

## Call for expressions of interest for the position of member of a scientific committee

(2000/C 142/17)

By Decision 97/579/EC of 23 July 1997 <sup>(1)</sup>, the Commission set up eight scientific committees in the field of consumer health and food safety, considering that sound scientific advice is an essential basis for Community rules in this area. This scientific advice must be based on the excellence and independence of the committee members and the transparency of their work. At the Commission's request, the scientific committees provide scientific advice on consumer health and food safety issues, including animal health, plant health, environmental health, risks relating to animal foods and other consumer products.

The Commission consults the scientific committees every time a legal act so requires. They can also be asked for advice on other consumer health and food safety issues.

On the basis of trends in current scientific data, the scientific committees may draw the Commission's attention to any specific or emerging problem falling within their remit relating to consumer health and food safety.

The eight scientific committees are listed in Annex 2, together with their remit and the expertise required from their members.

Article 3 of Decision 97/579/EC states that each scientific committee shall consist of a maximum of 19 members.

To guarantee the independence of the committees, members must make an annual declaration to the Commission of any interests which might be considered prejudicial to their independence. These declarations are available to the public with the consent of the member concerned, within the framework of the legislation on personal data protection.

The scientific committees meet in plenary session between five and ten times a year, in addition to the working group meetings organised as required. The scientific committees also require from their members a significant contribution in terms of time and workload. The members of the scientific committees must also possess managerial skills, in particular the ability to organise and chair working groups.

They will receive remuneration for their work, currently EUR 300 for each full day plenary meeting, EUR 300 for

participating in a working group and EUR 300 for drawing up a draft scientific recommendation which is subsequently adopted by the committee. Their travel and accommodation expenses will also be reimbursed in accordance with the rules laid down by the Commission.

The mandate of the current members of the eight committees will expire at the beginning of November 2000. It is therefore important to appoint new members before this date if the Commission is to have uninterrupted scientific support.

The mandate lasts for three years from the members' appointment by the Commission. This period may be shortened as a result of the ongoing reform of the Commission's scientific advice system in the area of food safety.

This call for expressions of interest invites experts from Europe and elsewhere, currently working or possessing up-to-date experience in one or more scientific disciplines in the field of consumer health, to express their interest in becoming a member of one of these committees. The selection criteria and procedure are described in Annex 1 to this call.

Interested individuals are invited to communicate the following information to the address at the end of this document:

- the scientific committee of interest to them,
- their personal details, including an address at which they can be contacted,
- a detailed CV referring specifically to the expertise required under the selection criteria (see Annex 1) by the scientific committee in question (see Annex 2),
- a declaration of any interests which might be considered prejudicial to their independence,
- a list of relevant publications, awards, etc.,
- any other relevant documentation.

<sup>(1)</sup> Commission Decision 97/579/EC of 23 July 1997 setting up Scientific Committees in the field of consumer health and food safety (OJ L 237, 28.8.1997, p. 18), amended by the Commission decision of 18 May 2000.

The expression of interest must be written in one of the official languages of the European Community. To facilitate the selection board's work, please append a summary in English or an English version of the documents.

It is advisable to follow the guidelines set out in Annex 3 when replying to a call for expressions of interest.

Persons who wish to express their interest in several scientific committees are requested to forward the documents mentioned above for each of these committees, it being understood that they cannot be appointed to more than one scientific committee. Furthermore, the Commission may appoint a candidate to a committee other than the one for which he or she applied, if this committee needs the candidate's expertise and provided the candidate agrees.

Expressions of interest should have been received by the Commission (in triplicate) at the latest by 1 July 2000 or should be lodged in person at the address indicated below by this date. The Commission reserves the right to reject expressions of interest received after this date. Applicants will receive an acknowledgement of receipt. All expressions of interest will be treated confidentially.

If the assessment of the expressions of interest reveals that there are more suitably qualified experts than there are positions to be filled, these experts will, subject to their consent, be kept on a 'list of experts for the scientific committees of the European Commission (list of experts)'. The Commission will refer to this list if a member resigns from a committee or if a committee is to be enlarged. The list could also be used if the committee requires additional expertise for specific, ad hoc work.

The Commission will inform the scientific experts of the result of the selection procedure as soon as possible. The names of the members of the scientific committees will be published in the *Official Journal of the European Communities*.

All correspondence should be sent to the following address:

*By mail:*

European Commission  
Directorate-General Health and Consumer Protection  
Directorate B  
Rue de la Loi/Wetstraat 200  
B-1049 Brussels

*In person:*

European Commission  
Directorate-General Health and Consumer Protection  
Directorate B  
Rue Belliard/Belliardstraat 232 (rue Breydel entrance)  
office 6/10  
B-1000 Brussels

The envelopes must be marked:

'COMITES SCIENTIFIQUES/APPEL À MANIFESTATION D'INTERET/  
CONFIDENTIEL'

*by e-mail* to SCintrest@dg24.cec.eu.int

Additional information may be had from the same address,

tel. (32-2) 299 26 68

fax (32-2) 295 95 79.

Important: Deadline for submission of the call for expressions of interest: 1.7.2000.

## ANNEX 1

**SELECTION CRITERIA AND PROCEDURE**

The selection criteria and procedure described below are intended to ensure transparency and impartiality in the selection and appointment of members for the eight scientific committees.

**Equality between men and women**

The Commission applies a policy of equality between men and women.

**Selection criteria**

Preference will be given to candidates who possess:

- proven scientific excellence in the field of consumer health and, more specifically, in the areas covered by the remit of one of the committees,
- professional experience in the areas mentioned above,
- experience in risk assessment,
- experience in the provision of scientific advice in scientific committees or similar bodies, at national and international level,
- professional experience in a multidisciplinary and international environment,
- managerial skills, in particular in chairing and organising working groups.

**Selection procedure**

The selection procedure will have two stages:

1. The selection of the most suitable experts to work in each scientific committee;
2. The appointment of members from these experts.

Selecting the most suitable experts

The candidates will be selected on the basis of the abovementioned criteria as follows:

A selection board comprising representatives from the Commission's consumer health and scientific research departments will be appointed. It will be chaired by a member of the Scientific Steering Committee who chairs no other scientific committees.

Each expression of interest will be assessed individually against the selection criteria by three members of the board.

Taking into account the evaluation made by each of its members, the board will, together, identify the most suitable scientific experts. These experts will be included on the 'list of experts for the Scientific Committees of the European Commission (list of experts)'.

An observer from the European Parliament and an observer from the Council will be invited to monitor the selection procedure.

Appointment of members

The Commission will appoint the members of the scientific committees from among the suitable candidates on the list. It will also take into account the need to ensure balance within the committees, in particular in terms of the scientific disciplines and geographical areas represented.

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## ANNEX 2

**EXPERTISE REQUIRED****Scientific Committee on Human Nutrition**Remit:

Scientific and technical questions concerning consumer health and food safety associated with the consumption of food products and in particular questions relating to toxicology and hygiene in the entire food production chain, nutrition, and applications of agrifood technologies, as well as those relating to materials coming into contact with foodstuffs, such as packaging.

Expertise required:

Toxicology, pathology, human and veterinary medicine, food allergies, public health, epidemiology, molecular/genetic biology, genetics, food science and technology, microbiology and food hygiene, evaluation of food consumption and exposure, analytical chemistry, biotechnology.

**Scientific Committee for Animal Nutrition**Remit:

Scientific and technical questions concerning animal nutrition, its effect on animal health, on the quality and health of products of animal origin, and concerning the technologies applied to animal nutrition.

Expertise required:

Human or veterinary medicine, sciences relating to animal production, animal or human nutrition, impact on the environment and on human beings, (bio)chemistry, biology, microbiology, biotechnology.

**Scientific Committee for Animal Health and Welfare****Animal Health subcommittee**Remit:

Scientific and technical questions concerning all aspects of animal health, hygiene, animal diseases and therapies, including zoonoses of non-food origin and zootechnics.

Expertise required:

Veterinary and human medicine, public health, microbiology, virology, epidemiology, immunology, toxicology, pathology, biochemistry, hygiene, diagnostics, fish-breeding, zootechnics, veterinary economics, biotechnology.

**Animal Welfare subcommittee**Remit:

Scientific and technical questions concerning animal welfare, in particular animal husbandry, herd management, transport, slaughter and experimentation.

Expertise required:

Ethology, biology and breeding zootechnics, animal behaviour, zootechnics, clinical veterinary medicine, epidemiology, physiology, neurophysiology, biochemistry, genetics, epidemiology, veterinary economics, biotechnology, agrifood technology.

**Scientific Committee on Veterinary Measures in relation to Public Health**Remit:

Scientific and technical questions concerning consumer health and food safety, and relating to zoonotic, toxicological, veterinary and notably hygiene measures applicable to the production, processing, and procurement of food of animal origin.

Expertise required:

Veterinary and human medicine, public health, microbiology, virology, epidemiology, immunology, toxicology, pathology, biochemistry, hygiene, food technology, diagnostics, human nutrition, zootechnics, veterinary economics, biotechnology.

**Scientific Committee for Plants**Remit:

Scientific and technical questions relating to plans intended for human or animal consumption or the production and processing of non-food products as regards characteristics liable to affect human or animal health or the environment, including the use of pesticides.

Expertise required:

Sciences linked to the production of plant products, chemistry, biology, mammalian toxicology, ecotoxicology, human nutrition, human medicine, biotechnology.

**Scientific Committee for Cosmetic Products and Non-Food Products intended for Consumers**Remit:

Scientific and technical questions relating to consumer health in the area of cosmetic and non-food products intended for consumers, notably the substances used in the preparation of these products, their composition, use, packaging and labelling.

Expertise required:

Human medicine, public health, toxicology, pharmacology, molecular and genetic biology, dermatology, chemistry, microbiology, biotechnology, epidemiology.

**Scientific Committee on Medicinal Products and Medical Devices**Remit:

Scientific and technical questions relating to the Community legislation on medicinal products for human and animal use, without prejudice to the specific remit of the Committee for Proprietary Medicinal Products and the Committee for Veterinary Medicinal Products<sup>(1)</sup> in the evaluation of medicinal products. Scientific and technical questions relating to the Community legislation on medical devices and equipment.

Expertise required:

Chemistry, molecular and genetic biology, physics, pharmacology, physiology, microbiology, virology, haematology, pharmaceutical technology, toxicology, immunology, biocompatibility, epidemiology, diagnostic and therapeutic medical technologies, biotechnology, human and animal medicine, public health, applied medical research, evaluation of medical technologies, zootechnics.

**Scientific Committee on Toxicity, Ecotoxicity and the Environment**Remit:

Scientific and technical questions relating to examination of the toxicity and ecotoxicity of chemical, biochemical and biological compounds whose use may have harmful consequences for human health and the environment.

Expertise required:

Human medicine, public health, toxicology, ecotoxicology, environment, biology, biochemistry, chemistry, genetics, epidemiology, statistics, biotechnology.

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<sup>(1)</sup> Committees within the European Agency for the Evaluation of Medicinal Products.

## ANNEX 3

**EXPRESSION OF INTEREST**

## GUIDELINES

Scientific Committee(s) of interest:

## 1. Personal details

- Surname, first name
- Title
- Nationality
- Date of birth
- Home address
- Work address

## 2. Professional details

- Current position
- Professional expertise, with reference to the expertise required by the committees

## 3. Annexes

- Curriculum vitae
- List of publications
- Declaration of any interests which might be considered prejudicial to candidate's independence
- Any other documents.

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**Amendment to the notice of invitation to tender for the subsidy for the export of husked long grain rice to Réunion**

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On page 11, the text of paragraph 2 under heading I 'Subject', is amended as follows:

'2. The total quantity in respect of which a maximum export subsidy may be fixed, in accordance with Article 6(3) of Commission Regulation (EEC) No 2692/89 <sup>(1)</sup>, is approximately 40 000 tonnes.'

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