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Community Plant Variety Office
Office Communautaire des Variétés Végétales

Declaration of interests for members of the Administrative Council

Name / First name: Boens Shannah

Title: ☐ AC member ☒ AC alternate member

Country: Belgium

Current and previous activities:

Please give details of any posts held and/or professional activities currently held or carried out over the past two years which may have a potential impact such as to impair your independence in your activity as AC member or alternate member.

Please also indicate any shares and/or stocks (with a value in excess of 50 000 €, or equivalent) in the capital of companies having an interest in or related to the field of activity of the CPVO, which may have a potential impact such as to impair your independence in your activity as AC member or alternate.

1. Ownership or other investments, including shares, in breeding companies, exceeding the minority control threshold in applicable national law

Nature of Activities:	N/A
Period:	
Name/location of the organisation:	
Subject matter:	

2. Member of a Managing Body or equivalent structure in a breeding company/plant-related research centre

Nature of Activities:	N/A
Period:	
Name/location of the organisation:	
Subject matter:	

3. Member of a Scientific Advisory Body, of an agricultural/horticultural research institute

Nature of Activities:	N/A
Period:	
Name/location of the organisation:	
Subject matter:	

4. Consultancy/ Advocacy for an environment/food/IP-related NGO

Nature of Activities:	N/A
Period:	
Name/location of the organisation:	
Subject matter:	

5. Employment

Nature of Activities:	Attaché
Period:	15 April 2020 - current
Name/location of the organisation: F.P.S. Economy, Vooruitgangstraat 50, 1210 Brussels	
Subject matter: Official at the department of Intellectual Property, F.P.S. Economy There is no conflict of interest	

6. Research funding, for example fund received from private companies for research activities in this domain.

Nature of Activities:	N/A
Period:	
Name/location of the organisation:	
Subject matter:	



7. Ownership of Intellectual property

Nature of Activities:	PhD thesis and several scientific journal articles
Period:	
Name/location of the organisation:	
Subject matter: I merely hold copyright in my doctoral thesis and several journal articles I wrote during my PhD. There is no conflict of interest.	

8. Other membership or affiliation

Nature of Activities:	N/A
Period:	
Name/location of the organisation:	
Subject matter:	

9. Interests of close family members¹

Nature of Activities:	N/A
Period:	
Name/location of the organisation:	
Subject matter:	

10. Other

Nature of Activities:	N/A
Period:	
Name/location of the organisation:	
Subject matter:	

¹ The terms of 'close family members' shall be construed as meaning spouse, partner, children and direct ascendants.

A conflict of interest arises where the impartiality and objectivity of a decision, opinion or recommendation of the Agency and/or its bodies, is or might in the public perception be compromised by an interest held by, or entrusted to, a member or alternate member of the Administrative Council.

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

The signatory is hereby informed of his right, in pursuance to Articles 11 and 12 of Regulation (EU) 2018/1725 to access and rectify the present declaration by addressing a communication to dpo@cpvo.europa.eu and to have recourse at any time to the European Data Protection Supervisor.

The undersigned undertakes to provide an update of the present declaration in the shortest possible delay should any new interest arise of which he/she is not aware at the time of signing.

I confirm that:

☒ I do not have a conflict of interest with respect to my membership in CPVO's Administrative Council.

☐ I do have a conflict of interest with respect to my membership in the CPVO's Administrative Council.

I declare that I have read the CPVO's policy on prevention and management of conflict of interests and that the above declaration is truthful and complete.

Date: 25 maart 2025

Signature:

Boens Shannah

