

G-TwYST DECLARATION OF INTERESTS (DoI)

This Declaration of Interests 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 May 2009 (five years prior to the start of the project).

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: Researcher and lecturer at the Universitat de Girona

Current GRACE/G-TwYST involvements:

Co-leader of work package 1; researcher in work packages 2 and 3

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?	NO			
II. Member of a managing entity or equivalent structure: Have you been head of an institute, company, or a department or units?	2008 - now	Institute for Agricultural and Food Technology – University of Girona	Director	
III. Member of a scientific advisory board of an entity involved in/related to GM plant and food/feed safety research.	2004 – now	ENGL – European Network of GMO Laboratories	Member, focus on GMO analytical aspects	
	2012 – now	GRACE	Member of the Advisory Board	

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	2014 – now	G-TwYST	Member of the Advisory Board	
	Up to now	CRAG	Scientific advisor in the Service for GMO detection. Research on GMO analysis and safety	+
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.	Up to now	University of Girona, Girona	Research and teaching at the University of Girona, Teaching plant biotechnology related subjects. Research focusing on GMO characterization, safety and coexistence. Also research on antimicrobial and plant elicitor peptides.	
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?	2007-2010	Spanish Ministerio de Agricultura, Pesca y Alimentación	Identificación, determinación y cuantificación de la posible presencia de semillas MG en lotes de semillas convencionales.	+++
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).	2007-2009	Spanish Ministerio de Educación y Ciencia - INIA	Quantification of GMO and mycotoxin contents in commercial maize fields: prediction and sampling techniques	+++
	2007-2010	Spanish Ministerio de Educación y Ciencia	Variability on insertion and expression of transgenes in plants	++++
	2009-2013	Spanish Ministerio de Educación y Ciencia	SEPSAPE (PLANT-KBBE): safe and efficient plant systems for antimicrobial peptide production	+++++

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	2010-2014	Spanish Ministerio de Ciencia e Innovación	Unintended effects of transgenes and optimization of production of antimicrobial peptides in plant biofactories	++++
	2012-2015	European Commission	MARLON (FP7): Monitoring of Animals for Feed-Related Risks in the Long Term	+++
	2012-2015	European Commission	GRACE (FP7): GMO Risk Assessment and Communication of Evidence	+++++
	2013-2015	European Commission	PRICE (FP7): Practical Implementation of Coexistence in Europe	++++
	2014-2018	European Commission	G-TwYST (FP-7)	++++
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 INTEREST			
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).	NO			

* 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:

Girona

Date:

14th May 2015

Signature:

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