

GRACE / G-TWYST DECLARATION OF INTERESTS (DoI)

This Declaration of Interest is voluntarily signed by senior researchers or communication experts hired by the project. The signee declares to have or to have not a direct interest in companies, institutes or organizations working with or on Genetically Modified (GM) plants and foods from June 2007 (five years prior to the start of the project GRACE).

Please note that high quality of scientific expertise is by nature based on prior experience and that therefore having an interest does not necessarily mean having a conflict of interest.

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Title: Dr

Profession: Senior Researcher/Assistant Professor in science, technology, and society issues

Current GRACE/G-TwYST involvements:

GRACE: leader of WP7: Stakeholder Involvement

G-TWYST: leader of WP7: Stakeholder Engagement and Communication; co-leader in WP5 and task leader for 'Analysis of normative dimensions'

Nature of Activities	Period	Organization	Subject matter	Significance*
I. Economic interest: Do you possess any property, shares or other form of capital investment in funds or companies that invest in GM plants and/or food/feed containing GM plant ingredients?		Provide the name of the fund or company	Brief description of the nature of the investment	
	–	–	No interests	–
II. Member of a managing entity or equivalent structure: Have you been head of an institute, company, or a department or units?	2002 – 2013	IFZ- Inter-University Research Centre for Technology, Work and Culture, Graz, Austria	Member of Board of Management, 2010 - 2013 Vice-Director	
	1998 – now	IFZ- Inter-University Research Centre for Technology, Work and Culture, Graz, Austria	Head of Research Unit	

III. Member of a scientific advisory board of an entity involved in/related to GM plant and food/feed safety research.	2005 – now	OECD	Task Force for the Safety of Novel Foods and Feeds	–
	2009 – 2011	Standing Committee on Agricultural Research (SCAR) -	Collaborative Working Group on Risk Research on Genetically Modified Organisms (CWG-GMOs), Vienna	–
	2008 – 2011	European Food Safety Authority (EFSA)	Advisory Group on Risk Communication (AGRC), Parma	+
IV. Employment: By whom have you been employed since May 2009? What are the major activities of your employer? What is (was) your function/activities? Please also add the geographical location of your employer.	1995 – now	IFZ- Inter-University Research Centre for Technology, Work and Culture, Graz, Austria	<p>IFZ is a research organization aiming to address technology as a social process and to integrate social issues into engineering studies. Working within the critical areas of debate between science and policy, reflection and intervention, the prime objective of IFZ is to contribute to socially and environmentally sound, sustainable and gender-equitable technology design.</p> <p>IFZ is mainly financed through research contracts. Clients and partners include governmental bodies at municipal, provincial, federal and international level along with research institutions and companies.</p> <p>Present function: senior researcher, head of research unit</p>	
	2012– now	Alpen-Adria Universitaet Klagenfurt – Vienna – Graz, STS – Institute of Science, Technology and Society Studies, Graz, Austria	<p>STS aims at developing a social scientific understanding of technology by dealing with technology as a “social project” and carrying out research and courses on social, ecological, economic and political pre-conditions and effects of technologies.</p> <p>Present function: Assistant Professor</p>	

V. Occasional consultancy: Do or did you do occasional, short-term consulting for research, business or government policy (including participation in scientific events with advisory characteristics) related to GM plants and/or food & feed safety?	Feb 2009 – June 2010	GHK London (DG SANCO, European Commission)	Evaluation of the EU legislative framework in the field of cultivation of GMOs under Directive 2001/18/EC and Regulation (EC) No 1829/2003, and the placing on the market of GMOs as or in products under Directive 2001/18/EC	++
	2008 – 2013	Austrian Federal Ministry for Health, Vienna	Various consultancies on risk assessment and regulatory issues of GM plants	++
VI. Research funding: Are or have you been involved in research projects in the field of GM plants and/or food & feed safety since May 2009? Please state the project, important tasks and sponsor (funding body).	June 2014 – May 2018	European Commission (FP-7)	Genetically modified plants Two Year Safety Testing G-TwYST	+++++
	June 2012– Nov 2015	European Commission (FP-7)	GMO Risk Assessment and Communication of Evidence (GRACE)	+++++
	Sept 2013 – Aug 2015	European Commission (FP-7)	Preparatory Steps Towards a GMO Effects Research ERA-Net (PreSto GMO ERA-NET)	++++
	Jan 2010 – Dec 2012	European Commission (FP-7 ERA-Net)	Stimulating and evaluating of a better regulation of converging technologies (SEBEROC): nano- and biotechnologies	+++
	Jan 2009 – March 2010	Austrian Federal Ministry for Health, Vienna	Socioeconomic Impacts of GMOs – Cornerstones for Austrian policy development (SOZÖGEN)	+++
	Jan 2007 – Oct 2007	European Commission, DG Joint Research Centres, Seville	Plant Molecular Farming – Opportunities and Challenges	+++
	May 2005 – Feb 2008	Federal Ministry for Health and Women, Vienna	Toxic Properties of Novel Proteins in GMO	++++

VII. Intellectual property rights: Do you possess any intellectual property rights related to GM plants? Please state the type of property right, a brief description of the property right and a reference number.	-	-	No interests	-
VIII. Other memberships or affiliations: Are you a member of any association, organization or political party with activities in the field of GMO plants? Please declare the nature of your contribution (non active/active/type of activities).	2012 – now	European Network of Scientists for Social and Environmental Responsibility (ENSSER)	<p>The objective of ENSSER is the advancement of public-good science and research for the protection of the environment, biological diversity and human health against adverse impacts of new technologies and their products. ENSSER is committed to (i) transparent, high quality scientific information that focuses on the ecological, health, and socioeconomic aspects of technology us; (ii) The assessment of alternative options within technology policy, strengthening innovation and long term sustainability, meanwhile prioritizing public and environmental safety.</p> <p>Function: non-active member</p>	
	2014 – now	International Society for Biosafety Research (ISBR)	<p>ISBR aims to promote scientifically sound research that supports biosafety assessment by improving communication among scientists who study plants, animals, and microbes with new characteristics due to altered DNA and produced using modern biotechnology</p> <p>Function: non-active member</p>	

* The size of the investment or research budget is indicated as follows:

- + Less than € 5,000
- ++ € 5,000 – 20,000
- +++ € 20,000 – 50,000
- ++++ € 50,000 – 150,000
- +++++ More than € 150,000

I hereby declare any direct interest in companies, institutes or organizations working with or on genetically modified plants and/or food/feed safety. I will review and modify this declaration at least once per year.

I agree to publish the DoI on the project website.

Place: Graz

Date: 5 May 2015

Signature:

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'Apt', written in a cursive style.

