and 4th November 2020 (09.00-13.00)
- 19th November 2020 (14.00-18.00)



SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON PLANT HEALTH

MINUTES OF THE 50th MEETING OF THE WORKING GROUP ON PLANT VIRUSES CATEGORISATION

Held on 11 September 2020 via web conference

(Agreed on 18 September 2020)

Participants

- Working Group Members:
 - Claude Bragard (Chair)
 - Thierry Candresse
 - Elisavet Chatzivassiliou
 - Stephan Winter

- EFSA:
 - Alpha Unit: Alice Delbianco

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Secretariat welcomed the participants. No apologies were received.

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 Independence¹ and the Decision of the Executive Director on Competing Interest Management², EFSA screened the Annual Declarations of Interest filled out by the Working Group members invited to the present meeting. No Conflicts of Interest related to the issues

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discussed in this meeting have been identified during the screening process, and no interests were declared orally by the members at the beginning of this meeting.

4. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

4.1. Draft opinion on pest categorisation of Beet necrotic yellow vein virus (BNYVV)

The working group discussed the meetings calendar, the workplan and allocation of tasks to prepare the pest categorisation. The working group started the drafting of the pest categorisation. The objective is to have the document adopted at the November 2020 Plenary meeting.

5. Next meeting(s)

The following meeting dates were agreed by the working group to prepare the pest categorisation:

- 1st October 2020 (14.00-18.00)
- 9th October 2020 (14.00-18.00)
- 19th October 2020 (09.00-13.00)
- 3rd and 4th November 2020 (09.00-13.00)
- 19th November 2020 (14.00-18.00)



SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON PLANT HEALTH

MINUTES OF THE 49th MEETING OF THE WORKING GROUP ON PLANT VIRUSES CATEGORISATION

Held on 5 June 2020 via web conference

(Agreed on 8 June 2020)

Participants

- Working Group Members:
 - Claude Bragard
 - Thierry Candresse
 - Elisavet Chatzivassiliou
 - Stephan Winter

- EFSA:
 - Alpha Unit: Bernard Bottex

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Secretariat welcomed the participants. No apologies were received.

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 Independence¹ and the Decision of the Executive Director on Competing Interest Management², EFSA screened the Annual Declarations of Interest filled out by the Working Group members invited to the present meeting. No Conflicts of Interest related to the issues

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discussed in this meeting have been identified during the screening process, and no interests were declared orally by the members at the beginning of this meeting.

4. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

4.1. Draft opinion on pest categorisation of tomato leaf curl New Delhi virus (ToLCNDV)³.

The working group reviewed the comments received from the EFSA Panel on Plant Health and revised the pest categorisation accordingly. The document will be proposed for possible adoption at the 10-11 June 2020 Plenary meeting.

5. Next meeting(s)

Unless the PLH Panel makes significant comments that require the working group to meet again to finalise the pest categorisation of ToLCNDV, the working group will meet in September 2020 to start working on the pest categorisation of beet necrotic yellow vein virus (BNYVV)

³ <http://registerofquestions.efsa.europa.eu/roqFrontend/questionLoader?question=EFSA-Q-2020-00126>



SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON PLANT HEALTH

MINUTES OF THE 48th MEETING OF THE WORKING GROUP ON PLANT VIRUSES CATEGORISATION

Held on 13 & 14 May 2020 via web conference

(Agreed on 15 May 2020)

Participants

■ Working Group Members:

Claude Bragard

Thierry Candresse

Elisavet Chatzivassiliou

Stephan Winter

■ EFSA:

Alpha Unit: Bernard Bottex

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Secretariat welcomed the participants. No apologies were received.

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 Independence¹ and the Decision of the Executive Director on Competing Interest Management², EFSA screened the Annual Declarations of Interest filled out by the Working Group members invited to the present meeting. No Conflicts of Interest related to the issues

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discussed in this meeting have been identified during the screening process, and no interests were declared orally by the members at the beginning of this meeting.

4. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

4.1. Draft opinion on pest categorisation of tomato leaf curl New Delhi virus (ToLCNDV)³.

The working group reviewed the various sections of the draft pest categorisation. The document will be circulated to the PLH Panel for review by 22 May at the latest. The comments will be addressed during a web conference on 5 June to finalise the document, so that the pest categorisation can be proposed for possible adoption at the 10-11 June 2020 Plenary meeting.

5. Next meeting(s)

The following meeting dates were agreed by the working group to prepare the pest categorisation:

- 05/06/2020: web conference from 9.00 to 13.00 to address the comments from the Panel and finalise the pest categorisation for possible adoption.

³ <http://registerofquestions.efsa.europa.eu/roqFrontend/questionLoader?question=EFSA-Q-2020-00126>



SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON PLANT HEALTH

MINUTES OF THE 47th MEETING OF THE WORKING GROUP ON PLANT VIRUSES CATEGORISATION

Held on 29 April 2020 via web conference

(Agreed on 6 May 2020)

Participants

- Working Group Members:
 - Claude Bragard
 - Thierry Candresse
 - Elisavet Chatzivassiliou
 - Stephan Winter

- EFSA:
 - Alpha Unit: Bernard Bottex

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Secretariat welcomed the participants. No apologies were received.

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 Independence¹ and the Decision of the Executive Director on Competing Interest Management², EFSA screened the Annual Declarations of Interest filled out by the Working Group members invited to the present meeting. No Conflicts of Interest related to the issues

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discussed in this meeting have been identified during the screening process, and no interests were declared orally by the members at the beginning of this meeting.

4. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

4.1. Draft opinion on pest categorisation of tomato leaf curl New Delhi virus (ToLCNDV)³.

The working group reviewed the various sections of the draft pest categorisation, identifying improvement needs. The document will be further discussed on 13-14 May by the working group. The objective is to have the document adopted at the June 2020 Plenary meeting.

5. Next meeting(s)

The following meeting dates were agreed by the working group to prepare the pest categorisation:

- 13-14/05/2020 (from 9.00 on the 13th to 13.00 on the 14th): web conference to finalise the pest categorisation for consultation of the PLH Panel
- 05/06/2020: web conference from 9.00 to 13.00 to address the comments from the Panel and finalise the pest categorisation for possible adoption.

³ <http://registerofquestions.efsa.europa.eu/roqFrontend/questionLoader?question=EFSA-Q-2020-00126>



SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON PLANT HEALTH

MINUTES OF THE 46th MEETING OF THE WORKING GROUP ON PLANT VIRUSES CATEGORISATION

Held on 14 April 2020 via web conference

(Agreed on 20 April 2020)

Participants

■ Working Group Members:

Claude Bragard

Thierry Candresse

Elisavet Chatzivassiliou

Stephan Winter

■ EFSA:

Alpha Unit: Bernard Bottex

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Secretariat welcomed the participants. No apologies were received.

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 Independence¹ and the Decision of the Executive Director on Competing Interest Management², EFSA screened the Annual Declarations of Interest filled out by the Working Group members invited to the present meeting. No Conflicts of Interest related to the issues

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discussed in this meeting have been identified during the screening process, and no interests were declared orally by the members at the beginning of this meeting.

4. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

4.1. draft opinion on pest categorisation of tomato leaf curl New Delhi virus (TOLCND)³.

The working group reviewed the various sections of the draft pest categorisation, identifying improvement needs. The document will be further discussed on 29 April by the working group. The objective is to have the document adopted at the June 2020 Plenary meeting.

5. Next meeting(s)

The following meeting dates were agreed by the working group to prepare the pest categorisation:

- 29/04/2020 from 9.00 to 13.00: web conference to continue working on the pest categorisation
- 13-14/05/2020 (from 9.00 on the 13th to 13.00 on the 14th): web conference to finalise the pest categorisation for consultation of the PLH Panel
- 05/06/2020: web conference from 9.00 to 13.00 to address the comments from the Panel and finalise the pest categorisation for possible adoption.

³ <http://registerofquestions.efsa.europa.eu/roqFrontend/questionLoader?question=EFSA-Q-2020-00126>



SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON PLANT HEALTH

MINUTES OF THE 45th MEETING OF THE WORKING GROUP ON PLANT VIRUSES CATEGORISATION

Held on 25th February 2020 via web conference

(Agreed on 28 February 2020)

Participants

■ Working Group Members:

Claude Bragard

Thierry Candresse

Elisavet Chatzivassiliou

Stephan Winter

■ EFSA:

Alpha Unit: Bernard Bottex

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Secretariat welcomed the participants. No apologies were received.

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 Independence¹ and the Decision of the Executive Director on Competing Interest Management², EFSA screened the Annual Declarations of Interest filled out by the Working Group members invited to the present meeting. No Conflicts of Interest related to the issues

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² http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/competing_interest_management_17.pdf



discussed in this meeting have been identified during the screening process, and no interests were declared orally by the members at the beginning of this meeting.

4. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

4.1. draft opinion on pest categorisation of tomato leaf curl New Delhi virus (TOLCND)³.

The working group discussed the workplan and allocation of tasks to prepare the pest categorisation. The objective is to have the document adopted at the June 2020 Plenary meeting.

The working group was informed that a pest survey card on TOLCND will be prepared in parallel to the drafting of the pest categorisation. Due to their expertise, the members of the working group will be involved either as authors or as reviewers. The survey card does not need to be adopted by the Panel but is to be approved by EFSA before Summer 2020.

5. Next meeting(s)

The following meeting dates were agreed by the working group to prepare the pest categorisation:

- 09/04/2020 from 9.00 to 13.00: web conference to work on the pest categorisation
- 29/04/2020 from 9.00 to 13.00: web conference to continue working on the pest categorisation
- 13-14/05/2020 (from 9.00 on the 13th to 13.00 on the 14th): physical meeting to finalise the pest categorisation for consultation of the PLH Panel(meeting place to be determined)
- 05/06/2020: web conference from 9.00 to 13.00 to address the comments from the Panel and finalise the pest categorisation for possible adoption.

³ <http://registerofquestions.efsa.europa.eu/roqFrontend/questionLoader?question=EFSA-Q-2020-00126>



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SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON PLANT HEALTH

MINUTES OF THE 44th MEETING OF THE WORKING GROUP ON PLANT VIRUSES CATEGORISATION

Held on 15th November 2019 via Web

(Agreed on 15th November 2019)

Participants

- Working Group Members:
 - Claude Bragard (chair)
 - Thierry Candresse
 - Elisavet Chatzivassiliou
 - Stephan Winter

- EFSA:
 - Alpha Unit:
 - Michela Chiumenti
 - Francesco Di Serio
 - Luisa Rubino
 - Angelantonio Minafra

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 of Working Groups members



In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence¹ and the Decision of the Executive Director on Competing Interest Management², EFSA screened the Annual Declarations of Interest filled out by the Working Group members invited to the present meeting. No Conflicts of Interest related to the issues discussed in this meeting have been identified during the screening process, and no interests were declared orally by the members at the beginning of this meeting.

4. Agreement of the minutes of the 43rd Working Group meeting held on 15th and 16th October.

The minutes of the 43rd Working Group meeting held on 15th and 16th October 2019 were agreed on 16th October.³

5. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

5.1. Discussion and revision of the draft opinion on Pest categorization of non-EU viruses of *Rubus*⁴.

The WG discussed Panel member's comments on the draft of 'Pest categorisation of non-EU viruses of *Rubus*'. Modifications were made to the text, according to the comments received.

6. Next meeting(s)

No more meetings are planned until the end of the year.

¹ http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/policy_independence.pdf

² http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/competing_interest_management_17.pdf

³ https://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/wgs/plant-health/Plant_Virus_Cat.pdf

⁴ <http://registerofquestions.efsa.europa.eu/roqFrontend/questionLoader?question=EFSA-Q-2018-00788>



PLANT HEALTH UNIT

SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON PLANT HEALTH

MINUTES OF THE 43rd MEETING OF THE WORKING GROUP ON PLANT VIRUSES CATEGORISATION

Held on 15th and 16th October 2019 in Parma

(Agreed on 16th October 2019)

Participants

- Working Group Members:
 - Claude Bragard (chair)
 - Thierry Candresse
 - Elisavet Chatzivassiliou

- EFSA:
 - Alpha Unit:
 - Michela Chiumenti
 - Francesco Di Serio
 - Franco Ferilli
 - Luisa Rubino

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants. Apologies from Stephan Winter were received.

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 Independence¹ and the Decision of the Executive Director on Competing Interest Management², EFSA screened the Annual Declarations of Interest filled out by the Working Group members invited to the present meeting. No Conflicts of Interest related to the issues discussed in this meeting have been identified during the screening process, and no interests were declared orally by the members at the beginning of this meeting.

4. Agreement of the minutes of the 42nd Working Group meeting held on 20th September.

The minutes of the 42nd Working Group meeting held on 20th September 2019 were agreed on 20th September.³

5. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

5.1. Discussion and revision of the draft opinion on Pest categorization of non-EU viruses of *Rubus*⁴.

The working group checked the current status of the document and discussed the new elements in the text. The opinion was finalised in all parts and prepared to be sent to the PLH Panel for possible adoption in November Plenary.

6. Next meeting(s)

The next WG meeting will take place on 15 November 2019 via web.

¹ http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/policy_independence.pdf

² http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/competing_interest_management_17.pdf

³ https://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/wgs/plant-health/Plant_Virus_Cat.pdf

⁴ <http://registerofquestions.efsa.europa.eu/roqFrontend/questionLoader?question=EFSA-Q-2018-00788>



SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON PLANT HEALTH

MINUTES OF THE 42nd MEETING OF THE WORKING GROUP ON PLANT VIRUSES CATEGORISATION

Held on 20th September 2019 via web

(Agreed on 20th September 2019)

Participants

- Working Group Members:
 - Thierry Candresse (chair)
 - Elisavet Chatzivassiliou

- EFSA:
 - Alpha Unit:
 - Michela Chiumenti
 - Francesco Di Serio
 - Luisa Rubino
 - Angelantonio Minafra

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants. Apologies from Stephan Winter and Claude Bragard were received.

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 Independence¹ and the Decision of the Executive Director on Competing Interest Management², EFSA screened the Annual Declarations of Interest filled out by the Working Group members invited to the present meeting. No Conflicts of Interest related to the issues discussed in this meeting have been identified during the screening process, and no interests were declared orally by the members at the beginning of this meeting.

4. Agreement of the minutes of the 41st Working Group meeting held on 4th and 5th September 2019.

The minutes of the 41st Working Group meeting held on 4th and 5th September 2019 were agreed on 5th September.³

5. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

5.1. Revision of the Panel's comments to opinion on Pest categorization of non-EU viruses of *Ribes*⁴.

The WG reviewed the opinion and replied to PLH Panel's comments.

5.2. Discussion and revision of the draft opinion on Pest categorization of non-EU viruses of *Rubus*⁵.

The working group checked the current status of the document and discussed the new elements in the text. The WG also worked silently to check the consistency and correct the parts of the document already prepared.

6. Next meeting(s)

The next WG meeting will take place on 15th and 16th October 2019 in Parma (EFSA).

¹ http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/policy_independence.pdf

² http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/competing_interest_management_17.pdf

³ https://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/wgs/plant-health/Plant_Virus_Cat.pdf

⁴ <http://registerofquestions.efsa.europa.eu/roqFrontend/questionLoader?question=EFSA-Q-2018-00787>

⁵ <http://registerofquestions.efsa.europa.eu/roqFrontend/questionLoader?question=EFSA-Q-2018-00788>



SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON PLANT HEALTH

MINUTES OF THE 41st MEETING OF THE WORKING GROUP ON PLANT VIRUSES CATEGORISATION

Held on 4th and 5th September 2019 in Parma

(Agreed on 5th September 2019)

Participants

- Working Group Members:
 - Claude Bragard (chair)
 - Thierry Candresse
 - Elisavet Chatzivassiliou

- EFSA:
 - Alpha Unit:
 - Michela Chiumenti
 - Francesco di Serio
 - Luisa Rubino (via Web)
 - Angelantonio Minafra
 - Franco Ferilli

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants. Apologies from Stephan Winter were received.

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 Independence¹ and the Decision of the Executive Director on Competing Interest Management², EFSA screened the Annual Declarations of Interest filled out by the Working Group members invited to the present meeting. No Conflicts of Interest related to the issues discussed in this meeting have been identified during the screening process, and no interests were declared orally by the members at the beginning of this meeting.

4. Agreement of the minutes of the 40th Working Group meeting held on 25th June 2019.

The minutes of the 40th Working Group meeting held on 25th June 2019 were agreed on 25th June.³

5. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

5.1. Finalisation of the draft opinion on Pest categorization of non-EU viruses of *Ribes*⁴.

The WG reviewed and finalised the opinion. The draft document will be circulated to PLH Panel for comments.

5.2. Discussion and revision of the draft opinion on Pest categorization of non-EU viruses of *Rubus*⁵.

The working group checked the current status of the document and discussed the new elements in the text.

6. Next meeting(s)

The next WG meeting will take place on 20 September 2019 via web.

¹ http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/policy_independence.pdf

² http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/competing_interest_management_17.pdf

³ https://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/wgs/plant-health/Plant_Virus_Cat.pdf

⁴ <http://registerofquestions.efsa.europa.eu/roqFrontend/questionLoader?question=EFSA-Q-2018-00787>

⁵ <http://registerofquestions.efsa.europa.eu/roqFrontend/questionLoader?question=EFSA-Q-2018-00788>



SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON PLANT HEALTH

MINUTES OF THE 40TH MEETING OF THE WORKING GROUP ON PLANT VIRUSES CATEGORISATION

Held on 25th June 2019 by web

(Agreed on 25th June 2019)

Participants

- Working Group Members:
 - Thierry Candresse (chair)
 - Elisavet Chatzivassiliou

- EFSA:
 - Alpha Unit:
 - Tomasz Kaluski
 - Michela Chiumenti
 - Francesco di Serio
 - Luisa Rubino
 - Angelantonio Minafra
 - Franco Ferilli

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants. Apologies from Stephan Winter and Claude Bragard were received.

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 Independence¹ and the Decision of the Executive Director on Competing Interest Management², EFSA screened the Annual Declarations of Interest filled out by the Working Group members invited to the present meeting. No Conflicts of Interest related to the issues discussed in this meeting have been identified during the screening process, and no interests were declared orally by the members at the beginning of this meeting.

4. Agreement of the minutes of the 38th Working Group meeting held on 6th and 7th May 2019.

The minutes of the 39th Working Group meeting held on 11th – 12th June 2019 were agreed on 12th June.³

5. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

5.1. Revision of the Panel's comments to opinion on Pest categorization of non-EU viruses of *Fragaria*⁴.

The comments to the opinion received from Panel were discussed and considered. WG agreed for all proposed corrections.

5.2. Discussion and revision of the draft opinion on Pest categorization of non-EU viruses of *Rubus*⁵.

Identity, biology, detection and impact of the viruses of *Rubus* were reviewed and discussed.

6. Next meeting(s)

The next WG meeting will take place on 4-5 September 2019.

¹ http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/policy_independence.pdf

² http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/competing_interest_management_17.pdf

³ https://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/wgs/plant-health/Plant_Virus_Cat.pdf

⁴ <http://registerofquestions.efsa.europa.eu/roqFrontend/questionLoader?question=EFSA-Q-2018-00783>

⁵ <http://registerofquestions.efsa.europa.eu/roqFrontend/questionLoader?question=EFSA-Q-2018-00788>



SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON PLANT HEALTH

MINUTES OF THE 39TH MEETING OF THE WORKING GROUP ON PLANT VIRUSES CATEGORISATION

Held on 11 and 12 June 2019

(Agreed on 12th June 2019)

Participants

- Working Group Members:
 - Claude Bragard (chair)
 - Thierry Candresse
 - Elisavet Chatzivassiliou
 - Stephan Winter

- EFSA:
 - Alpha Unit:
 - Tomasz Kaluski
 - Michela Chiumenti
 - Francesco di Serio
 - Luisa Rubino
 - Angelantonio Minafra

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants. No apologies.

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 Independence¹ and the Decision of the Executive Director on Competing Interest Management², EFSA screened the Annual Declarations of Interest filled out by the Working Group members invited to the present meeting. No Conflicts of Interest related to the issues discussed in this meeting have been identified during the screening process, and no interests were declared orally by the members at the beginning of this meeting.

4. Agreement of the minutes of the 38th Working Group meeting held on 6th and 7th May 2019.

The minutes of the 38th Working Group meeting held on 6th – 7th May 2019 were agreed on 7th May.³

5. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

5.1. Discussion on the changes proposed by Panel to harmonise opinions.

The WG discussed changes proposed by Panel according to the discussion on qualification of viruses as RNQPs. Based on the decision of Panel that all categorised viruses are non-EU viruses and don't qualify as RNQPs, the justification was changed in all previous not published opinions.

5.2. Finalising of the draft opinion on Pest categorization of non-EU viruses of *Fragaria*⁴.

The Pest categorization of non-EU viruses of *Fragaria* was finalised and prepared for possible adoption at June PLH Plenary meeting.

5.3. Discussion on the draft opinion on Pest categorization of non-EU viruses of *Rubus*⁵.

The WG reviewed the draft tables on taxonomy and biology of non-EU viruses of *Rubus*.

5.4. Discussion on the draft opinion on Pest categorization of non-EU viruses of *Ribes*⁶

Taxonomy and biology of listed non-EU viruses of *Ribes* was discussed and reviewed.

6. Next meeting(s)

¹ http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/policy_independence.pdf

² http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/competing_interest_management_17.pdf

³ https://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/wqs/plant-health/Plant_Virus_Cat.pdf

⁴ <http://registerofquestions.efsa.europa.eu/roqFrontend/questionLoader?question=EFSA-Q-2018-00783>

⁵ <http://registerofquestions.efsa.europa.eu/roqFrontend/questionLoader?question=EFSA-Q-2018-00788>

⁶ <http://registerofquestions.efsa.europa.eu/roqFrontend/questionLoader?question=EFSA-Q-2018-00787>



The next WG meeting will take place on 25th June 2019 by web.



PLANT HEALTH UNIT

SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON PLANT HEALTH

MINUTES OF THE 38TH MEETING OF THE WORKING GROUP ON PLANT VIRUSES CATEGORISATION

Held on 6 and 7 May 2019

(Agreed on 7th May 2019)

Participants

- Working Group Members:
 - Claude Bragard (chair)
 - Thierry Candresse
 - Elisavet Chatzivassiliou
 - Stephan Winter

- EFSA:
 - Alpha Unit:
 - Tomasz Kaluski
 - Michela Chiumenti
 - Francesco di Serio
 - Luisa Rubino (web)

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants. No apologies.

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 Independence¹ and the Decision of the Executive Director on Competing Interest Management², EFSA screened the Annual Declarations of Interest filled out by the Working Group members invited to the present meeting. No Conflicts of Interest related to the issues discussed in this meeting have been identified during the screening process, and no interests were declared orally by the members at the beginning of this meeting.

4. Agreement of the minutes of the 37th Working Group meeting held on 25th and 26th April 2019.

The minutes of the 37th Working Group meeting held on 25th – 26th April 2019 were agreed on 26th April.³

5. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

5.1. Finalising of the draft opinion on Pest categorization of non-EU viruses of *Prunus*⁴.

The WG discussed and revised the section concerning the insect vectors of categorised viruses and viroids.

5.2. Discussion and revision of the draft opinion on Pest categorization of non-EU viruses of *Fragaria*⁵.

The Pest categorization of non-EU viruses of *Fragaria* was carefully revised. The conclusion tables were reviewed and agreed.

5.3. Discussion on the draft opinion on Pest categorization of non-EU viruses of *Ribes*⁶ and *Rubus*⁷.

The WG reviewed the draft tables on taxonomy and biology of non-EU viruses of *Rubus* and *Ribes*. Based on this preliminary information, the WG decided to prepare separate opinions for the two hosts. The working plan on preparation of these pest categorisations was also discussed.

6. Next meeting(s)

The next WG meeting will take place on 20th May 2019 by web.

¹ http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/policy_independence.pdf

² http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/competing_interest_management_17.pdf

³ https://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/wqs/plant-health/Plant_Virus_Cat.pdf

⁴ <http://registerofquestions.efsa.europa.eu/roqFrontend/questionLoader?question=EFSA-Q-2018-00785>

⁵ <http://registerofquestions.efsa.europa.eu/roqFrontend/questionLoader?question=EFSA-Q-2018-00783>

⁶ <http://registerofquestions.efsa.europa.eu/roqFrontend/questionLoader?question=EFSA-Q-2018-00787>

⁷ <http://registerofquestions.efsa.europa.eu/roqFrontend/questionLoader?question=EFSA-Q-2018-00788>



SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON PLANT HEALTH

MINUTES OF THE 37TH MEETING OF THE WORKING GROUP ON PLANT VIRUSES CATEGORISATION

Held on 25 and 26 April 2019

(Agreed on 26th April 2019)

Participants

- Working Group Members:
 - Claude Bragard (chair) (web - 25th April (9:00-18:00))
 - Thierry Candresse
 - Elisavet Chatzivassiliou
 - Stephan Winter (web – 25th, 26th April (9:00-13:00))
 - Franco Finelli

- EFSA:
 - Alpha Unit: Tomasz Kaluski
 - Michela Chiumenti
 - Francesco di Serio

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants. Apologies were not received.

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 Independence¹ and the Decision of the Executive Director on Competing Interest Management², EFSA screened the Annual Declarations of Interest filled out by the Working Group members invited to the present meeting. No Conflicts of Interest related to the issues discussed in this meeting have been identified during the screening process, and no interests were declared orally by the members at the beginning of this meeting.

4. Agreement of the minutes of the 36th Working Group meeting held on 25th and 26th March 2019.

The minutes of the 36th Working Group meeting held on 25th – 26th March 2019 were agreed on 26th March.³

5. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

5.1. Discussion and revision of the draft opinion on Pest categorization of non-EU viruses of *Prunus*.⁴

The WG discussed and revised the opinion. The opinion was finished and will be prepared for possible adoption at May Plenary meeting.

5.2. Discussion and revision of the draft opinion on Pest categorization of non-EU viruses of *Fragaria*.⁵

The Pest categorization of non-EU viruses of *Fragaria* was carefully revised. The pathway tables were reviewed and homogenous viruses were grouped together in the conclusion tables.

6. Next meeting(s)

The next WG meeting will take place in Parma 6th -7th May 2019.

¹ http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/policy_independence.pdf

² http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/competing_interest_management_17.pdf

³ https://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/wqs/plant-health/Plant_Virus_Cat.pdf

⁴ <http://registerofquestions.efsa.europa.eu/roqFrontend/questionLoader?question=EFSA-Q-2018-00785>

⁵ <http://registerofquestions.efsa.europa.eu/roqFrontend/questionLoader?question=EFSA-Q-2018-00783>



SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON PLANT HEALTH

MINUTES OF THE 36TH MEETING OF THE WORKING GROUP ON PLANT VIRUSES CATEGORISATION

Held on 25 and 26 March 2019

(Agreed on 26th March 2019)

Participants

- Working Group Members:
 - Claude Bragard (chair)
 - Thierry Candresse
 - Elisavet Chatzivassiliou

- EFSA:
 - Alpha Unit: Tomasz Kaluski
 - Michela Chiumenti
 - Francesco di Serio
 - Luisa Rubino

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants. Apologies received from Stephan Winter.

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 Independence¹ and the Decision of the Executive Director on Competing Interest Management², EFSA screened the Annual Declarations of Interest filled out by

¹ http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/policy_independence.pdf

² http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/competing_interest_management_17.pdf



the Working Group members invited to the present meeting. No Conflicts of Interest related to the issues discussed in this meeting have been identified during the screening process, and no interests were declared orally by the members at the beginning of this meeting.

4. Agreement of the minutes of the 36th Working Group meeting held on 25th and 26th March 2019.

The minutes of the 35th Working Group meeting held on 6th March 2019 were agreed.³

5. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

5.1. Revision of the Panel's comments to opinion on Pest categorization of non-EU viruses of *Vitis*.⁴

The WG discussed and modified the opinion according to Panel's comments and suggestions.

5.2. Discussion and revision of the draft opinion on Pest categorization of non-EU viruses of *Prunus*.⁵

The Pest categorization of non-EU viruses of *Prunus* was carefully revised: the missing bibliographic references were added. The conclusion tables were reviewed and homogenous viruses were grouped together in the conclusion tables.

6. Next meeting(s)

The next WG meeting will be a web meeting and will take place in Parma 25th -26th April 2019.

³ https://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/wgs/plant-health/Plant_Virus_Cat.pdf

⁴ <http://registerofquestions.efsa.europa.eu/roqFrontend/questionLoader?question=EFSA-Q-2018-00789>

⁵ <http://registerofquestions.efsa.europa.eu/roqFrontend/questionLoader?question=EFSA-Q-2018-00785>



ANIMAL AND PLANT HEALTH UNIT

SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON PLANT HEALTH

MINUTES OF THE 35TH MEETING OF THE WORKING GROUP ON PLANT VIRUSES CATEGORISATION

**Held on 06 March 2019
WEB-conference**

(Agreed on 06 March 2019)

Participants

■ Working Group Members:

Claude Bragard (chair)
Thierry Candresse
Elisavet Chatzivassiliou
Stephan Winter

■ EFSA:

Alpha Unit: Tomasz Kaluski
Michela Chiumenti
Francesco di Serio

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 of Working Groups members



In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence¹ and the Decision of the Executive Director on Competing Interest Management², EFSA screened the Annual Declarations of Interest filled out by the Working Group members invited to the present meeting. No Conflicts of Interest related to the issues discussed in this meeting have been identified during the screening process, and no interests were declared orally by the members at the beginning of this meeting.

4. Agreement of the minutes of the 34th Working Group meeting held on 11-12 February 2019, Poznan.

The minutes of the 34th Working Group meeting held on 11-12 February 2019 were agreed on 12 February.³

5. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

5.1. Discussion and revision of the draft opinion on Pest categorization of non-EU viruses of *Vitis*.⁴

The opinion on pest categorization of non-EU viruses of *Vitis* was reviewed and finalised. The opinion was prepared of possible adoption at March plenary.

6. Next meeting(s)

The next WG meeting will be held in Parma on 25th -26th March 2019.

¹ http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/policy_independence.pdf

² http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/competing_interest_management_17.pdf

³ https://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/wgs/plant-health/Plant_Virus_Cat.pdf

⁴ <http://registerofquestions.efsa.europa.eu/roqFrontend/questionLoader?question=EFSA-Q-2018-00789>

Scientific Panel on Plant Health

Minutes of the 34th meeting of the Working Group on plant virus categorisation

**Held on the 11-12 February 2019 in Poznan (Poland),
(Agreed on 12th of February, 2019)**

Participants

Working Group Members:

- Claude Bragard (chair)
- Thierry Candresse
- Elisavet Chatzivassiliou

EFSA

- Tomasz Kaluski (ALPHA Unit)
- Francesco Di Serio
- Michela Chiumenti

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants. No apologies received.

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted with changes, the discussion on table provided by contractor was added.

3. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence and Scientific Decision-Making Processes¹ and the Decision of the Executive Director on Declarations of Interest², EFSA screened the Annual Declaration of Interest and the Specific Declaration of Interest filled in by the working group members 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 33rd Working Group meeting.

The minutes of the meeting held via web on 8th February 2019 were agreed on 8th February 2019.

5. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

5.1 Revision of the draft opinion on Pest categorization of non-EU viruses of *Vitis*.

The draft opinion on Pest categorisation of non-EU viruses of *Vitis* was revised according to the WG decision and finalised to be submitted to the Panel.

5.2 Discussion and revision of the draft opinion on Pest categorization of non-EU viruses of *Prunus*.

The draft opinion on Pest categorisation of non-EU viruses of *Prunus* was discussed and reviewed according to the WG decision.

6. Next meeting

The next WG meeting will take place via web on 6th March 2019.

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

² <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/independencerules2014.pdf>

Scientific Panel on Plant Health

Minutes of the 33rd web meeting of the Working Group on plant virus categorisation

**Held via web on the 8 February 2019,
(Agreed on 8th of February, 2019)**

Participants

Working Group Members:

- Elisavet Chatzivassiliou
- Franco Finelli

EFSA

- Tomasz Kaluski (ALPHA Unit)
- Francesco Di Serio
- Michela Chiumenti
- Angelantonio Minafra
- Luisa Rubino

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants. Apologies received from Claude Bragard, Thierry Candresse and Stephan Winter.

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted with changes, the discussion on table provided by contractor was added.

3. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence and Scientific Decision-

Making Processes¹ and the Decision of the Executive Director on Declarations of Interest², EFSA screened the Annual Declaration of Interest and the Specific Declaration of Interest filled in by the working group members 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 32nd Working Group meeting.

The minutes of the meeting held on 25 January 2019 were agreed on 25 January 2019.

5. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

5.1 Discussion and revision of the legislation section of the draft opinion on Pest categorization of non-EU viruses of Vitis.

The opinion was reviewed and implemented in the legislation section according to the WG decisions.

5.2 Discussion and revision of the vector section of the draft opinion on Pest categorization of non-EU viruses of Vitis.

The opinion was reviewed and modified in the vector section according to the WG decisions.

5.3 Discussion and revision of the legislation section of the draft opinion on Pest categorization of non-EU viruses of Prunus.

The opinion was reviewed and implemented in the legislation according to the WG decisions.

6. Next meeting

The next WG meeting will be a physical meeting and will take place in Poznan (Poland) on 11 and 12th February 2019.

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

² <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/independencerules2014.pdf>

Scientific Panel on Plant Health

Minutes of the 32nd web meeting of the Working Group on plant virus categorisation

**Held on the 25 January 2019, web
(Agreed on 25th of January, 2019)**

Participants

Working Group Members:

- Claude Bragard (chair)
- Thierry Candresse
- Elisavet Chatzivassiliou
- Stephan Winter

EFSA

- Tomasz Kaluski (ALPHA Unit)
- Francesco Di Serio
- Michela Chiumenti
- Angelantonio Minafra
- Luisa Rubino

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants. No apologies received.

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted with changes, the discussion on the draft opinion on Pest categorization of non-EU viruses of Prunus was added.

3. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence and Scientific Decision-Making Processes¹ and the Decision of the Executive Director on Declarations of Interest², EFSA screened the Annual Declaration of Interest and the Specific Declaration of Interest filled in by the working group members 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 31st Working Group meeting.

The minutes of the meeting held on 11 January 2019 were agreed on 25 January 2019.

5. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

5.1 Discussion and revision of the draft opinion on Pest categorization of non-EU viruses of Vitis.

The opinion was reviewed and modified according to the WG decisions.

5.2 Discussion of the draft opinion on Pest categorization of non-EU viruses of Prunus.

The opinion was reviewed and modified according to the WG decisions. WG discussed the identity of viruses and viroids categorized in the opinion.

6. Next meeting

The next WG meeting will be a physical meeting and will take place in Poznan (Poland) on 11th and 12th of February 2019.

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

² <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/independencerules2014.pdf>

Scientific Panel on Plant Health

Minutes of the 31st web meeting of the Working Group on plant virus categorisation

**Held on the 11 January 2019, web
(Agreed on 25th of January, 2019)**

Participants

Working Group Members:

- Claude Bragard (chair)
- Thierry Candresse
- Elisavet Chatzivassiliou

EFSA

- Tomasz Kaluski (ALPHA Unit)
- Francesco Di Serio
- Michela Chiumenti
- Angelantonio Minafra
- Luisa Rubino

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants. Stephan Winter apologized for absence.

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted with changes, the discussion on table provided by contractor was added.

3. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence and Scientific Decision-Making Processes¹ and the Decision of the Executive Director on Declarations of Interest², EFSA screened the Annual Declaration of Interest and the Specific Declaration of Interest filled in by the working group members 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 30th Working Group meeting.

The minutes of the meeting held on 17-18 December 2018 were agreed on 18 December 2018.

5. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

5.1 Meeting plan for 2019.

The WG planned the next meetings for 2019 until the end of the Tasking Grant (15th of May) according to the next scheduled PLH Panel Plenaries.

5.2 Information on written adoption and endorsement of opinions.

The WG received updated information about the written adoption of the opinion "Pest categorization of non-EU viruses of *Cydonia* Mill., *Malus* Mill. and *Pyrus* L." and the written endorsement of the changes made on the opinion "List of non-EU viruses of *Cydonia* Mill., *Fragaria* L., *Malus* Mill., *Prunus* L., *Pyrus* L., *Ribes* L., *Rubus* L. and *Vitis* L.".

5.3 Discussion and revision of the draft opinion on Pest categorization of non-EU viruses of Vitis.

The opinion was reviewed and modified according to the WG decisions.

6. Next meeting

The next WG meeting will be a web meeting and will take place on 25th January 2019.

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

² <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/independencerules2014.pdf>

Scientific Panel on Plant Health

Minutes of the 30th meeting of the Working Group on plant virus categorisation

**Held on the 17-18 December 2018,
(Agreed on 18th of December, 2018)**

Participants

Working Group Members:

- Claude Bragard (chair)
- Thierry Candresse
- Elisavet Chatzivassiliou
- Stephan Winter
- Franco Finelli

EFSA

- Tomasz Kaluski (ALPHA Unit)
- Francesco Di Serio
- Michela Chiumenti

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants. No apologies received.

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 Processes¹ and the Decision of the Executive Director on Declarations of Interest², EFSA screened the Annual Declaration of Interest and the Specific Declaration of Interest filled in by the working group members 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 29th Working Group meeting.

The minutes of the meeting held via web on 14th December 2018 were agreed on 14th December 2018.

5. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

5.1 Discussion and revision of the draft opinion on Pest categorization of non-EU viruses of *Vitis*.

The draft opinion on Pest categorisation of non-EU viruses of *Vitis* was discussed and reviewed according to the WG decision.

6. Next meeting

The next WG meeting will be a web meeting and will take place via web on 11th January 2019.

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

² <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/independencerules2014.pdf>

Scientific Panel on Plant Health

Minutes of the 29th web meeting of the Working Group on plant virus categorisation

**Held via Web on the 14 December 2018,
(Agreed on 14th of December, 2018)**

Participants

Working Group Members:

- Claude Bragard (chair)
- Thierry Candresse
- Elisavet Chatzivassiliou
- Stephan Winter

EFSA

- Ewelina Czwieniczek (ALPHA Unit)
- Francesco Di Serio
- Michela Chiumenti
- Angelantonio Minafra
- Luisa Rubino

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants. No apologies received.

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted with changes, the discussion on table provided by contractor was added.

3. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence and Scientific Decision-Making Processes¹ and the Decision of the Executive Director on Declarations of Interest², EFSA screened the Annual Declaration of Interest and the Specific Declaration of Interest filled in by the working group members 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 28th Working Group meeting.

The minutes of the meeting held on 19 and 20 November 2018 were agreed on 20 November 2018.

5. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

5.1 Discussion on PLH Panel's comments for the opinion on Pest categorisation of non-EU viruses of Malus, Pyrus and Cydonia.

The opinion was reviewed and modified according to the Panel's comments and suggestions.

5.2 Discussion and revision of the draft opinion on Pest categorisation of non-EU viruses of Vitis.

The WG briefly discussed about the organization of work to be done for the opinion on Pest categorisation of non-EU viruses of Vitis.

6. Next meeting

The next WG meeting will take place in Parma on 17th and 18th December 2018.

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

² <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/independencerules2014.pdf>

Scientific Panel on Plant Health

Minutes of the 28th meeting of the Working Group on plant virus categorisation

**Held on the 19-20 November 2018,
(Agreed on 20th of November, 2018)**

Participants

Working Group Members:

- Claude Bragard (chair)
- Thierry Candresse
- Elisavet Chatzivassiliou
- Franco Finelli
- Stephan Winter

EFSA

- Tomasz Kaluski (ALPHA Unit)
- Francesco Di Serio
- Michela Chiumenti

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants. No apologies received.

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 Processes¹ and the Decision of the Executive Director on Declarations of Interest², EFSA screened the Annual Declaration of Interest and the Specific Declaration of Interest filled in by the working group members 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 27th Working Group meeting.

The minutes of the meeting held on 7 November 2018 were agreed on 19 November 2018.

5. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

5.1 Discussion on PLH Panel's comments for the opinion on List of non-EU viruses

There were no comments from Panel to discuss.

5.2 Discussion and revision of the draft opinion on pest categorization of non-EU viruses of *Malus*, *Pyrus* and *Cydonia*

The legislation and conclusion sections of opinion of non-EU viruses of *Malus*, *Pyrus* and *Cydonia* were revised, discussed and finalised.

6. Next meeting

The next WG meeting will be a web meeting and will take place on 14th December 2018.

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

² <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/independencerules2014.pdf>

Scientific Panel on Plant Health

Minutes of the 27th web meeting of the Working Group on plant virus categorisation

**Held via web on the 7 November 2018,
(Agreed on 19th of November, 2018)**

Participants

Working Group Members:

- Claude Bragard (chair)
- Elisavet Chatzivassiliou
- Stephan Winter

EFSA

- Tomasz Kaluski (ALPHA Unit)
- Francesco Di Serio
- Michela Chiumenti
- Luisa Rubino

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants. No apologies received.

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 Processes¹ and the Decision of the Executive Director on Declarations of Interest², EFSA screened the Annual Declaration of Interest and the Specific Declaration of Interest filled in by the working group members 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 26th Working Group meeting.

The minutes of the meeting held on 26 October 2018 were agreed on 7 November 2018.

5. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

5.1 Discussion and revision of the draft opinion on pest categorization of non-EU viruses of Malus, Pyrus and Cydonia

The opinion was reviewed and modified according to the WG decisions.

5.2 Discussion on comments of COPHS for the opinion on list of non-EU fruit viruses.

The comments of COPHS for opinion on the list of non-EU viruses of *Cydonia* Mill., *Fragaria* L., *Malus* Mill., *Prunus* L., *Pyrus* L., *Ribes* L., *Rubus* L. and *Vitis* L. were addressed.

6. Next meeting

The next WG meeting will be a web meeting and will take place on 19-20th November 2018.

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

² <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/independencerules2014.pdf>

Scientific Panel on Plant Health

Minutes of the 26th web meeting of the Working Group on plant virus categorisation

**Held via web on the 26 October 2018,
(Agreed on 26th of October, 2018)**

Participants

Working Group Members:

- Claude Bragard (chair)
- Thierry Candresse
- Elisavet Chatzivassiliou
- Stephan Winter

EFSA

- Tomasz Kaluski (ALPHA Unit)
- Francesco Di Serio
- Michela Chiumenti
- Luisa Rubino
- Angelantonio Minafra

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants. No apologies received.

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 Processes¹ and the Decision of the Executive Director on Declarations of Interest², EFSA screened the Annual Declaration of Interest and the Specific Declaration of Interest filled in by the working group members 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 25th Working Group meeting.

The minutes of the meeting held on 4 October 2018 were agreed on 4 October 2018.

5. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

5.1 Discussion on COPHS comments for the opinion on List of non-EU viruses

The comments of COPHS for opinion on the list of non-EU viruses of *Cydonia* Mill., *Fragaria* L., *Malus* Mill., *Prunus* L., *Pyrus* L., *Ribes* L., *Rubus* L. and *Vitis* L. were not discussed because of change deadline for comments to 2.11.2018.

5.2 Discussion and revision of the draft opinion on pest categorization of non-EU viruses of Malus, Pyrus and Cydonia.

The opinion was reviewed and modified according to the WG decisions.

6. Next meeting

The next WG meeting will be a web meeting and will take place on 7th November 2018.

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

² <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/independencerules2014.pdf>

Scientific Panel on Plant Health

Minutes of the 25th web meeting of the Working Group on plant virus categorisation

**Held via web on the 4 October 2018,
(Agreed on 4th of October, 2018)**

Participants

Working Group Members:

- Claude Bragard (chair)
- Thierry Candresse
- Elisavet Chatzivassiliou

EFSA

- Tomasz Kaluski (ALPHA Unit)
- Francesco Di Serio
- Michela Chiumenti

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants. Apologies for absence were received from Stephan Winter.

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 Processes¹ and the Decision of the Executive Director on Declarations of Interest², EFSA screened the Annual Declaration of Interest and the Specific Declaration of Interest filled in by the working group members 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 23th Working Group meeting.

The minutes of the meeting held on 21-22 June 2018 were agreed on 22 June 2018.

5. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

5.1 Discussion on PLH Panel's comments for the opinion on List of non-EU viruses

The Opinion on the list of List of non-EU viruses of *Cydonia* Mill., *Fragaria* L., *Malus* Mill., *Prunus* L., *Pyrus* L., *Ribes* L., *Rubus* L. and *Vitis* L. was revised and discussed. The opinion was subjected to revisions according to the PLH Panel's suggestions.

5.2 Discussion and revision of the draft opinion on pest categorization of non-EU viruses of Malus, Pyrus and Cydonia.

The opinion was reviewed and modified according to the WG decisions.

6. Next meeting

The next WG meeting will be a web meeting and will take place on 26th October 2018.

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

² <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/independencerules2014.pdf>

Scientific Panel on Plant Health

Minutes of the 24th meeting of the Working Group on plant virus categorisation

**Held on the 20-21 September 2018,
(Agreed on 21st of September, 2018)**

Participants

Working Group Members:

- Claude Bragard (chair)
- Thierry Candresse
- Elisavet Chatzivassiliou
- Stephan Winter

EFSA

- Tomasz Kaluski (ALPHA Unit)
- Francesco Di Serio
- Michela Chiumenti

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 of Working Groups members

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence and Scientific Decision-Making Processes¹ and the Decision of the Executive Director on Declarations of Interest², EFSA screened the Annual Declaration of Interest and the Specific Declaration of Interest filled in by the working group members 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 23th Working Group meeting.

The minutes of the meeting held on 21-22 June 2018 were agreed on 22 June 2018.

5. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

5.1 Discussion on PLH Panel's comments for the opinion on List of non-EU viruses

No comments were received by the PLH Panel about the List of non-EU viruses' opinion.

5.2 Discussion and revision of the draft opinion on pest categorization of non-EU viruses of Malus, Pyrus and Cydonia.

The opinion was reviewed and modified according to the WG decisions.

Legislation about entry pathway and potential containment measures were analysed and discussed for these Pomaceae viruses.

The WG started drafting the conclusion and decided to report a conclusion table for each of the viruses considered in the Malus, Pyrus, and Cydonia list.

5.3 Work plan and next meeting dates

The working group set a working plan to complete its activities by 15th May 2019, end date for the mandate on pest categorisation of non-EU viruses of *Cydonia* Mill., *Fragaria* L., *Malus* Mill., *Prunus* L., *Pyrus* L., *Ribes* L., *Rubus* L. and *Vitis* L.

As a general strategy it was decided to have two web meetings to review the ongoing opinion before sending it to PLH Panel for adoption and a physical meeting just before the plenary as a kick-off

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

² <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/independencerules2014.pdf>

meeting for the next opinion and to close and to discuss Panel's comments on the ongoing opinion already sent for adoption.

6. Next meeting

The next WG meeting will be a web meeting and will take place on 4th October 2018.

Scientific Panel on Plant Health

Minutes of the 23rd meeting of the Working Group on plant virus categorisation

**Held on the 21-22 June 2018,
(Agreed on 22nd of June, 2018)**

Participants

Working Group Members:

- Thierry Candresse (chair)
- Elisavet Chatzivassiliou
- Stephan Winter

EFSA

- Tomasz Kaluski (ALPHA Unit)
- Michela Chiumenti
- Francesco Di Serio
- Angelantonio Minafra

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 of Working Groups members

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence and Scientific Decision-Making Processesⁱ and the Decision of the Executive Director on Declarations of Interestⁱⁱ, EFSA screened the Annual Declaration of

Interest and the Specific Declaration of Interest filled in by the working group members 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 22nd Working Group meeting.

The minutes of the meeting held on 18-20 April 2018 were agreed on 20 April 2018.

5. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

5.1 Discussion on MSs' comments for the opinion on non-EU viruses.

The table listing all the viruses of Cydonia, Fragaria, Malus, Prunus, Pyrus, Ribes, Rubus and Vitis was updated including the comments received from Belgium and Spain. The text of the opinion was also modified accordingly.

5.2 Discussion on the strategy to group Non-EU viruses for their categorization.

The WG decided to proceed with a host-oriented pest categorisation of non-EU viruses as following:

- Malus, Pyrus, Cydonia;
- Prunus;
- Vitis;
- Rubus and Ribes;
- Fragaria.

A first attempt of categorisation of viruses was obtained taking into account for each virus three main key elements: i) presence in the EU, ii) pathogenicity, iii) capability to infect more than one host.

A template for the pest categorisation was drafted.

5.3 Discussion on the strategy for collecting data needed for categorization of Non-EU viruses.

In order to optimise the data collection and the finalisation of the opinions, the WG decided to start working checking first of all the regulatory status and the presence of previous EFSA opinions about

the known viruses and their vectors. If this information is not available the strategy should consider the following steps:

- Spread (pathway of entrance, vector-host, distribution of vector);
- Consequences (quantity and quality of the damage caused by the virus);
- Symptoms (only for the genera under analysis).

6. Next meeting

The next WG meeting will take place in EFSA on 21-22 September 2018.

ⁱ <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/independencpolicy.pdf>

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

Scientific Panel on Plant Health

Minutes of the 22nd meeting of the Working Group on plant virus categorisation

**Held on the 18-20 April 2018,
(Agreed on 20 of April, 2018)**

Participants

Working Group Members:

- Thierry Candresse (chair)
- Elisavet Chatzivassiliou
- Stephan Winter

EFSA

- Tomasz Kaluski (ALPHA Unit)
- Michela Chiumenti
- Francesco Di Serio

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 of Working Groups members

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence and Scientific Decision-Making Processes¹ and the Decision of the Executive Director on Declarations of Interest², EFSA screened the Annual Declaration of Interest and the Specific Declaration of Interest filled in by the working group members 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 21st Working Group meeting.

The minutes of the meeting held on 22-23 March 2018 were agreed on 23 March 2018.

5. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

5.1 Discussion and drafting the opinion on non-EU viruses.

After a long discussion, it was decided to include all the viruses in the list to be presented to the Member States. The viruses were divided into three main categories: viruses, known to occur in the EU or reported only from the EU, known to occur only outside the EU or having only limited presence in the EU and viruses with uncertain status that occur both inside and outside EU and for which available information did not readily allow to decide on an EU or non-EU status.

To accelerate the finalization of the first draft of the opinion, the working group was divided into two subgroups. One working on the preliminary draft of the opinion, the second one finalizing the table containing the list of viruses, filling all the lacking fields.

5.2 Discussion on structure of opinion on group categorisation.

The WG decided to structure the opinion in form of a list of all the viruses retrieved to date following the classification indicated above. It was decided to include in the main text the three short tables containing the mentioned list of viruses together with some

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² <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/independencerules2014.pdf>

additional information, i.e. full name, abbreviation, plant genus on which they were described, uncertainties, reasoning and references. Whilst the list of viruses complete with all the information will be provided as supplementary material, to facilitate its exploration.

6. Next meeting

The next WG meeting will take place on 21-22 June 2018.

Scientific Panel on Plant Health

Minutes of the 21st meeting of the Working Group on plant virus categorisation

**Held on the 22-23 March 2018,
(Agreed on 18 of April, 2018)**

Participants

Working Group Members:

- Thierry Candresse (chair)
- Elisavet Chatzivassiliou
- Stephan Winter

EFSA

- Tomasz Kaluski (ALPHA Unit)
- Francesco Di Serio
- Angelantonio Minafra
- Luisa Rubino
- Michela Chiumenti

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 of Working Groups members

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4. Agreement of the minutes of 20th Working Group meeting.

The minutes of the meeting held on 27 February 2018 were agreed on 27 February 2018.

5. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

5.1 Review the report prepared by CNR.

Working Group reviewed the tables prepared by CNR with European and Non-European viruses.

5.2 Discussion and preparing a draft opinion on non-EU viruses.

Working Group discussed the structure of opinion and methodology of proceeding the drafting of opinion of non-EU fruit viruses list. The interpretation of terms of reference was discussed.

5.3 Discussion on structure of opinion on group categorisation.

Working Group didn't discussed the structure of opinion of group categorisation.

6. Next meeting

The next meeting will be held on 18-20 April 2018 in Parma (EFSA).

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

² <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/independencerules2014.pdf>

Scientific Panel on Plant Health

Minutes of the 20th meeting of the Working Group on plant virus categorisation

**Held on the 27 February 2018, web
(Agreed on 27 of February, 2018)**

Participants

Working Group Members:

- Thierry Candresse (chair)
- Elisavet Chatzivassiliou
- Stephan Winter

EFSA

- Tomasz Kaluski (ALPHA Unit)

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants. No apologies were received.

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted with changes, the discussion on table provided by contractor was added.

3. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence and Scientific Decision-Making Processes¹ and the Decision of the Executive Director on

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

Declarations of Interest², EFSA screened the Annual Declaration of Interest and the Specific Declaration of Interest filled in by the working group members 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 this Working Group meeting.

The minutes of the meeting held on the 19 December 2017, 16 January 2018, 29-30 January 2017 and 27 February 2018 were agreed on the end of this meeting.

5. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

- 5.1** Experts finalized the opinion on Blight and blight-like categorization.
- 5.2** Experts discussed the table transmitted by the contractor (CNR) and identified possible strategies but also questions to discuss with the Panel during next plenary meeting in March.

6. Next meeting

The next meeting will be held on 22-23 March 2018 in Parma (EFSA).

² <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/independencerules2014.pdf>

Scientific Panel on Plant Health

Minutes of the 19th meeting of the Working Group on plant virus categorisation

**Held on the 29-30 January 2018, Parma
(Agreed on 27 of February, 2018)**

Participants

Working Group Members:

- Thierry Candresse (chair)
- Elisavet Chatzivassiliou
- Stephan Winter
- Nuria Duran-Villa (via web)
- Antonino Catara (via web)
- Francesco Di Serio

EFSA

- Gabor Hollo (ALPHA Unit)
- Tomasz Kaluski (partly)
- Giuseppe Stancanelli (partly)

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 of Working Groups members

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence and Scientific Decision-Making Processes¹ and the Decision of the Executive Director on Declarations of Interest², EFSA screened the Annual Declaration of Interest and the Specific Declaration of Interest filled in by the working group members 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 this Working Group meeting.

The minutes of the meeting held on the 29-30 of January 2018 were agreed on the 27 of February 2018.

5. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

The approach on how to address Blight and blight-like disease was further discussed. The experts reviewed, drafted and completed the categorization by the end of the meeting. The opinion will be presented at the January PLH Plenary meeting and sent out to the Panel for review and comments in February. It will go for adoption on the March PLH Plenary.

Further activities and tasks concerning the pest categorisation of large groups were also discussed thanks to the presence of CNR.

6. Next meeting

The next meeting will be held on 27 February 2018, (web).

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

² <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/independencerules2014.pdf>

Scientific Panel on Plant Health

Minutes of the 18th meeting of the Working Group on plant virus categorisation

**Held on the 16 January 2018, web
(Agreed on 27 of February, 2018)**

Participants

Working Group Members:

- Thierry Candresse (chair)
- Elisavet Chatzivassiliou
- Stephan Winter

EFSA

- Gabor Hollo (ALPHA Unit)

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 of Working Groups members

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence and Scientific Decision-Making Processes¹ and the Decision of the Executive Director on Declarations of Interest², EFSA screened the Annual Declaration of

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² <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/independencerules2014.pdf>

Interest and the Specific Declaration of Interest filled in by the working group members 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 this Working Group meeting.

The minutes of the meeting held on the 16 of January 2018 were agreed on the 27 of February 2018.

5. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

Experts further discussed the approach on Blight and blight-like disease and drafted the opinion.

6. Next meeting

The next meeting will be held on 29-30 January 2018 in Parma (EFSA).

Scientific Panel on Plant Health

Minutes of the 17th meeting of the Working Group on plant virus categorisation

**Held on the 19 December 2017, web
(Agreed on 27 of February, 2018)**

Participants

Working Group Members:

- Thierry Candresse (chair)
- Elisavet Chatzivassiliou
- Stephan Winter

EFSA

- Gabor Hollo (ALPHA Unit)

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 of Working Groups members

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence and Scientific Decision-Making Processes¹ and the Decision of the Executive Director on Declarations of Interest², EFSA screened the Annual Declaration of

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² <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/independencerules2014.pdf>

Interest and the Specific Declaration of Interest filled in by the working group members 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 this Working Group meeting.

The minutes of the meeting held on the 19 of December 2017 were agreed on the 27 February 2018.

5. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

The available references were reviewed. Following the discussion on the transmission and cause of the disease the experts started to draft the categorization of Blight and blight-like.

6. Next meeting

The next meeting will be held on 16 January 2018, (web).

Scientific Panel on Plant Health

Minutes of the 16th meeting of the Working Group on plant virus categorisation

**Held on the 1 December 2017, web
(Agreed on 19 of December, 2017)**

Participants

Working Group Members:

- Thierry Candresse (chair)
- Elisavet Chatzivassiliou
- Stephan Winter
- Antonino Catara
- Nuria Duran Villa

EFSA

- Gabor Hollo (ALPHA Unit)

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 of Working Groups members

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence and Scientific Decision-Making Processes¹ and the Decision of the Executive Director on

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Declarations of Interest², EFSA screened the Annual Declaration of Interest and the Specific Declaration of Interest filled in by the working group members 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 this Working Group meeting.

The minutes of the meeting held on the 1 of December 2017 were agreed on the 19th of December 2017.

5. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

The nature of the citrus blight and blight-like and its transmission are little understood and questions were raised concerning the situation and cause of the disease. Finally the WG agreed on doing a full pest categorisation and go on to the distribution, establishment, spread. At this stage, the experts agreed to check references, get know the pest, collect information and recruit a new hearing expert.

6. Next meeting

The next meeting will be held on 19 December 2017, (web)

² <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/independencerules2014.pdf>

Scientific Panel on Plant Health

Minutes of the 15th meeting of the Working Group on plant virus categorisation

**Held on the 20 November 2017, web
(Agreed on 19 of December, 2017)**

Participants

Working Group Members:

- Thierry Candresse (chair)
- Elisavet Chatzivassiliou
- Stephan Winter

EFSA

- Gabor Hollo (ALPHA Unit)
- Bernard Bottex (SCER Unit)

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 of Working Groups members

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence and Scientific Decision-Making Processes¹ and the Decision of the Executive Director on

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

Declarations of Interest², EFSA screened the Annual Declaration of Interest and the Specific Declaration of Interest filled in by the working group members 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 this Working Group meeting.

The minutes of the meeting held on the 20 of November 2017 were agreed on the 19th of December 2017.

5. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

The Citrus leprosis virus opinion was revised and finalised after taking into consideration the PLH Panel comments.

6. Next meeting

The next meeting will be held on 1 December 2017, (web)

² <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/independencerules2014.pdf>

Scientific Panel on Plant Health

Minutes of the 14th meeting of the Working Group on plant virus categorisation

**Held on the 6-7 November 2017, Parma
(Agreed on 19 of December, 2017)**

Participants

Working Group Members:

- Thierry Candresse (chair)
- Elisavet Chatzivassiliou
- Stephan Winter
- Antonino Catara

EFSA

- Gabor Hollo (ALPHA Unit)

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

- The Chair welcomed the participants. Apologies were received from Nuria Duran Villa

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 Processes¹ and the Decision of the Executive Director on

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Declarations of Interest², EFSA screened the Annual Declaration of Interest and the Specific Declaration of Interest filled in by the working group members 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 this Working Group meeting.

The minutes of the meeting held on the 6-7 of November 2017 were agreed on the 19th of December 2017.

5. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

The approach on how to address the five distinct viruses - causing Leprosis symptoms in citrus - was further discussed. The experts drafted and completed the categorization by the end of the meeting. The opinion was sent out to the Plant Health Panel for review and comments before the possible November adoption.

Working plan was discussed and additional dates until the end of the year were added.

6. Next meeting

The next meeting will be held on 20 November 2017, (web)

² <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/independencerules2014.pdf>

Scientific Panel on Plant Health

Minutes of the 13th meeting of the Working Group on plant virus categorisation

**Held on the 20 October 2017, web
(Agreed on 19 of December, 2017)**

Participants

Working Group Members:

- Thierry Candresse (chair)
- Elisavet Chatzivassiliou
- Nuria Duran Villa
- Antonino Catara

EFSA

- Gabor Hollo (ALPHA Unit)

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants. Apologies were received from Stephan Winter.

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 Processes¹ and the Decision of the Executive Director on

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Declarations of Interest², EFSA screened the Annual Declaration of Interest and the Specific Declaration of Interest filled in by the working group members 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 this Working Group meeting.

The minutes of the meeting held on the 20 of October 2017 were agreed on the 19th of December 2017.

5. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

The WG discussed the approach how to address in parallel all the currently known viruses able to cause Leprosis symptoms in citrus.

6. Next meeting

The next meeting will be held on 6-7 November 2017, (Parma)

² <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/independencerules2014.pdf>

Scientific Panel on Plant Health

Minutes of the 12th meeting of the Working Group on plant virus categorisation

**Held on the 19 October 2017, web
(Agreed on 6 of November, 2017)**

Participants

Working Group Members:

- Thierry Candresse (chair)
- Elisavet Chatzivassiliou
- Nuria Duran Villa
- Antonino Catara

EFSA

- Gabor Hollo (ALPHA Unit)

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants. Apologies were received from Stephan Winter.

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 Processes¹ and the Decision of the Executive Director on

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Declarations of Interest², EFSA screened the Annual Declaration of Interest and the Specific Declaration of Interest filled in by the working group members 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 this Working Group meeting.

The minutes of the meeting held on the 19 of October 2017 were agreed on the 6th of November 2017.

5. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

The Naturally spreading psoriasis opinion was revised and finalised after taking into consideration the PLH Panel comments.

6. Next meeting

The next meeting will be held on 20 October 2017, (web)

² <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/independencerules2014.pdf>

Scientific Panel on Plant Health

Minutes of the 11th meeting of the Working Group on plant virus categorisation

**Held on the 14 September 2017, web
(Agreed on 6 of November, 2017)**

Participants

Working Group Members:

- Thierry Candresse (chair)
- Elisavet Chatzivassiliou
- Stephan Winter
- Nuria Duran Villa
- Antonino Catara

EFSA

- Gabor Hollo (ALPHA Unit)

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 of Working Groups members

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence and Scientific Decision-Making Processes¹ and the Decision of the Executive Director on

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

Declarations of Interest², EFSA screened the Annual Declaration of Interest and the Specific Declaration of Interest filled in by the working group members 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 this Working Group meeting.

The minutes of the meeting held on the 14 of September 2017 were agreed on the 6th of November 2017.

5. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

The Tatter leaf virus opinion were revised and finalised after taking into consideration the PLH Panel comments.

6. Next meeting

The next meeting will be held on 19 October 2017, (web)

² <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/independencerules2014.pdf>

Scientific Panel on Plant Health

Minutes of the 10th meeting of the Working Group on plant virus categorisation

**Held on the 13 September 2017, web
(Agreed on 6 of November, 2017)**

Participants

Working Group Members:

- Thierry Candresse (chair)
- Elisavet Chatzivassiliou
- Stephan Winter

EFSA

- Gabor Hollo (ALPHA Unit)

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 of Working Groups members

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence and Scientific Decision-Making Processes¹ and the Decision of the Executive Director on Declarations of Interest², EFSA screened the Annual Declaration of

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² <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/independencerules2014.pdf>

Interest and the Specific Declaration of Interest filled in by the working group members 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 this Working Group meeting.

The minutes of the meeting held on the 13 of September 2017 were agreed on the 6th of November 2017.

5. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

The Citrus tristeza virus (non-EU isolates) and Satsuma dwarf virus opinions were revised and finalised after taking into consideration the PLH Panel comments.

6. Next meeting

The next meeting will be held on 14 September 2017, (web)

Scientific Panel on Plant Health

Minutes of the 9th meeting of the Working Group on plant virus categorisation

**Held between 28 of August and 1 September 2017, web
(Agreed on 14 September, 2017)**

Participants

Working Group Members:

- Thierry Candresse (chair)
- Elisavet Chatzivassiliou
- Stephan Winter
- Nuria Duran Villa
- Antonino Catara

EFSA

- Gabor Hollo (ALPHA Unit)

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 of Working Groups members

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence and Scientific Decision-Making Processes¹ and the Decision of the Executive Director on

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

Declarations of Interest², EFSA screened the Annual Declaration of Interest and the Specific Declaration of Interest filled in by the working group members 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 this Working Group meeting.

The minutes of the meeting held between 28 of August and 1 of September 2017 were agreed on the 14 of September 2017.

5. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

Citrus tristeza virus (non-EU isolates), Satsuma dwarf virus and Tatter leaf virus opinions were revised with the consideration of all critical aspects. The experts further drafted and completed the categorisations by the end of the week. The three opinions were sent out to the Plant Health Panel for review and comments before the possible September adoption. Working plan was discussed and additional dates until November were added.

6. Next meeting

The next meeting will be held on 13 September 2017, (web)

² <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/independencerules2014.pdf>

Scientific Panel on Plant Health

Minutes of the 8th meeting of the Working Group on plant virus categorisation

**Held on 25 of August 2017, web
(Agreed on 30 August 2017)**

Participants

Working Group Members:

- Thierry Candresse (chair)
- Elisavet Chatzivassiliou
- Stephan Winter
- Antonino Catara (partially)

EFSA

- Gabor Hollo (ALPHA Unit)

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 of Working Groups members

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence and Scientific Decision-Making Processes¹ and the Decision of the Executive Director on

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

Declarations of Interest², EFSA screened the Annual Declaration of Interest and the Specific Declaration of Interest filled in by the working group members 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 this Working Group meeting.

The minutes of the meeting held on 25 of August 2017 were agreed on the 30 of August 2017.

5. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

Following the PLH Panel comments the beet curly top virus (non-EU isolates) opinion was revised and completed by the WG. The first drafts of Citrus tristeza virus (non-EU isolates), Satsuma dwarf virus and Tatter leaf virus were also reviewed and the working plan of the forthcoming meeting was agreed.

6. Next meeting

The next meeting will be held on 28 August -1 September 2017 (Parma).

² <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/independencerules2014.pdf>

Scientific Panel on Plant Health

Minutes of the 7th meeting of the Working Group on plant virus categorisation

**Held on 29-30 June 2017, Parma
(Agreed on 30 August 2017)**

Participants

Working Group Members:

- Thierry Candresse (chair)
- Elisavet Chatzivassiliou
- Stephan Winter
- Nuria Duran Vila (2 hours via web)
- Antonino Catara (2 hours via web)

EFSA

- Gabor Hollo (ALPHA Unit)

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 of Working Groups members

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence and Scientific Decision-Making Processes¹ and the Decision of the Executive Director on

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

Declarations of Interest², EFSA screened the Annual Declaration of Interest and the Specific Declaration of Interest filled in by the working group members 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 this Working Group meeting.

The minutes of the meeting held on 29-30 of June 2017 were agreed on the 30 of August 2017.

5. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

The Coconut Cadang Cadang viroid and Little cherry pathogen were adopted on the June Plenary meeting without any major constraints. The beet curly top virus (non-EU isolates) opinion was reviewed and an advanced draft was sent out to the Panel for consultation. It was concluded by the PLH Panel that it will go for written adoption in early September. As agreed previously, the pest categorizations on citrus viruses will be drafted with the support of external experts. The terms of reference, the expected scientific opinion, the EFSA pest categorization template as well as the main features of the work was introduced to the new experts. The drafting of Citrus tristeza virus (non-EU isolates), Satsuma dwarf virus and Tatter leaf virus has been started. The working plan was discussed and additional dates until late summer added.

6. Next meeting

The next meeting will be held on 25 August 2017 (web).

² <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/independencerules2014.pdf>

Scientific Panel on Plant Health

Minutes of the 6th meeting of the Working Group on plant virus categorisation

**Held on 12 June 2017, web
(Agreed on 30 June 2017)**

Participants

Working Group Members:

- Thierry Candresse (chair)
- Elisavet Chatzivassiliou
- Stephan Winter

EFSA:

- Gabor Hollo (ALPHA Unit)

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 of Working Groups members

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence and Scientific Decision-Making Processes¹ and the Decision of the Executive Director on Declarations of Interest², EFSA screened the Annual Declaration of

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Interest and the Specific Declaration of Interest filled in by the working group members 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 this Working Group meeting.

The minutes of the meeting held on 12 of June 2017 were agreed on the 12 of June 2017.

5. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

General discussion on the 3 year mandate and detailed planning of the first batch of priority one viruses

Following the answer of the Commission the Black raspberry opinion was lastly postponed. The Little cherry pathogen (non- EU isolates) and Cadang-Cadang viroid opinions were revised and completed by the WG. It was agreed that finally this two categorizations will go for adoption at the June PLH Plenary. The beet curly top virus (non-EU isolates) opinion was also partially reviewed.

Additional hearing experts on citrus were identified.

6. Next meeting

The next meeting will be held on 29-30 June 2017 (Parma).

Scientific Panel on Plant Health

Minutes of the 5th meeting of the Working Group on plant virus categorisation

**Held on 22 May 2017, Parma
(Agreed on 30 June 2017)**

Participants

Working Group Members:

- Thierry Candresse (chair)
- Elisavet Chatzivassiliou
- Stephan Winter

External expert(s)

- Stuart MacFarlane (partly web)

EFSA:

- Gabor Hollo (ALPHA Unit)

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 of Working Groups members

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence and Scientific Decision-Making Processes¹ and the Decision of the Executive Director on Declarations of Interest², EFSA screened the Annual Declaration of Interest and the Specific Declaration of Interest filled in by the working group members 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 this Working Group meeting.

The minutes of the meeting held on 22 of May 2017 were agreed on the 30 of June 2017.

5. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

General discussion on the 3 year mandate and detailed planning of the first batch of priority one viruses

Tasks related to Black raspberry latent (BRLV) virus opinion were discussed with the external expert. Concerns and uncertainties were identified during the discussion in relation to the identity of BRLV. A probable clarification on this issue was obtained during further exchanges and a course for unambiguous clarification through interactions with further experts was decided upon.

The Little cherry pathogen (non- EU isolates), Cadang-Cadang viroid and Beet curly top virus (non-EU isolates) opinions were reviewed by the experts and afterwards the categorizations were further drafted.

The external working group experts on citrus were confirmed.

6. Next meeting

The next meeting will be held on 12 June 2017 (web).

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

² <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/independencerules2014.pdf>

Scientific Panel on Plant Health

Minutes of the 4th meeting of the Working Group on plant virus categorisation

Held on 12 May 2017, web

(Agreed on 30 June 2017)

Participants

Working Group Members:

- Thierry Candresse (chair)
- Elisavet Chatzivassiliou
- Stephan Winter

EFSA:

- Gabor Hollo (ALPHA Unit)

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 of Working Groups members

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence and Scientific Decision-Making Processes¹ and the Decision of the Executive Director on Declarations of Interest², EFSA screened the Annual Declaration of

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² <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/independencerules2014.pdf>

Interest and the Specific Declaration of Interest filled in by the working group members 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 this Working Group meeting.

The minutes of the meeting held on 12 of May 2017 were agreed on the 30 of June 2017.

5. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

General discussion on the 3 year mandate and detailed planning of the first batch of priority one viruses

The recent status of the ongoing three opinions - Little cherry pathogen (non- EU isolates), Cadang-Cadang viroid and Beet curly top virus (non-EU isolates) - was presented by the experts. Unclear issues mainly related to the interpretation of terms of reference and taxonomic changes have been discussed. Afterwards the categorizations were further drafted. External experts on citrus viruses were identified.

6. Next meeting

The next meeting will be held on 22 May 2017 (Parma).

Scientific Panel on Plant Health

Minutes of the 3rd meeting of the Working Group on plant virus categorisation

Held on 25 April 2017, web

(Agreed on 30 June 2017)

Participants

Working Group Members:

- Thierry Candresse (chair)
- Elisavet Chatzivassiliou
- Stephan Winter

EFSA:

- Gabor Hollo (ALPHA Unit)

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 of Working Groups members

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence and Scientific Decision-Making Processes¹ and the Decision of the Executive Director on Declarations of Interest², EFSA screened the Annual Declaration of

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² <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/independencerules2014.pdf>

Interest and the Specific Declaration of Interest filled in by the working group members 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 this Working Group meeting.

The minutes of the meeting held on 25 of April 2017 were agreed on the 30 of June 2017.

5. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

General discussion on the 3 year mandate and detailed planning of the first batch of priority one viruses

The experts further drafted the Little cherry pathogen (non- EU isolates); Cadang-Cadang viroid and Beet curly top virus (non-EU isolates) opinions. Nevertheless in certain cases additional clarification is still needed on the meaning of terminology and taxonomic issues.

6. Next meeting

The next meeting will be held on 12 May 2017 (web meeting).

Scientific Panel on Plant Health

Minutes of the 2nd meeting of the Working Group on plant virus categorisation

Held on 30-31 March 2017, Parma

(Agreed on 25 April 2017)

Participants

Working Group Members:

- Thierry Candresse (chair)
- Elisavet Chatzivassiliou
- Stephan Winter

EFSA:

- Gabor Hollo (ALPHA Unit)
- Mitesha Aukhojee (1st day)

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 of Working Groups members

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence and Scientific Decision-Making Processes¹ and the Decision of the Executive Director on

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Declarations of Interest², EFSA screened the Annual Declaration of Interest and the Specific Declaration of Interest filled in by the working group members 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 this Working Group meeting.

The minutes of the meeting held on 30-31 March 2017 were agreed on the 25 April 2017.

5. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

General discussion on the 3 year mandate and detailed planning of the first batch of priority one viruses

The former single statement approach of Witches' broom (MLO) has been revised. Since its taxonomic status became clear the opinion was suggested to be transferred to the Bacteria Working Group.

The experts started to draft the Little cherry pathogen (non- EU isolates); Cadang-Cadang viroid; Beet curly top virus (non-EU isolates) opinions. Nevertheless in certain cases further clarification were needed on the meaning of terminology and taxonomic issues.

Additional hearing expert for the Black raspberry latent virus opinion were identified.

6. Next meeting

The next meeting will be held on 25 April 2017 (web meeting).

² <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/independencerules2014.pdf>

Scientific Panel on Plant Health

Minutes of the 1st meeting of the Working Group on plant virus categorisation

Held on 24 March 2017, web

(Agreed on 25 April 2017)

Participants

Working Group Members:

- Thierry Candresse (chair)
- Elisavet Chatzivassiliou
- Stephan Winter

EFSA:

- Gabor Hollo (ALPHA Unit)

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 of Working Groups members

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence and Scientific Decision-Making Processes¹ and the Decision of the Executive Director on Declarations of Interest², EFSA screened the Annual Declaration of

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² <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/independencerules2014.pdf>

Interest and the Specific Declaration of Interest filled in by the working group members 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 this Working Group meeting.

The minutes of the meeting held on 24 March 2017 were agreed on the 31 March 2017.

5. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

General discussion on the 3 year mandate and detailed planning of the first batch of priority one viruses

The participants discussed the terms of reference and the scope of the expected outputs. The structure and composition of the Working Group has been agreed and further potential external experts were identified. The work plan for the pest categorisations of Witches' broom (MLO) (EFSA-Q-2017-00199); Little cherry pathogen (non- EU isolates) (EFSA-Q-2017-00200); Cadang-Cadang viroid (EFSA-Q-2017-00201); Beet curly top virus (non-EU isolates) (EFSA-Q-2017-00202) has been discussed and the individual tasks related to these viruses/viroids were distributed. The proposed modifications in the pest categorisation template developed in 2014 were also partly discussed.

6. Next meeting

The next meeting will be held on 30-31 March 2017 (Parma, EFSA).