

DECLARATION OF INTERESTS OF BNS BOARD MEMBERS

KRISTIN VERBEKE

Kristin Verbeke (°1968) graduated as a Pharmacist at KU Leuven in 1991 and obtained a PhD in Pharmaceutical Sciences in 1995 at the same university. Currently, she is a full professor at the Translational Research Center in Gastrointestinal Disorders of the KU Leuven, Belgium. During the last five years, his research has been funded by the Research Council of the KU Leuven, the Research Foundation-Flanders and the agency Flanders Innovation & Entrepreneurship. Together with a colleague at the faculty of Bioengineering Sciences, she is the beneficiary of the W.K. Kellogg Chair in Cereal Sciences and Nutrition. She is the vice-chair of the Leuven Food Science and Nutrition Research Center and of the Prebiotic Task Force at ILSI Europe.

YVAN LARONDELLE

Yvan Larondelle (°1960) got a Bioengineer degree (1983) and PhD in agronomical sciences (1989) (UCLouvain). After a postdoctoral training at the University of Cologne, Germany (Institute of Genetics; 1989-1990) he worked as research coordinator in the laboratory of clinical molecular biology of the Saint-Luc Hospital in Brussels (1990-1992). Since 1992, he is professor at UCLouvain. His teaching activities are based at the Faculty of Bioscience engineering and his research team is part of the Louvain Institute of Biomolecular Science and Technology. His efforts are focused on the understanding of the mechanisms of action of nutrients and bioactive compounds from food items in terms of health protection, as well as on the development of foods with higher nutritional quality and/or increased chemical safety. He works in close collaboration with several universities in Europe and in developing countries (Bolivia, Brazil, Cameroon, Peru, Senegal, Vietnam). His projects are mainly financed by European, Belgian and Walloon public bodies, occasionally with a financial contribution of private companies active in the development of healthy food items. He is Vice-president of the Walloon competitiveness cluster "Wagralim", Vice-president of the Belgian Nutrition Society and member of the Royal Academy of Belgium. He is also one of the co-founder of the interdisciplinary initiative "Louvain4Nutrition" of UCLouvain. Since 2017, he acts as treasurer of the Association for European Life Science Universities (ICA).

VICKY DE PRETER

Vicky De Preter (°1977) studied Bio-engineering Sciences at the KU Leuven and obtained a PhD in Applied Biological Sciences in 2006 at the same University. She continued her research activities as a postdoctoral fellow of the Research Foundation Flanders (FWO) at the Translational Research Center of Gastrointestinal Disorders of the KU Leuven. Currently, she is a lecturer and researcher in the Nutrition and Biomedical Laboratory Sciences programs within the Faculty of Health of the University of Applied Science Leuven-Limburg. In addition, she is the international relations advisor of the Faculty of Health and works for research projects in close collaboration with several universities in Europe (Karolinska Institute (Stockholm), Hanze University of Applied Sciences (Groningen), University of Applied Sciences Upper Austria (Linz-Steyr), Absalon University College (Naestved), University of Florence and Instituto Politécnico de Lisboa) and in developing countries (Uzima University (Kenia) and University of Cuenca (Ecuador)) within the Erasmus+ and Vlir-UOS funding programs. She is secretary of the Belgian Nutrition Society.

LOUISE DELDICQUE

Louise Deldicque obtained a master in sport sciences in 2002 and a PhD in exercise physiology in 2007 at the Université catholique de Louvain. She is currently full professor at the faculty of motor sciences in the same university. Her research has been funded by national funding, i.e. the Fonds National de la Recherche Scientifique, the Fonds Spécifique de Recherche and the Rode Kruis Vlaanderen, and international funding, i.e. the Association Française de Lutte contre le Dopage and Aspetar Medical Center. She is member of the editorial board of *Frontiers in Sports and Active Living* as well as *Nutrients*. She is treasurer of the Belgian Nutrition Society and member of the Belgian Ageing Muscle Society.

SOUHEILA ABBEDDOU

Souheila Abbeddou (°1977) got her bachelor's in the field of food sciences and nutrition (National Agronomic Institute of Algiers, Algeria, 2001) followed by master studies in food quality and chemistry of natural products (Mediterranean Agronomic Institute of Chania, Crete, Greece, 2006). She completed her PhD in animal nutrition in the Institute of Plant, Animal and Agroecosystem Science at the Swiss Federal Institute of Technology of Zurich (ETH Zurich, 2011). The interdisciplinary project is a collaborative effort between ETH Zurich and the International Centre for Agricultural Research in the Dry Areas (ICARDA, Syria) aiming to develop the livelihood of the small livestock farmers in the dry area of Syria with a focus on dairy products with human health benefits. Dr. Abbeddou joined the "International Lipid based Nutrient Supplement" (<http://ilins.org>) project team in Burkina Faso as a scientific field coordinator in July 2011 and relocated to University of California Davis in October 2012. The iLiNS-ZINC aimed to assess the effect of small-quantity lipid-based nutrient supplements and zinc on young Burkinabe children (<https://picn.ucdavis.edu/>). For two years (2015-2016), she worked as a nutrition consultant at the International Atomic Energy Agency (the IAEA, Vienna) in aspects related to the use of the stable isotope techniques in the assessment of nutritional status in infants and young children, as well as in the evaluation of nutritional and health interventions in low and middle incomes countries. She joined in February 2017 the Department of Public Health and Primary Care at the University of Ghent as a senior postdoctoral researcher. Dr. Abbeddou's research interests focus on prevention of acute and chronic malnutrition, infant and young child feeding practices, micronutrient deficiencies and infectious diseases, as well as the promotion of sustainable agriculture and feeding education as a long term solution for malnutrition alleviation. She is a member of the BNS board since 2018 and a member of the African Nutrition Society.

FREDERIC LEROY

After having studied Bio-engineering Sciences at Ghent University (1992-1997), Frédéric Leroy (°1974) obtained a PhD in Applied Biological Sciences at the Vrije Universiteit Brussel in 2002, where he continued his academic career at the research group of Industrial Microbiology and Food Biotechnology (IMDO) as a post-doctoral fellow of the Research Foundation Flanders (FWO). Since 2008, he holds a professorship in the field of food science and (bio)technology, with a research focus on animal products, food fermentations, and modelling. During the last five years, his research has been funded by the Research Council of the Vrije Universiteit Brussel, the Hercules Foundation, the Research Foundation-Flanders, and Flanders' FOOD. Leroy is an editorial board member of the *International Journal of Food Microbiology* (IJFM) and a board member of various academic non-profit organizations, including the Belgian Association for Meat Science and Technology (BAMST; president), the Belgian Society for Food Microbiology (BSFM; secretary), and the Belgian Nutrition Society (BNS). He also serves pro bono as the president of the scientific committee of the Institute Danone Belgium and as an effective member of the Advisory Commission for the "Protection of Geographical Denominations and Guaranteed Traditional Specialities for Agricultural Products and Foods" of the Ministry of the Brussels Capital Region.

CHRISTOPHE MATTHYS

Christophe Matthys (°1975) got a bio-science engineer degree (1998) and PhD in Medical Sciences (2006) (Ghent University, Belgium). Following his appointment at Ghent University he moved to the Institute of Food Sciences and Health, Massey University, Auckland, New Zealand where he was appointed as a lecturer. In April 2009 he started working as Senior Scientific Project Manager at ILSI Europe until September 2011. In October 2011 he start working part-time as assistant professor human nutrition at the University of Leuven (KU Leuven) and part-time as the scientific coordinator of the Clinical Nutrition Unit, University Hospitals Leuven (UZ Leuven). His research focus on both trans-nutritional care and secondary prevention, while understanding the underlying mechanisms. Our vision is to provide scientific evidence through nutrition/food/diet to tackle metabolic imbalance and consider nutrition/food/diet as an adjuvant therapy to the current medical therapy. He is part of a unique academic group that combines pre-clinical and clinical research tools on the interplay of nutrition and different chronic pathologies. Currently Christophe Matthys' research is funded through internal KU Leuven funding, Fonds voor Wetenschappelijk Onderzoek (FWO), Vlaams Fonds voor Innovatie en Ondernemen (VLAIO), Horizon 2020 (EIT Food) and VLIR-UOS. He is chair of the KU Leuven Fund 'Nutrition', a donation-based fund to stimulate research on nutrition. Christophe Matthys is a non-funded member of the advisory board of Smart With Food, AJUNEC, Belgian Health and Nutrition Conference, non-funded board member of the Belgian Nutrition Society and the Flemish Society of Clinical Nutrition and Metabolism, non-funded associate editor of Clinical Nutrition ESPEN and Frontiers in Nutrition. Recipient of travel/accommodation expenses and small participation fee (<100€/meeting) as member of working groups of the Belgian Superior Health Council and Belgian Federal Agency of the Safety of the Food Chain. Recipient of travel/accommodation expenses as member of the scientific advisory body of the Joint Programme Initiative Healthy Diet, Healthy Life, as co-chair ILSI Europe Task Force Dietary Intake and Exposure, as member ILSI Europe Task Force Nutrient Intake Optimisation. Recipient of honoraria (<500€/year) as Editor in Chief of Food Science and Law and as active member of the advisory board of NutriNews (Belgian Nutrition Information Center). Recipient of honoraria as jury-member of nutrition-related awards and reviewing EU-grants. Recipient of royalties form a textbook (Handboek Voeding, ACCO). Honoraria are used to support research of PhD Students.

STEFANIE VANDEVIJVERE

Dr Stefanie Vandevijvere (°1984) is a Senior Scientist at the Scientific Institute of Public Health (Sciensano) in Belgium, Associated Researcher at the National Institute for Agricultural Research in France and Honorary Senior Research Fellow at the University of Auckland in New Zealand. Over the last five years Dr Vandevijvere received research support from the Health Research Council New Zealand, The Heart Foundation New Zealand, The International Development Research Centre, the Belgian Federal Public Service of Health, Food Chain Safety and Environment and the European Commission. She served/serves as an expert on one or several occasions for the World Health Organization, UNICEF, The Food and Agriculture Organization, The World Cancer Research Fund and the European Commission. She is a member of the working group on nutrition and food safety of the Superior Health Council in Belgium. She is a member of the leadership team of the International Network for Food and Obesity/NCDs Research, Monitoring and Action Support (INFORMAS), member of the Scientific and Technical Advisory Network of the World Obesity Federation and fellow for the Lancet Commission on Obesity. She is Deputy Editor for the journal Public Health Nutrition, member of the editorial board of the International Journal of Behavioural Nutrition and Physical Activity and guest editor for Obesity Reviews. Dr Vandevijvere has non-financial professional relationships with businesses in regards to conducting the INFORMAS Business Impact Assessment on Obesity and Population Level Nutrition (BIA-Obesity). However, she does not receive any funding from any of the supermarkets, food and beverage manufacturers or quick-service restaurants assessed as part of the BIA-Obesity.