

Standard declaration of interests (DOI) form for individuals applying to be appointed as members or experts of Scientific Committees and their Working Groups in a personal capacity

Legal basis:

Commission Decision C(2015)5383 on establishing Scientific Committees in the field of public health, consumer safety and the environment, Article 16, and Commission Decision C(2016)3301 establishing horizontal rules on the creation and operation of Commission expert groups, Articles 2(4) and 11.

Definitions:

"Conflict of interest" means any situation where an individual has an interest that may compromise or be reasonably perceived to compromise the individual's capacity to act independently and in the public interest when providing advice to the Commission in relation to the subject of the work performed by the Scientific Committees and their working groups in question.

"Immediate family member" means the individual's spouse, children and parents. "Spouse" includes a partner with whom the individual has a registered non marital regime. "Children" means the child(ren) the individual and the spouse have in common, the own child(ren) of the individual and the own child(ren) of the spouse.

"Legal entity" means any commercial business, industry association, consultancy, research institution or other enterprise whose funding is significantly derived from commercial sources. It also includes independent own commercial businesses, law offices, consultancies or similar.

"Body" means a governmental, international or non-profit organisation.

"Meeting" includes a series or cycle of meetings.

Please answer each of the questions below. If the answer to any of the questions is "yes", please briefly describe relevant interests and circumstances, as appropriate.

If you do not describe relevant interests, your DOI form will be considered incomplete and, therefore, your application to be appointed as a member of an expert group or subgroup in a personal capacity shall be rejected.

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Expert group/sub-group: WG on Cosmetic Ingredients and WG on Methodology

1 EMPLOYMENT CONSULTANCY AND LEGAL REPRESENTATION

	<i>Within the past 5 years, were you employed or have you had any other professional relationship with a natural or legal entity, or held any non-remunerated post in a legal entity or other body with an interest in the field of activity of the Scientific Committees and their working groups in question?</i>	yes	
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1a	Employment	X	<input type="checkbox"/>
1b	Consultancy, including services as an advisor	<input type="checkbox"/>	X
1c	Non-remunerated post	X	<input type="checkbox"/>
1d	Legal representation	<input type="checkbox"/>	X

Activity	Time period (from... until month/year)	Name of entity or body	Description
Emeritus Professor	10/2017 - now	Vrije Universiteit Brussel (VUB)	Follow-up on: - ongoing PhD's - <i>in vitro</i> experimental toxicology & research on 3R alternatives - development of new 3D- <i>in vitro</i> models - human stem cell technology - genotoxicity testing of compounds - gapjunction intercellular communication & hemichannels in drug discovery
Founder Innovative Centre on 3Rs (IC-3Rs) (10%)	09/2017 - now	Vrije Universiteit Brussel (VUB)	- Organisation of scientific events related to new developments on alternative methods to animal testing

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Head of Research Cluster “Liver & Cell Biology & Toxicology”, a consortium consisting of the research groups IVTD, <i>in vitro</i> Toxicology and Dermato-Cosmetology, LIVR (Liver Cell Biology Lab) and SKIN (Skin Research and Physiology)	09/1974 – 10/2017	Vrije Universiteit Brussel (VUB)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - head of dept. of <i>In Vitro</i> Toxicology and Dermato-Cosmetology (education and research units) - <i>in vitro</i> experimental toxicology & research on 3R alternatives - development of new 3D-<i>in vitro</i> models - human stem cell technology - genotoxicity testing of compounds - gapjunction intercellular communication & hemichannels in drug discovery
Teaching toxicology	09/1974 – 09/2017	Vrije Universiteit Brussel	- teaching pharmacy students
Safety Assessor for Cosmetic Products in the EU	01/2007- now	Vrije Universiteit Brussel → fund to VUB	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Advice on preparing cosmetic dossiers for finished cosmetic products and cosmetic ingredients - risk assessment of active compounds, cosmetic ingredients and cosmetic products
Teaching: dermato-cosmetics, Cosmetics, galenics, safety assessment	09/1974 – 09/2017	Vrije Universiteit Brussel, China FDA, US FDA, Health Canada, Indonesia, Poland, Turkey → fund to VUB	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - teaching pharmacy students - training of regulatory authorities of EU cosmetic legislation and available <i>in vitro</i> methods
Teaching safety assessment	2000 – now	Vrije Universiteit Brussel, China FDA, US FDA, Health Canada, Indonesia, Poland, Turkey → fund to VUB	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - teaching pharmacists - training of regulatory authorities of EU cosmetic legislation and available <i>in vitro</i> methods

Teaching Cosmetics (10%)	10/2017- now	Vrije Universiteit Brussel → fund to VUB	- teaching pharmacy students
Course organizer	From 1986 till now yearly (5 days)	Vrije Universiteit Brussel → fund to VUB	International Course on Dermato-Cosmetic Sciences (www.dermatocosmeticcourse.eu)
Course organizer	From 2000 till now yearly (6 days)	Vrije Universiteit Brussel → fund to VUB	International Training Course on Safety assessment of Cosmetics in the EU (www.safetycourse.eu)

2 MEMBERSHIP OF MANAGING BODY, SCIENTIFIC ADVISORY BODY OR EQUIVALENT STRUCTURE

<i>Within the past 5 years, have you participated in the internal decision-making of a legal entity or other body with an interest in the field of activity of the Scientific Committees and their working groups in question or have you participated in the works of a Scientific Advisory Body with voting rights on the outputs of that entity?</i>	yes	
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2a	Participation in a decision-making process	x	<input type="checkbox"/>
2b	Participation in the work of a Scientific Advisory Body	x	<input type="checkbox"/>

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- co-chair of Scientific Committee SCCS - chair of WG on methodology - member of WG on cosmetic ingredients	04/2016- now	Scientific Committee on Consumer Safety (SCCS) → private compensation	Providing scientific advice to the Commission

Invited expert of SCCS	04/2013- 04/2016	Scientific Committee on Consumer Safety (SCCS) → private compensation	Providing scientific advice to the Commission
Member of mirror group of epaa	01/2006- now	European Partnership for Alternative Approaches to Animal Testing → no compensation	Critical role as scientific member
Member of ESAC as expert in the 3R-field	2007-2013	Scientific Advisory Committee of ECVAM, the European Center for the Validation of Alternative Methods (ESAC) → private compensation	Providing scientific advice
Member of EFSA, CONTAM as expert, now in pool of experts	11/2014-07/2016	European Food Safety Authority (EFSA) → private compensation	Providing scientific advice to the Commission
Member of IDEA workshops on QRA (SCCS representative)	2013-2015	International Dialogue for the Evaluation of Allergens (IDEA) → no compensation	Providing scientific advice
Member of advisory board for global scientific regulatory conference (SCCS representative)	2014-2015	Cosmetics Europe → no compensation	Providing scientific advice

3 RESEARCH SUPPORT

	<i>Within the past 5 years, have you, or the research entity to which you belong, received any support from a legal entity or other body with an interest in the field of activity of the Scientific Committees and their working groups in question?</i>	yes	
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3a	Research support, including grants, rents, sponsorships, fellowships, non-monetary support	X	<input type="checkbox"/>
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10 x promotor and 1 x co-promotor of PhD theses	2012-2017	Vrije Universiteit Brussel	PhD theses in the field of <i>in vitro</i> alternative methods
Promotor and co-promotor of ongoing PhD theses	2012-2018	In collaboration with Scientific Institute of Flanders	PhD theses in the field of : - Skin bleaching by cosmetics - Ink and board materials used in cosmetics packaging - Markers for genotoxic character of cosmetic ingredients - E-cigarettes
Research partner and/or coordinator of FP6 and FP7 European projects (CONAM, Predictomics, Liintop, ReproTect, Sens-it-iv, CarcinoGENOMICS, ESNATS, DETECTIVE, HemiBio, START-UP)	2007-2015	European Commission → fund to VUB	- research projects in relation with stem cell research, epigenetic modifications, long-term cultures of hepatocytes, genotoxicity, <i>in vitro</i> experimental toxicology, GJIC, hemichannels and connexins.
Promotor	2015-2016	Government of Brussels → fund to VUB	Grant to support the development of <i>in vitro</i> alternative methods to replace animal testing
Co-promotor	2013-2019	European Research Council (ERC) → fund to VUB	Research in connexin and pannexin channels as drug targets and biomarkers in acute and chronic liver
Co-promotor	2011-2019	Research Fund - Flanders (FWO) → fund to VUB	Several mandates for research topics on <i>in vitro</i> alternative methods based on stem cells.

Co-promotor	2013-2017	Governmental agency for Innovation by Science and Technology (IWT) → fund to VUB	IWT mandate on topic “Characterisation of connexin43 and pannexin1 and their hemichannels as biomarkers and pharmacological targets in acute liver failure: a combined in vitro-in vivo study”
Promotor	2011-2015	Concerted Research Action (GOA) of the VUB → fund to VUB	Interplay between epigenetic modification mechanisms and microRNAs (EPIGEN)
Promotor	2010-2014	Research Council (OZR) of the VUB → fund to VUB	Funds to support the development of in vitro alternative methods to animal testing. Several topics.
Promotor	2012-2017	Interuniversity Attraction Poles (IUAP) in Belgium (governmental federal initiative) → fund to VUB	Grant for the development of in vitro alternative methods to animal testing. Topic: “Human liver disease: study of the hepatic stem cells and their niche, and development of novel systems (HEPRO-2)”
Promotor	2016-2020	Federal Research Fund → fund to VUB	Grant for purchase of research apparatus
Promotor	2015-2017	Brussels Research Fund → fund to VUB	Funds to support the development of in vitro alternative methods to animal testing.
Co-promotor	2017-2019	Federal Research Fund → fund to VUB	Funds to support the development of a database on alternatives for animal testing in Flanders.
Promotor	2017-2018	Brussels Research Fund → fund to VUB	Funds to support the development of a database on alternatives for animal testing in Brussels.

4 FINANCIAL INTERESTS

	<i>Do you have current investments in a legal entity with an interest in the field of activity of the Scientific Committees and their working groups in question, including holding of stocks and shares, and which amounts to more than 10,000 EUR per legal entity or entitling you to a voting right of 5% or more in such legal entity?</i>		no
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4a	Shares	<input type="checkbox"/>	x
4b	Other stock	<input type="checkbox"/>	x

Investment	Name of legal entity	Description

5 INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

	<i>Do you have any intellectual property rights that might be affected by the outcome of the work carried out by the Scientific Committees and their working groups in question?</i>		no
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5a	Patent, trademarks, or copyrights	<input type="checkbox"/>	x
5b	Others	<input type="checkbox"/>	x

Intellectual property	Description

6 PUBLIC STATEMENTS AND POSITIONS

	<i>Within the past 5 years, have you provided any expert opinion or testimony in the field of activity of the Scientific Committees and their working groups in question, for a legal entity or other body as part of a regulatory, legislative or judicial process? Have you held an office or other position, paid or unpaid, where you represented interests or defended an opinion in the field of activity of the expert group/sub-group in question?</i>		no
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6a	For a legal entity or other body as part of a regulatory, legislative or judicial process	<input type="checkbox"/>	X
6b	Represented interests or defended an opinion	<input type="checkbox"/>	X

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7 INTERESTS OF IMMEDIATE FAMILY MEMBERS **no**

7a	<i>To your knowledge, are there any interests of your immediate family members which could be seen as undermining your independence when providing advice to the Commission in the field of activity of the Scientific Committees and their working groups in question?</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	X
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7b	<i>If interests of your immediate family members are declared, it is your responsibility to inform them about the collection and publication of information on their interests included in the DOI and to provide them with the privacy statement attached to the guidance for filling in this DOI, and this at the latest when you file the DOI form with the Commission.</i>
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8 OTHER RELEVANT INFORMATION

no

8a	<i>Are there any other elements that could be seen as undermining your independence when providing advice to the Commission in the field of activity of the Scientific Committees and their working groups in question?</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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Description:

I hereby declare on my honour that I have read the guidance for completing this form. I also declare on my honour that the information disclosed in this form is true and complete to the best of my knowledge.

Should there be any change to the above information, including as regards upcoming activities, I will promptly notify the competent Commission department and complete a new DOI form describing the changes in question.

I am informed that my personal data are stored, processed and published by the Commission in accordance with Regulation (EC) N° 45/2001.



Date: _____14/12/2017_____

Signature:

Your DOI form shall be made publicly available on the Register of Commission Expert Groups and Other Similar Entities, as long as you are appointed as member of the expert group or sub-group in a personal capacity. Technical measures will be taken to indicate to search engines that your DOI form should not appear in search results.