

## Minutes of the 10<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Working Group on forest fungal pathogens

**Held on 25 September 2018, Parma meeting  
(Agreed on 25 September 2018)**

### **Participants**

- **Working Group Members:**

Johanna Boberg (by web), Katharina Dehnen-Schmutz (WG chair), Paolo Gonthier and Mike Jeger (by web)

- **EFSA:**

Alpha Unit: Marco Pautasso

### **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 Independence and Scientific Decision-Making Processes<sup>1</sup> and the Decision of the Executive Director on Declarations of Interest<sup>2</sup>, 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. Scientific topic(s) for discussion**

The WG revised a draft of the opinions on *Melampsora farlowii* (EFSA-Q-2018-00039) and on *Endocronartium* spp. (non-EU) (EFSA-Q-2018-

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00038), in the light of the comments received from the PLH Panel members, so as to then propose them for adoption at the September PLH plenary. The pest categorisation on non-EU *Endocronartium* spp. was renamed "pest categorisation on *Cronartium harknessii*, *Cronartium kurilense* and *Cronartium sahoanum*", due to a recently retrieved paper revising the taxonomy of the genus *Endocronartium*.

The WG also revised the draft of the opinions on non-EU *Cronartium* spp. (EFSA-Q-2018-00037) and non-EU *Gymnosporangium* spp. (EFSA-Q-2018-00036) with planned adoption at the November PLH plenary.

The minutes of the Working Group meeting held on 25 September 2018 were agreed.

## 5. Next meeting(s)

None foreseen.

# Minutes of the 9<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Working Group on forest fungal pathogens

Held on 17-18 May 2018, Parma meeting  
(Agreed on 18 May 2018)

## Participants

- **Working Group Members:**

Johanna Boberg (by web), Katharina Dehnen-Schmutz, Paolo Gonthier and Mike Jeger (WG chair)

- **EFSA:**

Alpha Unit: Marco Pautasso

## 6. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants.

## 7. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

## 8. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence and Scientific Decision-Making Processes<sup>3</sup> and the Decision of the Executive Director on Declarations of Interest<sup>4</sup>, EFSA screened the Annual Declaration of Interest and the Specific Declaration of Interest filled in by the working group 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.

## 9. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

The WG revised a draft of the opinions on *Melampsora medusae* (EFSA-Q-2018-00040) and *Chrysomyxa arctostaphyli* (EFSA-Q-2018-00034) in the light of the comments received from the PLH Panel members, so as to then propose them for adoption at the June PLH plenary.

In addition, the WG revised the draft of the opinion on *Arceuthobium* spp. (non-EU) (EFSA-Q-2018-00035), to be circulated among the PLH Panel members for comments, with planned adoption at the July PLH plenary.

The WG also made a start on the draft of the opinions on *Melampsora farlowii* (EFSA-Q-2018-00039) and on *Endocronartium* spp. (non-EU) (EFSA-Q-2018-00038), with planned adoption at the September PLH plenary.

The minutes of the Working Group meeting held on 17-18 May 2018 were agreed.

## 10. Next meeting(s)

The next WG meeting will be held on 25 September 2018 (Parma).

# Minutes of the 8<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Working Group on forest fungal pathogens

**Held on 10 April 2018, Parma meeting  
(Agreed on 10 April 2018)**

## Participants

- **Working Group Members:**

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

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

Johanna Boberg (by web), Paolo Gonthier and Mike Jeger (WG chair)

- **EFSA:**

Alpha Unit: Marco Pautasso

## **11. Welcome and apologies for absence**

The Chair welcomed the participants. Apologies for absence were received from Katharina Dehnen-Schmutz.

## **12. Adoption of agenda**

The agenda was adopted without changes.

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

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence and Scientific Decision-Making Processes<sup>5</sup> and the Decision of the Executive Director on Declarations of Interest<sup>6</sup>, 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.

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

The WG revised a draft of the opinions on *Guignardia laricina* (EFSA-Q-2018-00032) and *Coniferiporia weirii / sulphurascens* (EFSA-Q-2018-00033) in the light of the comments received from the PLH Panel members, so as to then propose them for adoption at the May PLH plenary.

In addition, the WG revised the draft of the opinions on *Melampsora medusae* (EFSA-Q-2018-00040) and *Chrysomyxa arctostaphyli* (EFSA-Q-2018-00034) to be circulated among the PLH Panel members for their feedback for possible adoption at the June PLH plenary. A start was also made on the pest categorisation of *Arceuthobium* spp. (non-EU) (EFSA-Q-2018-00035).

The minutes of the Working Group meeting held on 10 April 2018 were agreed.

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## 15. Next meeting(s)

The next WG meeting will be held on 17-18 May 2018 (Parma).

# Minutes of the 7<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Working Group on forest fungal pathogens

**Held on 15-16 February 2018, Parma meeting  
(Agreed on 16 February 2018)**

## Participants

- **Working Group Members:**

Johanna Boberg (by web), Katharina Dehnen-Schmutz (by web), Paolo Gonthier and Mike Jeger (WG chair)

- **EFSA:**

Alpha Unit: Marco Pautasso

## 16. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants. Apologies for absence were received from Stephen Parnell.

## 17. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

## 18. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence and Scientific Decision-Making Processes<sup>7</sup> and the Decision of the Executive Director on Declarations of Interest<sup>8</sup>, 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

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

## 19. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

The WG revised a draft of the opinions on *Mycodiella laricis-leptolepidis* (EFSA-Q-2018-00029) and *Sphaerulina musiva* (EFSA-Q-2018-00031) in the light of the comments received from the PLH Panel members, so as to then propose them for adoption at the March PLH plenary.

In addition, the WG revised the draft of the opinions on *Coniferiporia weirii / sulphurascens* (EFSA-Q-2018-00033) and *Guignardia laricina* (EFSA-Q-2018-00032) to be circulated among the PLH Panel members for their feedback after the March PLH plenary.

The minutes of the Working Group meeting held on 15-16 February 2018 were agreed.

## 20. Next meeting(s)

The next WG meeting will be held on 10 April 2018 (Parma).

# Minutes of the 6<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Working Group on forest fungal pathogens

**Held on 22-23 January 2018, Coventry (UK) meeting  
(Agreed on 23 January 2018)**

## Participants

- **Working Group Members:**

Katharina Dehnen-Schmutz, Mike Jeger (WG chair) and Stephen Parnell

- **EFSA:**

Alpha Unit: Marco Pautasso

## 21. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants. Apologies for absence were received from Johanna Boberg and Paolo Gonthier, who worked from home on

their own on the next drafts to be prepared (on *Phellinus weirii* (EFSA-Q-2018-00033) and *Guignardia loricata* (EFSA-Q-2018-00032)).

## **22. Adoption of agenda**

The agenda was adopted without changes.

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

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence and Scientific Decision-Making Processes<sup>9</sup> and the Decision of the Executive Director on Declarations of Interest<sup>10</sup>, 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.

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

The WG revised a draft of the opinions on *Anisogramma anomala* (EFSA-Q-2017-00375) and *Bretziella fagacearum* (EFSA-Q-2017-00378) in the light of the comments received from the PLH Panel members, so as to then propose them for adoption at the January PLH plenary.

In addition, the WG revised the draft of the opinions on *Mycodiella loricis-leptolepidis* (EFSA-Q-2018-00029) and *Sphaerulina musiva* (EFSA-Q-2018-00031) to be circulated among the PLH Panel members for their feedback after the WG meeting.

The minutes of the Working Group meeting held on 22-23 January 2018 were agreed.

## **25. Next meeting(s)**

The next WG meeting will be held on 15-16 February 2018 (Parma).

# Minutes of the 5<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Working Group on forest fungal pathogens

<sup>9</sup> <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/independencypolicy.pdf>

<sup>10</sup> <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/independencerules2014.pdf>

## Held on 16-17 November 2017, Parma meeting (Agreed on 17 November 2017)

### Participants

- **Working Group Members:**

Johanna Boberg (by web), Paolo Gonthier, Mike Jeger (WG chair)

- **EFSA:**

Alpha Unit: Marco Pautasso

### 26. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants. Apologies for absence were received from Katharina Dehnen-Schmutz and Stephen Parnell.

### 27. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

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

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence and Scientific Decision-Making Processes<sup>11</sup> and the Decision of the Executive Director on Declarations of Interest<sup>12</sup>, 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.

### 29. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

The WG revised a draft of the opinions on *Davidsoniella virescens* (EFSA-Q-2017-00324) and *Stegopora ulmea* (EFSA-Q-2017-00326) in the light of the comments received from the PLH Panel members, so as to then propose them for adoption at the November PLH plenary.

In addition, the WG revised the draft of the opinions on *Anisogramma anomala* (EFSA-Q-2017-00375) and *Bretziella fagacearum* (EFSA-Q-2017-00378) to be circulated among the PLH Panel members for their feedback after the WG meeting.

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The minutes of the Working Group meeting held on 16-17 November 2017 were agreed.

### **30. Next meeting(s)**

The next WG meeting will be held on 22-23 January 2018 (Coventry, UK).

## **Minutes of the 4<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Working Group on forest fungal pathogens**

**Held on 25-26 September 2017, Parma meeting  
(Agreed on 26 September 2017)**

### **Participants**

- **Working Group Members:**

Johanna Boberg (by web), Katharina Dehnen-Schmutz, Paolo Gonthier, Mike Jeger (WG chair)

- **EFSA:**

Alpha Unit: Marco Pautasso

### **31. Welcome and apologies for absence**

The Chair welcomed the participants. Apologies for absence were received from Stephen Parnell.

### **32. Adoption of agenda**

The agenda was adopted without changes.

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

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence and Scientific Decision-Making Processes<sup>13</sup> and the Decision of the Executive Director on Declarations of Interest<sup>14</sup>, 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

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

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

The WG revised a draft of the opinions on *Gremmeniella abietina* (EFSA-Q-2017-00327) and *Pseudocercospora pini-densiflorae* (EFSA-Q-2017-00325) in the light of the comments received from the PLH Panel members, so as to then propose them for adoption at the September PLH plenary.

In addition, the WG revised the draft of the opinions on *Davidsoniella virescens* (EFSA-Q-2017-00324) and *Stegopora ulmea* (EFSA-Q-2017-00326) to be circulated among the PLH Panel members for their feedback after the WG meeting.

The minutes of the Working Group meeting held on 25-26 September 2017 were agreed.

### **35. Next meeting(s)**

The next WG meeting will be held on 16-17 November 2017 (Parma meeting).

## **Minutes of the 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting of the Working Group on forest fungal pathogens**

**Held on 10-11 July 2017, Parma meeting  
(Agreed on 11 July 2017)**

### **Participants**

- **Working Group Members:**

Katharina Dehnen-Schmutz (by web), Paolo Gonthier, Mike Jeger (WG chair), Stephen Parnell (by web)

- **EFSA:**

Alpha Unit: Marco Pautasso

### **36. Welcome and apologies for absence**

The Chair welcomed the participants. Apologies for absence were received from Johanna Boberg.

### **37. Adoption of agenda**

The agenda was adopted without changes.

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

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence and Scientific Decision-Making Processes<sup>15</sup> and the Decision of the Executive Director on Declarations of Interest<sup>16</sup>, 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.

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

The WG revised a draft of the opinion on *Gremmeniella abietina* (EFSA-Q-2017-00327) in the light of the comments received from the PLH Panel members, so as to then propose it for adoption at the September PLH plenary. In addition, the WG revised the draft of the opinion on *Pseudocercospora pini-densiflorae* (EFSA-Q-2017-00325), to be circulated among the PLH Panel members for their feedback after the WG meeting.

The minutes of the Working Group meeting held on 10-11 July 2017 were agreed.

### **40. Next meeting(s)**

The next WG meeting will be held on 25-26 September 2017 (Parma meeting).

## **Minutes of the 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting of the Working Group on forest fungal pathogens**

**Held on 20-21 June 2017, Parma meeting  
(Agreed on 21 June 2017)**

<sup>15</sup> <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/independencepolicy.pdf>

<sup>16</sup> <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/independencerules2014.pdf>

## Participants

- **Working Group Members:**

Johanna Boberg (by web), Katharina Dehnen-Schmutz (by web), Paolo Gonthier, Mike Jeger (WG chair), Stephen Parnell (by web)

- **EFSA:**

Alpha Unit: Marco Pautasso

### 41. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants.

### 42. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

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

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence and Scientific Decision-Making Processes<sup>17</sup> and the Decision of the Executive Director on Declarations of Interest<sup>18</sup>, 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.

### 44. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

*Entoleuca mammata* (EFSA-Q-2017-00328). The WG discussed a draft revised in the light of the comments received from the PLH Panel members, so as propose it for adoption at the PLH plenary meeting of June 2017. The WG also made a start on the opinions to be prepared for the September PLH plenary (*Pseudocercospora pini-densiflorae*: EFSA-Q-2017-00325; *Gremmeniella abietina*: EFSA-Q-2017-00327).

The minutes of the Working Group meeting held on 20-21 June 2017 were agreed.

### 45. Next meeting(s)

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The next WG meeting will be held on 10-11 July 2017 (Parma meeting).

## Minutes of the 1<sup>st</sup> meeting of the Working Group on forest fungal pathogens

**Held on 22 May 2017, Parma meeting  
(Agreed on 22 May 2017)**

### **Participants**

- **Working Group Members:**

Johanna Boberg (by web), Katharina Dehnen-Schmutz, Mike Jeger (WG chair), Stephen Parnell

- **EFSA:**

Alpha Unit: Marco Pautasso

### **46. Welcome and apologies for absence**

The Chair welcomed the participants. Apologies for absences were received from Paolo Gonthier.

### **47. Adoption of agenda**

The agenda was adopted without changes.

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

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence and Scientific Decision-Making Processes<sup>19</sup> and the Decision of the Executive Director on Declarations of Interest<sup>20</sup>, 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.

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

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<sup>20</sup> <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/independencerules2014.pdf>

*Entoleuca mammata* (EFSA-Q-2017-00328). The WG discussed the Terms of Reference and the template for the pest categorisations, as well as a draft prepared in advance of the meeting, which is planned to be proposed for adoption at the PLH plenary meeting of June 2017. The WG also decided which of the five priority forest fungi opinions will be prepared for the September PLH plenary (*Cercoseptoria pini-densiflorae*: EFSA-Q-2017-00325; *Gremmeniella abietina*: EFSA-Q-2017-00327) and which for the November PLH plenary (*Ceratocystis virescens*: EFSA-Q-2017-00324; *Stegophora ulmea*: EFSA-Q-2017-00326).

The minutes of the Working Group meeting held on 22 May 2017 were agreed.

## **50. Next meeting(s)**

The next WG meeting will be held on 20-21 June 2017 (Parma meeting).