List of Experts
The following list of experts is proposed by WHO for the meeting. Please find below their bio-sketches.
If you have any comments, please contact us at jecfa@who.int no later than 23 June 2023

AGUDO Antonio
Catalan Institute of Oncology
Spain

Antonio Agudo is a Physician, specialized in Preventive Medicine and Public Health. He graduated in Medicine (MD) at the University of Barcelona (UB), and he holds a Master of Sciences (MSc) degree in Clinical Epidemiology from the Erasmus University Rotterdam (EUR). He completed his doctoral training at the Autonomous University of Barcelona (UAB), with a PhD in Public Health and Methodology of Biomedical Research.

Presently, his main research interests are the role of chemical compounds and related biomarkers in the carcinogenic process; the relationship between environmental carcinogens and genetic susceptibility in gastrointestinal cancers and lung cancer; the role of diet, body composition and physical activity in breast cancer and other hormone-related tumors. The latter is a field of growing interest; in order to investigate the potential role of nutrition and related factors on the prognosis and progression of breast cancer survivors, he has set up and coordinates a multicentric randomized clinical trial (PREDICOP) aimed to assess the effect of a lifestyle intervention combining diet and physical activity on the risk of recurrence among breast cancer patients, as well as the effect of the intervention on survival and quality of life.

He has collaborated with the International Agency for Research on Cancer (IARC) in the IARC Monographs on the Evaluation of Carcinogenic Risks to Humans, and the IARC Handbooks of Cancer Prevention. He is also member of the World Health Organization (WHO) Expert Advisory Panel on Food Safety.

BARLOW Sue
Brighton, East Sussex
UK

Sue Barlow has been involved in risk assessment of chemicals and food for many years. In her early career in academia she worked in reproductive/developmental toxicology research and taught pharmacology. She then worked in regulatory toxicology in the UK Department of Health and became chief scientist. Since 1996, she has been an independent consultant in toxicology. She has been a temporary adviser to JECFA since 2005 and a member of the WHO Expert Advisory Panel on Food Safety since 2012. She was involved in the preparation of the 2009 FAO/WHO guide to JECFA and JMPR “Principles and Methods for the Risk Assessment of Chemicals in Food” and was a co-editor of the 2002 IPCS-WHO/ILO/UNEP “Global Assessment of the State-of-the Science of Endocrine Disrupters”. She was a member of the Veterinary International Cooperation on Harmonisation Safety Working Group.
She has been an evaluator and reviewer for research proposals and projects funded by the European Union. She was a member of the European Commission’s Scientific Committee on Food for 10 years. From 2003-2008 she chaired the European Food Safety Authority’s Scientific Panel on Food Additives, Flavourings, Processing Aids and Materials in Contact with Food and was a member of EFSA’s Scientific Committee from 2003-2012.

BENFORD Diane
Cheddington
UK

Dr Diane Benford is a toxicologist with particular expertise in mechanisms of toxicity and risk assessment. Until 2017, she was head of the Risk Assessment Unit at the UK Food Standards Agency. The Unit had overall responsibility for advice associated with all types of chemicals in food and of microbial contamination, but much of Diane’s work focussed on chemical contaminants, food additives and natural toxicants. Her role also included acting as scientific secretary to the Committee on Toxicity of Chemicals in Food, Consumer Products and the Environment (COT) and part of the joint secretariat to its sister committees on Mutagenicity (COM) and Carcinogenicity (COC). In a personal capacity Diane was a member of the Scientific Panel on Contaminants in the Food Chain (CONTAM) of the European Food Safety Authority (EFSA) from 2005 to 2015, acting as chair of the panel for the final 3 year term of office. She is now a member and vice-chair of the EFSA Scientific Committee. She has participated in meetings of JECFA since 2001, firstly as a WHO Temporary Advisor and since 2013 as a member.

DALEFIELD Rosalind
Food Standards Australia New Zealand

Rosalind Dalefield completed a BVSc and a PhD in veterinary pathology at Massey University, New Zealand. She then completed a three-year residency in toxicology at Kansas State University and became a Diplomate of the American Board of Toxicology and a Diplomate of the American Board of Veterinary Toxicology, both in 1999. She worked as a Study Director at contract toxicology laboratories in the USA for approximately a decade, in pharmaceutical drug development. She has worked as a Senior Toxicologist at Food Standards Australia New Zealand since 2010. Dr Dalefield is the author of 19 papers in peer-reviewed journals, eight chapters in books compiled by others, and one book.

DINOVI Michael
US Food and Drug Administration (FDA)
USA

Dr. Michael DiNovi received his undergraduate degree from MIT in 1977. His doctoral work in Organic Chemistry was completed under the supervision of Dr. Koji Nakanishi at Columbia University in New York in 1982. After a post-doctoral fellowship at the Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore, Dr. DiNovi became an assistant member at the Monell Chemical Senses Center in Philadelphia, studying the structural characteristics that affect the perception of taste for carbohydrates. Dr. DiNovi joined the US Food and Drug Administration’s Center for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition in July 1988 as a chemistry technical reviewer. He became a senior editor and was named the Center’s expert on the dietary exposure assessment of naturally occurring compounds in 1995. He has been a supervisory chemist since 2001. In 2007, he was named the Center’s international expert on dietary exposure assessment. Dr. DiNovi has completed numerous important dietary exposure assessment projects, most notably the assessments for acrylamide, furan, and perchlorate contaminants in foods. Dr. DiNovi has served on a number of international expert workgroups and has participated at meetings of the Joint FAO/WHO Expert Committee on Food Additives since 1999. He was a member of the EFSA expert
panel on Contaminants in the Food Supply for 6 years ending in 2018. Dr. DiNovi is married with a 27 year old son and resides in Baltimore, Maryland USA.

FLETCHER Nick
Food Standards Australia New Zealand
Australia/New Zealand

Dr Nick Fletcher is currently the Principal Toxicologist and head of the Chemical Safety and Nutrition Science Section at Food Standards Australia New Zealand (FSANZ). The team assesses the safety of food additives, contaminants, natural toxicants, processing aids, nutrients, and novel foods. Prior to joining FSANZ, Dr Fletcher worked at the Office of Chemical Safety reviewing the safety of agricultural and veterinary chemicals and subsequently at the Therapeutic Goods Administration conducting premarket safety assessment of prescription medicines. He received a PhD in toxicology from the Karolinska Institute, Stockholm, which examined the interactions of persistent organic pollutants with nuclear receptor signalling pathways.

JEURISSEN Suzanne
National Institute for Public Health and the Environment
Netherlands

Suzanne Jeurissen (PhD, ERT) works as a risk assessor human toxicology and project leader at the Centre for Nutrition, Prevention and Health Services of the National Institute for Public Health and the Environment (RIVM) in the Netherlands. She studied Human Nutrition (specializations toxicology and physiology) at Wageningen University. In 2007, she obtained her PhD at the Division of Toxicology and the Laboratory of Organic Chemistry of Wageningen University with a thesis on the bioactivation and genotoxicity of the herbal constituents safrole, estragole and methyleugenol. She is registered as a European Registered Toxicologist. From 2007 onwards, she works at RIVM. Her main activities include risk assessment and policy advice on chemical substances in food, in particular botanicals, food additives and food flavourings. She coordinates the ‘RIVM-RIKILT Front Office Food and Consumer Product Safety’ for urgent (‘ad hoc’) risk assessments and she contributes to the Joint FAO/WHO Expert Committee on Food Additives (JECFA) as WHO Expert on food additives since 2009.

KABADI Shruti
US Food and Drug Administration (FDA)
USA

Dr. Shruti V. Kabadi is a lead pharmacologist in the Division of Food Contact Substances (DFCS) at the Office of Food Additive Safety (OFAS) in the Center for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition (CFSAN), United States Food and Drug Administration (US FDA). Dr. Kabadi also serves as an independent invited expert/advisor for the World Health Organization (WHO) to the Joint FAO/WHO Expert Committee on Food Additives (JECFA). She has been recognized as an FDA-wide expert in toxicokinetics for resolving all matters related to food safety. She received her BS in Pharmacy from University of Delhi (New Delhi, India) followed by a PhD in Pharmacology from the Massachusetts College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences (Boston, MA). She completed her post-doctoral training at the Georgetown University Medical Center (Washington DC) and the University of Maryland (Baltimore, MD). Dr. Kabadi joined OFAS in CFSAN/US FDA (College Park, MD) in 2014 as a toxicology reviewer. Over the past 8 years, she has conducted toxicological reviews of several food contact notifications and prenotification consultations. She has also been consulted on many postmarket issues related to food additive safety for her specialized expertise in toxicokinetics. Dr. Kabadi has published articles in peer-reviewed scientific journals, including Toxicology and Applied Pharmacology and Food and Chemical Toxicology and drafted book chapters on principles and applications of toxicokinetic and physiologically based
toxicokinetic modeling for the safety evaluation of food additives. She has received several awards for her work as a toxicology reviewer and a team lead of a toxicology review team at US FDA. She has chaired sessions and presented at international conferences and taught classes on topics related to application of toxicokinetic methods for safety evaluation of food additives to graduate students.

LEBLANC Jean-Charles
ANSES
France

Jean-Charles Leblanc obtained his Ph.D. in Food Science, 2001, (University of Sciences Denis Diderot, Paris VII). He worked as a research engineer in human nutrition and food safety in the French National Institute of Agronomical Research (INRA) from 2000 to 2005 before joining the French agency for food, environmental and occupational health safety (ANSES) as Head of the Food Risk Assessment Department till 2013. Between 2014 and 2017 he was senior consultant in exposure assessment in food safety for Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO). Since 2017 he is back at ANSES as head of the Salmonella and Listeria unit at the laboratory for food safety. He has participated in JECFA, JMPR and other FAO/WHO consultations for more than 10 years. Author or coauthor of more than 150 international scientific publications and over 600 participation in national, European, and international scientific opinions in risk assessment to food chemicals. Main areas of research include exposure assessment methodologies and risk assessment to food chemicals substances.

LOVELL David
University of London
United Kingdom

David Lovell is Emeritus Reader in Medical Statistics at St George’s Medical School, University of London. Previously he was Reader in Medical Statistics at the Postgraduate Medical School, University of Surrey and an Associate Director and Head of Biostatistics support to Clinical Pharmacogenomics at Pfizer Global Research and Development (PGRD) in Sandwich, Kent providing data management and statistical support to pharmacogenetics and genomics. His PhD was from the Department of Human Genetics and Biometry at University College London in 1980. Before joining Pfizer, David was the Head of the Science Division at BIBRA International, Carshalton, which included Molecular Biology, Genetic Toxicology, Biostatistics and Computer Services. At BIBRA David managed the statistical and computing group providing specialised statistical support to BIBRA’s Clinical Unit and contract research work. He conducted and managed research programmes on genetics, statistics and quantitative risk assessment for the EU and UK Government Departments. His research interests at BIBRA were in the use of mathematical and statistical methods together with genetic models in the understanding of toxicological mechanisms and risk assessment problems. David had previously been a Senior Research Officer with the MRC Experimental Embryology and Teratology Unit, a visiting Postdoctoral Fellow at the NIEHS in North Carolina, USA, a Geneticist at the MRC Laboratories, Carshalton and a Research Assistant in Cytogenetics at Birmingham University. He was Vice Chair of the Scientific Committee of EFSA (the European Food Safety Authority) from 2009-12 and a member of the Independent Scientific Advisory Committee (ISAC) for MHRA database research from 2006-12. He is Chair of the UK Government’s Advisory Committee on Mutagenicity of Chemicals in Food, Consumer Products and the Environment (COM) and a member of the Committees on Carcinogenicity (COC) and Toxicity (COT). He is a member of the Board of the NC3R’s and was a member of its Grant Assessment Panel (2013-2017).
LE HEGARAT Ludovic
ANSES
France

Ludovic LE HEGARAT is a toxicologist, specialized in genetic toxicology. Since 2009, he was the deputy-head of the Toxicology of Contaminant Unit at the French agency for food, environmental and occupational health safety (ANSES), in Fougères-Laboratory. He has been involved in several national and European research projects on toxicology of contaminants. He has acquired significant expertise in genotoxicity assessment, in the development of new metabolic in vitro models and in high throughput methods for toxicity assessment. He is an expert in several working groups of ANSES to evaluate the toxicity of chemicals (Characterization of substance hazards and toxicity reference values; Assessment of the risks related to chemical substances for the implementation of the REACH Regulation, Assessment of the physical and chemical risks in foods). He is the past president of the French Society of Genetic Toxicology (SFTG) (2017-2022) and member of Expert Group on genotoxicity at OECD and member of international working group on Genotoxicity Testing (IWGT).

MUELLER Utz
Food Standards Australia New Zealand, Barton, ACT (Retired)
Australia

Until his retirement in June 2018, Dr Utz Mueller was Head of the Health Assessment Team at the Australian Pesticide and Veterinary Medicines Authority (APVMA), Kingston, ACT. In this role he was responsible for delivering scientific and policy support for this new unit within the APVMA. Prior to joining the APVMA on secondment in 2016, he was the head of the Chemical Safety and Nutrition Section in Food Standards Australia New Zealand (FSANZ) where he provided advice on risks associated with all types of chemicals in food. Dr Mueller holds a Bachelor of Science (Hons) and PhD in Pharmacology from the University of Western Australia, Perth, WA. Dr Mueller was a Senior Research Fellow at Flinders University in South Australia prior to joining the Therapeutic Goods Administration in 1996 where his primary task was the safety evaluation of pre-market therapeutic drugs. He subsequently joined the Office of Chemical Safety in 1997 to undertake pre-market safety assessments and review the safety of existing agricultural and veterinary chemicals. He has also been a scientific advisor for the FAO/WHO Joint Meeting on Pesticide Residues (JMPR) and the Joint Expert Committee of Food Additives (JECFA) for several years. He is currently a JECFA panel member.

PALLAPIES Dirk
Institute for Prevention and Occupational Medicine of the German Social Accident Insurance
Germany

Dirk Pallapies is a physician specialized in pharmacology and toxicology and European Registered Toxicologist. He graduated in medicine at the University of Essen (MD) and he holds a Master of Science (MSc) degree in Epidemiology from the Harvard School of Public Health. In his early career he worked in pharmacological research primarily on eicosanoids and nitric oxide and taught pharmacology at the Ruhr-University in Bochum. In 1995 he joined the Occupational Medical and Health Protection department of BASF SE advising on human toxicology and epidemiology with regard to industrial chemicals as well as dietary supplements and pesticides and he served on various national and international scientific working groups. Since 2008 he is head of the Unit Regulation at the Institute for Prevention and Occupational Medicine of the German Social Accident Insurance. He is member of the Subcommittee on the Assessment of Hazardous Substances advising the German Federal Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs and member of the Permanent Senate Commission for the Investigation of Health Hazards of Chemical Compounds.
in the Work Area of the Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft (DFG, German Research Foundation). He participated in numerous toxicological and epidemiological substance evaluations and is co-author of more than 60 peer-reviewed publications.

SCHLATTER Josef
Swiss Federal Office of Public Health (Retired)
Switzerland

Dr. Josef Schlatter has been toxicologist for 28 years at the Nutritional and Toxicological Risks Section of the Swiss Federal Office of Public Health, Food Safety Division, and was the head of the section for 21 years until his retirement in 2012. The main responsibility of the section was performing risk assessments in the area of diet and nutrition and all types of chemicals in food. These include natural toxicants, contaminants in food and drinking water (residues of veterinary drugs, pesticides, environmental pollutants), food additives, cosmetics, food contact materials and toxicological evaluation of novel foods. His research focussed mainly on natural toxicants (inherent food-plant toxins, mycotoxins) and contaminants. He was a lecturer in toxicology for more than 10 years at the Swiss Federal Institute of Technology, Zürich and was teaching/organising block courses in food toxicology. In a personal capacity, he has been a member of the Scientific Committee on Food of the European Commission and was chairing the scientific panel on contaminants in the food chain of the European Food Safety Authority for 9 years (2003-2012), and is currently member of the EFSA Scientific Committee. He has participated in about 20 meetings of JECFA since 1998.

STICE Szabina
US Food and Drug Administration (FDA)
USA

Dr. Szabina Stice is a toxicologist in FDA’s Office of Food Additive Safety (OFAS) with particular expertise in structure-toxicity relationships and flavor toxicology. Her background is in chemistry, toxicology, and pharmacology. She currently leads a small team working on updating the Cramer et al. (1978) Decision Tree and the Threshold of Toxicological Concern (TTC) levels and she is the co-principal investigator on the development of the Expanded Decision Tree software. Dr. Stice is FDA’s flavor toxicity expert, FDA’s Center for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition’s (CFSAN) master regulatory review scientist, a member of FDA’s Office of Food Additive Safety’s Gentotoxicity Team, and FDA’s representative to the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development’s (OECD) Biotransformation Expert Working Group. At FDA she conducts critical reviews of carcinogenicity potentials of flavoring substances and food contact materials and performs toxicological reviews of Generally Regarded as Safe (GRAS) Notices, Food Additive Petitions (FAPs), and Citizen’s Petitions.

WU Felicia
Michigan State University
USA

Felicia Wu is the John A. Hannah Distinguished Professor of Food Safety, Toxicology, and Risk Assessment at Michigan State University; and President-Elect of the Society for Risk Analysis. She works at the nexus of agriculture, food and nutrition, and public health to improve global human health outcomes. Currently Dr. Wu leads and co-leads nine extramural grants and one World Health Organization contract, with topics ranging from assessing the impact of climate change on aflatoxin risk in corn, improving resilience of food systems against shocks, reducing presence of mycotoxins, heavy metals, and pathogens in food crops, and assessing effects of dairy consumption and aflatoxin M1 on Ethiopian children’s health. Dr. Wu is an elected Fellow of the Society for Risk Analysis. Recently she was appointed by Michigan Governor Gretchen Whitmer to become a Commissioner of Agriculture and Rural Development for the state of Michigan, and named as one of ten University
Distinguished Professors at MSU. Dr. Wu earned her PhD in Engineering and Public Policy at Carnegie Mellon University, and AB and SM in Applied Mathematics/Medical Sciences at Harvard University.

YANG Xingfen
Southern Medical University (SMU)
China

Dr Xingfen Yang received her Medical Degree and Ph.D. in toxicology from Sun Yat-Sen University, China. She worked as a visiting scholar in COFM, National University of Singapore in 1994, and 1996. She had been Deputy Director General and Chief Scientist for Guangdong Provincial Center for Disease Control and Prevention from 2001 to 2017. Currently, she has worked with Southern Medical University as the Dean and the Professor of School of Public Health, Director of Food Safety and Health Research Center since Sept 2017. She is now remained to serve as the chief scientist of Guangdong CDC. Recent years, Dr Yang is mainly engaged in research of applied toxicology and food safety surveillance and risk assessment. She has been a WHO toxicological expert and temporary adviser of JECFA since 2011. She is currently a member of National Expert Committee for Food Safety Risk Assessment, Vice Chairman of Chinese Society of Toxicology (CSOT) and Professional Committee of Food Toxicology, Committee of Alternatives and Translational Toxicology, CSOT. Recently, her research interests focus on the risk assessment of food contaminants and additives (e.g cadmium, curcumin, etc.), alternative methods to animal tests of toxicological safety evaluation.

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