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Chair's Foreword

Welcome to the 2019 Annual Report of the UK Expert Committee on Pesticides (ECP). The Committee provides independent advice to UK Government and the Devolved Administrations on matters related to the approval, authorisation and use of pesticides.

I suspect it will not be a surprise to readers of this Report that EU exit has provided a major focus for the Committee's activities this year. We are aware of the commitments that the UK government has made in relation to maintaining/improving standards and processes and believe we have a key role to play in supporting these commitments. The ECP has devoted a considerable amount of time and effort to establishing procedures that will enable the Government to procure independent scientific advice related to the approval of pesticides. This has required a concerted collective effort by Committee members and Government officials, and changes to the structure and length of our meetings to accommodate an increased workload. We believe we have the basis of a good set of arrangements that can provide assurances to the public and will work to refine these in 2020.

A key aim for the Committee is having the best possible understanding of the context in which we operate. To this end, we have continued our programme of discussing pesticide regulation with key groups of stakeholders – this is a thought-provoking exercise that has highlighted very different views on how regulatory framework should be approached. It is heartening to note, however, that everyone associated with debating the issue of pesticide use is united on the pivotal importance of protecting human health and the environment.



We have seen change in the make-up of the Committee. We were joined in late 2019 by Dr James Garratt, our new Fate and Behaviour specialist, Mr Martin Glynn, our new lay member and Professor David Spurgeon, our new ecotoxicology member. James has joined as a second fate and behaviour specialist. Martin succeeds Jennifer Dean and David succeeds Professor Richard Shore. Jennifer and Richard both left the Committee after completing the maximum ten-year term as Members of the ECP. We note our thanks to Jennifer and Richard for their outstanding, perceptive and helpful contributions.

I would like to thank all the individuals and organisations who contributed to our work. This includes: Committee Members (including those we co-opted on a short term basis to assist our deliberations), Advisors and Assessors who fully and robustly discuss the important and complex matters that come before ECP; they display great understanding, judgement and expertise in addressing these. It is also right to acknowledge the role of the Government officials and representatives of other organisations who have been questioned by and/or advised us. It is critical that a range of opinions is considered and that arguments and views are fully tested in order that our advice is soundly based. We appreciate the time and effort given by those who have helped ensure ECP has a deep, comprehensive and independent understanding of relevant issues and that pesticides are regulated in the most appropriate fashion.

We are sure you will find this report an interesting and informative summary of the Committee and our work. If you have any questions about this report and/or our activities, please contact our Secretariat whose contact details can be found on page 22.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'William Cushley'.

Professor W Cushley
Chair, UK Expert Committee on Pesticides

Role of the Committee

The ECP is an Expert Committee providing independent scientific advice to Ministers and Governments (including those in the Devolved Administrations) on the authorisation of pesticides in the UK and on other matters related to the control of pests more broadly. During 2019, we undertook an exercise to review and update our Code of Practice and Terms of Reference, to bring them in line with the Code of Practice for Scientific Advisory Committees. Our Terms of Reference are set out in Annex 1.

A list of our Members can be found at Annex 2. Our Committee contains a mix of expertise. Some of us are academics working in specialist areas of study relevant to assessing the risks and benefits of pest control. Others are members appointed to consider issues from a public perspective. We also include those with practical experience of pesticide use and regulation in the farming and amenity sectors amongst our numbers.

Members are appointed following open public recruitment. We are appointed as independent individuals, not representing any particular interest. In line with the Nolan principles on public life we have declared any aspects of our work that may be perceived to present a potential conflict of interest. Members also work in accordance with the Committee's Code of Practice. We declare and describe any potential conflict of interest.

We seek to operate transparently, publishing the agendas of our meetings and a detailed record of our discussions, and holding occasional open meetings. Due to the commercially confidential nature of some of our deliberations, however, it is necessary to assess carefully the amount of information we put into the public domain. In some cases, we therefore do not publish material that is commercially sensitive.



Our work in 2019

Day-to-day regulation of pesticides is carried out by the Health and Safety Executive (HSE). Anyone wishing to market pesticides must obtain an authorisation to do so. Authorisations are granted by HSE provided a robust evaluation of data demonstrates that use of the product will not harm human health or have unacceptable effects on the environment. Legal restrictions are placed on the way products must be used (for example, amount applied, timing of application, need for operators to wear protective clothing, avoiding applications close to environmental features, etc) to ensure safety.



ECP business involves consideration of a small proportion of HSEs work, generally the more difficult and novel cases. Each year we supplement this activity by undertaking an exercise to 'quality assure' the 'routine' HSE casework through a structured audit of finalised cases. The Committee's most recent exercise (for 2018) concluded that HSE considers applications for the authorisation of pesticides robustly and appropriately, with decisions being made on a sound evidential and scientific basis. However, we found that in a very small proportion of the cases the decision-making process was not clearly documented. We followed up our findings with HSE who addressed the issues we identified. We consider that this exercise provides independent reassurance to the public and Ministers that the regulatory system functions appropriately.

Providing advice to Government on applications for the emergency authorisation of pesticide products remains an important and high-profile part of our activities. During 2019 we considered and provided advice and views on seventeen applications related to control of pests, weeds or diseases in a wide variety of crops and situations. The majority of these related to horticultural production, perhaps reflecting the fact that the EU pesticide review programme has resulted in the loss of access to chemistry required by these growers. Other emergency authorisation applications related to: agricultural situations; management of waterways; ornamental cultivation; amenity grassland and managed amenity turf; and upland management.

The focus of Committee input into the decision-making process related to this casework has changed with a greater emphasis on using our expertise to understand the nature and degree of risk associated with proposed uses and the case for need. This has not, however, constrained us from having a wider view on these applications, including whether ECP can even deliver advice that an authorisation should be granted.

Notable applications which we considered related to the use of:

- a neonicotinoid foliar spray on sugar beet. We supported granting the application, which established a case for need, effective limitation and control of use, with acceptable risk to human health and the environment. It also showed that the applicant had credible plans to avoid long-term reliance on emergency authorisations.



- a product containing the active substance copper oxychloride to control scab in organic apple and pear. We noted that on the basis of the evidence available to us there were potentially significant soil quality risks for treated areas associated with the proposed use and that these outweighed the benefits understood to be associated with granting an authorisation. We advised that this application should not be supported because of this potential environmental impact. The Government subsequently decided that based on all the evidence available to it, the application be granted to support organic growers; and
- products to provide a control programme for an invasive pest (spotted wing drosophila) on a range of fruit crops. We advised that these applications could be granted due to the pressing need for control, limited scale of use and the fact there would be no long-term reliance on emergency authorisations.

Other aspects of our work included considering and/or advising on activities related to:

- *assessing and mitigating the risks from pesticide use.* We considered: the Government's review of habitat protection and buffer zones; a potential new post-registration pesticide monitoring scheme project; EU Commission proposals relating to Harmonised Risk Indicators; a proposed approach to determining 'negligible exposure' as part of the regulatory risk assessment; and issues associated with the recent use and withdrawal of UK insecticide actives
- *The authorisation of pesticide products.* In particular, products containing the active substance oxamyl - we advised that the information presented to us did not demonstrate that the product could be used without there being unacceptable risks to the environment. We also reviewed the first national authorisation of five products containing active substances not previously authorised in the UK.
- *Monitoring data and reviewing evidence.* In particular, data submitted to address the requirements set by our predecessor, the ACP, in 2013, in relation to an adverse data review of chlorpropham. Drawing substantially on expertise co-opted onto the Committee, we concluded that based on the evidence before us, we could not advise

that there was a basis for allowing the authorisation of chlorpropham to continue. The Committee also kept an eye on latest research related to risks associated with the use of neonicotinoid pesticides on pollinators – concluding that this did not cause us to change our previous advice to Government on this issue. We also considered a report produced by the Pesticides Usage Survey Programme, assessed information arising from the National Poisons Information Service on pesticide-related incidents, and were updated on the work, and findings of the Pesticide Residues in Food's monitoring programme.

- *The future and meeting expectations.* We considered how the Committee could best provide appropriate support to Government in preparation for EU exit. Following our discussions with the Civil Society Organisations in 2018, we continued to discuss the future of pesticide regulation with representatives from the grower, advisory and training industries. We considered the potential implications of the Government's 25 Year Environment Plan and considered how we could contribute to the review of the National Action Plan for the Sustainable Use of Pesticides. We are also discussing with Government how we can maximise the value of our input into consideration of emergency authorisation applications.
- *Preparing for EU exit.* We are working closely with Government to create an interim process to provide Independent Scientific Advice on active substance evaluations that supports the continuing application of existing standards. We have established a process and are refining the arrangements to ensure it is fit for purpose. We have reviewed one new active substance and two renewal active substances with a view to providing advice to government on specific areas of these dossiers.



ANNEX 1

Terms of Reference

Purpose of the Committee

1. The UK Expert Committee on Pesticides (the Committee) is established to provide independent scientific advice on matters relating to the effective control of pests,¹ including advice on approval and authorisation of pesticides.² In this work, the Committee will take account of the general purposes of Part III of the Food and Environment Protection Act 1985 (FEPA) as set out in Section 16(1) of the Act. These are:
 - a. the continuous development of means:
 - i. to protect the health of people, creatures and plants;
 - ii. to safeguard the environment; and
 - iii. to secure safe, efficient and humane methods of controlling pests;
 - b. making information about pesticides available to the public.
2. The Committee shall provide advice and views to the Ministers listed below on any matter within its remit, either in response to a request or at the Committee's initiative. The Committee will normally provide its advice to the Assessors (provided for in paragraph 14 below) but may provide advice directly to all or any of the following Ministers (referred to collectively in this document as "the Ministers"): the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, Scottish Ministers, the Welsh Ministers and the Minister for Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs in Northern Ireland.
3. The Committee will be consulted on regulations relating to the general purposes of Part III of FEPA and falling within its remit which any or all of the Ministers contemplate making.

1 "pest" means: any organism harmful to plants or to wood or other plant products; any undesired plant; and any harmful organism. This definition is not intended to place a strict limit on the Committee's remit.

2 "pesticide" means any substance, preparation or organism prepared or used for destroying or controlling any pest. It includes everything within the scope of the current and retained Regulation (EC) No. 1107/2009 concerning the placing of plant protection products on the market. This definition is not intended to place a strict limit on the Committee's remit.

Role of the Committee

4. The lead Defra Minister will set the Terms of Reference for the Committee with the consent of the Ministers. Any proposal to vary these Terms of Reference or abolish the Committee would also be subject to agreement by all the Ministers. In all these cases the Committee itself will be consulted; the Ministers will ultimately set the Terms of Reference of the Committee, while the Committee will determine its ways of working, adhering to the requirements in these Terms of Reference and Code of Practice.
5. The Ministers may receive: strategic work plans for particular areas of on-going work; reports and advice; and periodic reviews of the Committee's functions, public benefits and value for money.
6. The Committee will, as appropriate and within its remit:
 - Contribute to developing the evidence base, analysing and interpreting evidence and providing judgements on quality and relevance;
 - Support policy development and evaluation, including by undertaking risk assessment and assessing new regulations and proposals for deregulation;
 - Advise on the scope for specific projects and research;
 - Contribute to best practice advice and formal guidance;
 - Provide independent scientific advice on applications for the approval of new active substances and active substance renewals;
 - Provide independent scientific advice on setting maximum residue levels (MRLs), as part of, or separate to advice provided on applications for approval of active substances;
 - Provide suggestions on optimising the Committee's role as part of the process for the approval of active substances, the setting of MRLs and the authorisation of products;
 - Produce an Annual Report of all work undertaken and contribute, if required, to Defra's Chief Scientist's Annual Report;
 - Provide advice on any other issue as requested by HSE, Defra or the devolved administrations relating to the use of pesticides, and prioritising these requests against existing work schedules;
 - Help the response to emergency situations by providing expert advice and opinion.

7. The Committee will provide independent advice and operate in line with the [Principles of Scientific Advice to government](#)³ and the [Code of Practice for Scientific Advisory Committees](#).⁴
8. The Committee will make its scientific advice and views available to the public and other interested parties in a way which aims to be comprehensive, clear and timely. The Committee will decide its own publication schedule.
9. Defra's Chief Scientific Adviser (CSA) will maintain an oversight of the work of the Committee and will meet regularly with its Chair.

Appointments and conduct of Members

10. The Chair and the Members of the Committee are independent appointments made through open competition, in line with the [Governance Code](#)⁵ on Public Appointments. Appointments are made by the Senior Responsible Owner within Defra in agreement with: Department of Work and Pensions; Department of Health and Social Care; Food Standards Agency; Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs for Northern Ireland; Scottish Government; and the Welsh Government. These bodies will also agree the plans for each recruitment exercise.
11. Members are expected to act in accordance with the [seven 'Nolan' principles of public life](#).⁶

Working groups and additional expertise

12. Subject to the availability of funds, the Committee may: establish groups to support aspects of its work; and bring in additional expertise (from the UK or abroad) to advise on specific issues.

3 <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/scientific-advice-to-government-principles>

4 <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/scientific-advisory-committees-code-of-practice>

5 https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/578498/governance_code_on_public_appointments_16_12_2016.pdf

6 <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/the-7-principles-of-public-life>

Advisers

13. Advisers are officials, from any of the UK administrations, with specialist expertise who can advise the Committee. At the time of preparation of these Terms of Reference, advisers are drawn from Defra, the Environment Agency, the Food Standards Agency, the Health and Safety Executive, Public Health England and Natural England (and equivalent Devolved Administration bodies). Any future additions to this list will be arranged by agreement between the Committee and the relevant Department or body. Advisers shall receive the meeting documents at the same time as Committee members and have the right to attend Committee meetings. They will contribute to discussions when invited to do so.

Assessors

14. Each of the following appoints one of their officials as an Assessor: Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs; Department of Work and Pensions; Department of Health and Social Care; Food Standards Agency; Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs for Northern Ireland; Scottish Government; and the Welsh Government. Assessors receive and respond to the advice and views supplied by the Committee to their Ministers. Where appropriate they are responsible for seeking the views of their Minister on the advice from the Committee. Assessors shall receive the meeting documents at the same time as Committee members and have the right to attend ECP meetings. They will contribute to discussions when invited to do so.



ANNEX 2

Members

(at 31 December 2019) and declarations of interest

Chairman

Professor William Cushley is Professor of Molecular Immunology and Assistant Vice-Principal (International) at the University of Glasgow, where he also serves as Co-Director of the Glasgow-Caribbean Centre for Development Research. His research interests are in B cell development in health and disease. He has served as chair of the board of trustee directors of the Babraham Institute in Cambridge and is the current chair of Health and Life Science review panels for the European Science Foundation. Bill was appointed to the ACP in 2014.

No interests declared.

Deputy Chairman

Professor Rod Blackshaw is a soil ecologist with a background in ecotoxicology and pest management. He has particular interests in the functioning of soils, and the management of soil pests by understanding their population dynamics and behaviours at different spatial scales through the application of mathematical and statistical models. Previous roles have included Director of the Regional Food Technology Transfer Centre and Centre for Agricultural and Rural Sustainability, both at Plymouth University, and farming on his own account. Rod was appointed to the ACP in 2014, he assumed the role of deputy Chairman at the beginning of 2018.

No interests declared.

Members

Ms Helen Chambers is an Occupational Hygienist in the Health and Safety Executive. She specialises in understanding human exposure to hazardous substances and management of the risks presented, in a wide range of workplaces. Helen was appointed to the ECP in 2016.

No interests declared.

Mr Richard Davis is formerly Director of HSEs Chemicals Regulation Directorate responsible for the authorisation of pesticides, biocides and chemicals in the UK including all the disciplines involved in the scientific risk assessment and regulatory operations for the UK regulatory organisation. Extensive experience of participation in the EU regulatory environment plus 5 years as Chair of the OECD Pesticides Working Group. Previously Head of Efficacy Branch in Pesticides Safety Directorate and Head of Pesticide Usage Survey Group in Central Science Laboratory. He is 16 years in plant pathology research studying rational pesticide usage for pest and disease control in soft fruit, vegetables and agricultural field crops. Extensive experience of pests, diseases and agronomy of horticultural and agricultural crops including both chemical and alternative control options. Richard was appointed to the ACP in 2011.

No interests declared.

Ms Jennifer Dean is a barrister at Law; emeritus Chair of Law at the British Computer Society; Health and Safety Officer for hospitality branches at Unite; advisor and mediator at the legal clinic for Unite; consultant and mentor for young entrepreneurs on business, policy and legislation and the employment law consultant for Aubrey Solicitors. She is the lay member for consumer affairs. Jennifer was appointed to the ACP in 2010.

No interests declared.

Mr Mark Dempsey is the support services manager in Calderdale Council. A founder member of the Northern Amenity Forum, BASIS examiner and he is also a part time horticultural lecturer at Kirklees College and is the lay member for environmental issues. He is a Kew Gardens Mentor for the Grow Wild Project, Keep Britain Tidy international Green Flag Award judge which includes judging sites abroad and within the UK, Blue Flag Judge (international quality beach award) and Purple Flag judge. Mark was appointed to the ECP in 2016.

No interests declared.

Dr James Garratt is the founder and Managing Director of Enviresearch. He is a scientist with a special interest and passion for the assessment of the risks of chemicals to the environment. He has been working with environmental models since 1996. His work has included many assessments of chemical fate for commercial clients, in particular where advanced (or higher-tier) assessments are required. He has also contributed to the advancement of science through his work on risk assessment in greenhouses; the MERLIN-Expo modelling tool; and sensitivity analysis in drainflow modelling. He is a member of the Institute of Professional Soil Scientists (IPSS) and the Society for Environmental Toxicology and Chemistry (SETAC). He is a Chartered Scientist and a regular reviewer of academic papers for research journals. James was appointed to the ECP in 2019.

Personal interests

- Director of Enviresearch Ltd which provides scientific consulting services to a range of chemical companies in support of product approvals.
- Director of Enviresearch Technologies which provides software to Enviresearch Ltd.
- Member of the Agrisciences Committee, which organises events that may be sponsored by companies in the pesticide (or other chemicals) industry.

Mr Martin Glynn is a Fellow of the Institute of Chartered Foresters and a Chartered Environmentalist. He is a graduate of the University College of North Wales (Bangor) and the Open University. As a self-employed consultant he works with clients in the public, private and third sectors providing advice and support regarding business, market and workforce development in the forestry industry. Martin is Chair of the ICF North England Regional Group and represents the Institute on the Forestry & Climate Change Working Group. He is a Trustee of the Forest Industries Education Fund and was formerly a Non-Executive Director of the National Forest Company. Martin was appointed to the ECP in 2019.

No interests declared.

Dr Martin Hare is a Principal Lecturer in Agronomy at Harper Adams University, where he is Associate Head of the Crop and Environment Sciences Department and Chair of the Research Degrees Standards Committee. He is BASIS qualified and has over twenty years' research experience working with pesticides. Martin was appointed to the ACP in 2011.

Non-personal interests

- Line management responsibility at Harper Adams University for a number of academic staff who may at any time have research and/or research students funded by a range of funding bodies and commercial companies.

Professor Tom Hutchinson is an expert in the ecotoxicology and the risks posed by chemicals to freshwater and marine ecosystems. He is Professor of Environment and Health Sciences at the University of Plymouth. Tom was appointed to the ACP in 2013.

Current personal interests:

- University of Plymouth receives funding from diverse range of organisations (including BBSRC, Defra, Environment Agency, EPSRC, European Commission, Food and Environment Research Agency Ltd., Food Standards Agency, Government Office for Science, Marine Scotland, Natural England, NERC and other organisations).
- Government Office for Science: commissioned to contribute to an evidence review on marine pollution as part of the 'Futures of the Sea' project: Scientific consultancy to UK government (with payment);
- Marine Scotland: environmental risk assessment of aquaculture: Scientific advisory role (with payment)

Non personal current interests:

- Food and Environment Research Agency Limited – NERC Industrial CASE award for a cooperative PhD research studentship on fungal toxins in aquatic ecosystems;
- Linnean Society of London – Fellow
- Royal Society of Biology – Fellow
- Higher Education Academy - Fellow

[Supplemental information: relatives farming 200ha of land/ employed by Swedish agricultural engineering company].

Professor Edward Lock is Emeritus Professor of Industrial Toxicology at Liverpool John Moores University. Research interests, mechanisms of target organ toxicity and mode of action of foreign compounds. Treatment of disorders of tyrosine catabolism. Ted was appointed to the ACP in 2012.

No interests declared

Dr Ruth Mann is Head of Research at STRI and a Director of the Amenity Forum. Her broad research background is integrated disease management in agricultural and horticultural crops. Her current research interests include holistic management of all sport surfaces and amenity area. Ruth is also an approved trainer for BASIS Amenity Horticulture. Ruth was appointed to the ECP in 2017.

Non-personal interests

- STRI completes multiple trials for the pesticide industry internationally and is officially recognised as an efficacy testing organisation in the UK. She is responsible for the teams completing this work. STRI also provides consultancy services, including advice on pesticides to the sports turf industry.
- In 2019, Ruth's department worked on trials data submitted for an emergency authorisation for acelepryn which was seen by the Committee on March, however, she was not involved in this work.
- STRI assessed tebuconazole in efficacy and crop safety trials for the control of turfgrass diseases, Ruth is responsible for the department that completed the trials work but was not personally involved. The Committee discussed the active substance renewal for tebuconazole at the November meeting.

Dr Chris Morris is a Senior Lecturer at the Medical Toxicology Centre at Newcastle University. He is also a member of the Dementia and Neurodegenerative Diseases Group and the Complex Genetics and Pharmacogenetics Research Group at the University. His research interests are in the causes of neurological disorders. Chris was appointed to the ACP in 2012.

No interests declared.

Professor Richard Shore is a vertebrate ecotoxicologist and is the Centre for Ecology & Hydrology's (CEH) Science Area Head for Pollution. He is a senior researcher investigating the environmental impacts of contaminants, and has an Honorary Chair at Lancaster University. Richard was appointed to the ACP in 2012.

Non-personal interests

- Project Leader of the Centre for Ecology & Hydrology's (CEH) multi-funded Predatory Bird Monitoring Scheme (PBMS). Funders vary annually but are currently CEH (through its UK-SCAPE National Capability project), Natural England (NE) and the campaign for Responsible Rodenticide Use (CRR).
- Project leader for on-going Campaign for Responsible Rodenticide Use (CRRU) funded study run by CEH that monitors residues of second-generation anticoagulant rodenticides in barn owls.
- Engagement with "WILDCOMS" Knowledge Exchange network that facilitates knowledge exchange between diverse stakeholders, which may include pesticide companies.
- Involved in work, supported under National Capability funding awarded to Centre for Ecology & Hydrology (CEH), examining risk to non-target species from pesticides
- Leader on a Natural England-funded project examining development of chemical indicator metrics and the development of potential schemes for post-registration monitoring.
- Co-supervision of University of York student investigating exposure of wildlife to neonicotinoid pesticides.
- Co-Investigator on National Environmental Research Council (NERC) funded project on effect on contaminants on populations which is examining wildlife contamination by second-generation anticoagulant rodenticides.

Professor Andy Smith is Director of the Integrative Toxicology Training Partnership of the Medical Research Council's Toxicology Unit, which is now a department of the University of Cambridge, and Honorary Professor in the department of Genetics and Genome Biology in the University of Leicester. He has a wide range of experience in fundamental studies and risk assessment of the toxicity of many types of contaminant, clinical and food chemicals in environmental and medical scenarios. He is a former member of

the FSA Committee of Toxicity. He has served on the CEF Panel of EFSA as well as various working groups. Andy was appointed to the ACP in 2012.

No interests declared.

Dr Mick Whelan is a Reader in Environmental Science at the University of Leicester specialising in the environmental fate of organic chemicals, such as pesticides and pharmaceutical ingredients, and the transfer of nitrogen and phosphorus from agricultural land to surface waters. He has a PhD in Applied Hydrology from Leeds and did post-doctoral research in Exeter and Milan. Before joining the University of Leicester, he held academic posts at Stirling and Cranfield Universities, complemented by five years working in environmental modelling for Unilever. He has recently worked on and led a number of NERC-, Defra-, Environment Agency- and industry-funded projects to better understand pollutant fate and transport. Mick was appointed to the ECP in 2018.

No interests declared

Dr Simon Wilkinson is a lecturer at the Medical Toxicology Centre, University of Newcastle upon Tyne. He researches into routes of exposure to harmful chemicals, especially dermal absorption and metabolism. Simon was appointed to the ACP in 2011.

No interests declared.

The Committee regularly reviews membership to ensure it has the right balance of expertise to meet the challenges it faces.



ANNEX 3

Fees and reimbursement

Members of the ECP are not salaried staff but do receive a fee for attendance at meetings. They are not paid if they do not attend meetings, although they receive a preparation fee if they comment in writing.

Chair's fees

Attendance fee £400
Preparation fee £150

Deputy Chair and members' fees

Attendance fee £300
Preparation fee £150

The Chair and Members also receive reimbursement of reasonable actual travel and subsistence when attending meetings.

In 2019, the cost of member's fees related to committee work, a recruitment campaign and future planning for the Committee was approximately £70,000. Our costs are slightly higher than previous years due to an increase in member's fees as well as the introduction of two-day meetings to allow us to establish the interim process to provide Independent Scientific Advice on active substance evaluations.

The ECP is assisted in the committee by the following officials:

Departmental assessors are officials who receive and respond to the advice/recommendations supplied by the Committee to Ministers on behalf of their department. Where appropriate they are responsible for seeking the views of their Minister on the advice from the ECP.

Departmental assessors as at 31 December 2019

Mr David Williams Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (Defra)

Ms Clare McNicholas Health and Safety Executive (HSE)

Ms Gillian Reay Science and Advice for Scottish Agriculture (SASA), representing Scottish Government

Ms Trudy Netherwood Department of Health and Social Care

Mr Mark Willis Food Standards Agency (FSA)

Mr Martin Williams Welsh Assembly Government (WAG)

Dr Stephen Jess Agri-Food and Biosciences Institute Northern Ireland (AFBNI), representing Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs

Departmental advisors are officials with specialist expertise who can advise the ECP.

Departmental advisors as at 31 December 2019

Ms Holly Yates Defra

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Dr Chris Snaith HSE, CRD

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ANNEX 4

Sub-groups

The ECP was assisted in its work by a number of sub-Groups including: the Environmental Panel; the Medical and Toxicological Panel and the Working Party on Pesticide Usage Surveys. These sub-Groups have not met for a number of years, but do consider papers by correspondence.

The Working Party on Pesticide Usage Surveys oversees delivery of the Pesticide Usage Survey Programme. Members are responsible for collecting and analysing pesticide usage data and preparing and publishing reports detailing findings on a range of crops and situations. The Working Party is chaired by HSE and has representatives from: Fera Science Ltd, SASA; AFBINI; ADAS; Crop Protection Association; and the Drinking Water Inspectorate. The Technical Secretary is provided by HSE.





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