

## **Declaration of interests (DOI) form for individuals appointed as members of the 3RCC Scientific Advisory Board**

### Definitions:

"**Conflict of interest**" means any situation where an individual has an interest that may compromise or be reasonably perceived to compromise the individual's capacity to act independently and in the public interest when providing advice in relation to the subject of the work performed by the expert group or sub-group in question.

"**Immediate family member**" means the individual's spouse, children and parents. "Spouse" includes a partner with whom the individual has a registered non marital regime. "Children" means the child(ren) the individual and the spouse have in common, the own child(ren) of the individual and the own child(ren) of the spouse.

"**Legal entity**" means any commercial business, industry association, consultancy, research institution or other enterprise whose funding is significantly derived from commercial sources. It also includes independent own commercial businesses, law offices, consultancies or similar.

"**Body**" means a governmental, international or non-profit organisation.

"**Meeting**" includes a series or cycle of meetings.

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**Please answer each of the questions below. If the answer to any of the questions is "yes", please briefly describe relevant interests and circumstances, as appropriate.**

**If you do not describe relevant interests, your DOI form will be considered incomplete and, therefore, your appointment as a member of the 3RCC Scientific Advisory Board in a personal capacity shall be compromised.**

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**1. EMPLOYMENT CONSULTANCY AND LEGAL REPRESENTATION**

		Yes	No
	<i>Within the past 5 years, were you employed or have you had any other professional relationship with a natural or legal entity, or held any non-remunerated post in a legal entity or other body with an interest in the field of activity of the expert group/sub-group in question?</i>		
<b>1a</b>	<b>Employment</b>	X	
<b>1b</b>	<b>Consultancy, including service as an advisor</b>		X
<b>1c</b>	<b>Non-remunerated post</b>		X
<b>1d</b>	<b>Legal representation</b>		X

Activity	Time period (from... until month/year)	Name of entity or body	Description
Head animal unit	2005 - 1/2017	Radboudumc	Service to animal users, ind. 3R.
Prof. in evidence-based lab animal science.	> 1/2017	Radboudumc	teaching + research on systematic reviews.

**2. MEMBERSHIP OF MANAGING BODY, SCIENTIFIC ADVISORY BODY OR EQUIVALENT STRUCTURE**

		Yes	No
	<i>Within the past 5 years, have you participated in the internal decision-making of a legal entity or other body with an interest in the field of activity of the expert group/sub-group in question or have you participated in the works of a Scientific Advisory Body with voting rights on the outputs of that entity?</i>		
<b>2a</b>	<b>Participation in a decision-making process</b>		X
<b>2b</b>	<b>Participation in the work of a Scientific Advisory Body</b>	X	

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Participating in transition team NL on animal-free innovations	> 7/2010	Transition team	examining possibilities to operationalize these innovations
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### 3. RESEARCH SUPPORT

		Yes	No
	<i>Within the past 5 years, have you, or the research entity to which you belong, received any support from a legal entity or other body with an interest in the field of activity of the expert group/sub-group in question?</i>		
3a	<b>Research support, including grants, rents, sponsorships, fellowships, non-monetary support</b>	X	

Activity	Time period (from... until month/year)	Name of entity or body	Description
Workshops systematic reviews	> 2012	ZonMw.	funding workshops and coaching

### 4. FINANCIAL INTERESTS

		Yes	No
	<i>Do you have current investments in a legal entity with an interest in the field of activity of the expert group/sub-group in question, including holding of stocks and shares, and which amounts to more than 10,000 EUR per legal entity or entitling you to a voting right of 5% or more in such legal entity?</i>		
4a	<b>Shares</b>		X
4b	<b>Other stock</b>		X

Investment	Name of legal entity	Description

## 5. INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

		Yes	No
	<i>Do you have any intellectual property rights that might be affected by the outcome of the work carried out by the expert group/sub- group in question?</i>		
5a	<b>Patent, trademarks, or copyrights</b>	X	
5b	<b>Others</b>		X

Intellectual property	Description
Syrde's teaching materials	CC - teaching materials can be freely used on the condition Syrde is mentioned as source

## 6. PUBLIC STATEMENTS AND POSITIONS

		Yes	No
	<i>Within the past 5 years, have you provided any expert opinion or testimony in the field of activity of the expert group/sub-group in question, for a legal entity or other body as part of a regulatory, legislative or judicial process? Have you held an office or other position, paid or unpaid, where you represented interests or defended an opinion in the field of activity of the expert group/sub- group in question?</i>		
6a	<b>For a legal entity or other body as part of a regulatory, legislative or judicial process</b>		X
6b	<b>Represented interests or defended an opinion</b>	X	

Activity	Time period (from... until month/year)	Name of entity or body	Description
Representing Dutch universities in transition team animal-free innovations.	> 7/2018	VSNLU (Org. of Dutch universities)	explaining research and educational interests

## 7. INTERESTS OF IMMEDIATE FAMILY MEMBERS

		Yes	No
7a	To your knowledge, are there any interests of your immediate family members which could be seen as undermining your independence when providing advice in the field of activity of the expert group/sub-group in question?		X

Interests	Time period (from... until month/year)	Name of entity or body	Description

**8. OTHER RELEVANT INFORMATION**

		Yes	No
8a	Are there any other elements that could be seen as undermining your independence when providing advice in the field of activity of the expert group/sub-group in question?		X

Description:

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I hereby declare on my honour that the information disclosed in this form is true and complete to the best of my knowledge.

Should there be any change to the above information, including as regards upcoming activities, I will promptly notify the competent organization and complete a new DOI form describing the changes in question.

Date: 27-9-'18 Signature: 

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Note: your DOI may become publically available if required so by the 3RCC Strategic Board.

### 3RCC – activities Merel Ritskes-Hoitinga with a possible conflict of interest for 3RCC

- ZonMW funds SYRCLE for workshops and coaching in the field of systematic reviews of animal studies
- SYRCLE organises workshops at EFSA, hired through a tender
- SYRCLE is contributing to a European consortium EQIPD with academic and industrial partners, with the aim to promote a management quality system for animal studies and improve quality of preclinical animal studies
- MRH is a member of the Council of Management of Laboratory Animals Ltd. A UK charity producing the journal Laboratory Animals, and from the profit from the journal, providing bursaries for education in laboratory animal science.
- MRH is a member of the editorial board of Laboratory Animals journal, section systematic reviews