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FAO/WHO Joint Meeting on Pesticide Residues (JMPR)

**Call for submission of applications to establish a roster of experts as candidates
for membership of the FAO Panel of the JMPR**

Background

The Joint FAO/WHO Meeting on Pesticide Residues (JMPR) is an expert ad hoc body administered jointly by FAO and WHO in the purpose of harmonizing the requirement and the risk assessment on the pesticide residues and provides independent scientific expert advice to the Codex Alimentarius Commission (CAC) and its specialist Committee on Pesticide Residues as well as to FAO, WHO and member countries. JMPR is comprised of the FAO Panel on Pesticide Residues and the WHO Core Assessment Group. The JMPR consists of experts drawn from governments and academic circles. They attend as independent internationally recognized specialists who act in a personal capacity and not as representatives of national governments. JMPR has met annually since 1963 to conduct scientific evaluations of pesticide residues in food. One of the functions of the JMPR is to recommend Maximum Residue Levels to the Codex Committee on Pesticide Residues (CCPR) which then provide the basis for the establishment of Maximum Residue Limits (MRLs) by the CAC and are now recognized as international reference points for international trade under the Sanitary and Phytosanitary (SPS) and Technical Barriers to Trade (TBT) Agreements of the World Trade Organization (WTO).

The FAO Panel of Experts considers available data on registered use patterns, fate of residues, animal and plant metabolism data, analytical methodology and residue data developed through supervised trials. Based on these data and risk assessment, maximum residue levels are proposed for individual pesticides in individual food and feed items or well-defined groups of commodities. The deliberations of the JMPR are summarized in the annual Report of the Meeting. The meetings of the FAO Panel of Experts are conducted in English only. The *FAO Manual on the submission and evaluation of pesticide residue data for the estimation of maximum residue levels in food and feed* provides detailed guidance on how Panel members are to prepare their evaluations.

The objective of this call is to identify additional qualified experts as candidates for membership on the FAO Panel of Experts. In the interest of ensuring an open and transparent process for the selection of experts and to ensure that the message reaches as wide an audience as possible, it was decided to issue this general call for candidates. This approach parallels that used by the CAC in selecting experts for scientific panels and by the WHO part of the JMPR.

Process for the Selection of Experts

Interested parties are invited to review the list of qualifications and to submit their curriculum vitae including a description of education, work experience and a list of peer-reviewed publications (preferably by using the FAO Personal History Form) to the FAO Joint Secretary to the JMPR (address below) before 1 August 2024.

The curriculum vitae submitted will be reviewed and qualified candidates will be selected against criteria of qualifications by a selection panel composed of officials of FAO and independent, internationally recognized experts.

Qualified candidates will be invited to participate in one or more meetings of the JMPR and/or expert consultation on an issue related to the work of the FAO Panel of Experts prior to being invited to become a full member of the JMPR. The candidate expert will be assigned for specific evaluation(s)

to ensure their full involvement in learning and applying the JMPR procedures of estimation of international MRLs at the annual JMPR Meeting, which lasts for three weeks in September. The first participation in the JMPR meeting of the selected candidates will be supported by their own governments including the travel cost and accommodation. In this context, the support from the governments of candidate experts for their work in evaluation before and during the JMPR meeting is requested.

The expert could then be included later in the FAO Roster of Expert upon the candidate's successful participation in their first meeting.

Candidates will also be required to declare any potential conflict of interest through completion of a standard form developed in FAO.

Appointment of Experts

The experts are appointed by the Director-General as FAO Panel Members for five years. In appointing experts, in addition to scientific and technical excellence, FAO will consider diversity and complementarity of scientific backgrounds and representation from all geographical regions, including developing and developed countries. Experts will be invited to participate in their individual personal capacity. The expert shall not represent the position of the government of which he or she is an official, or of the institutions with which they are associated. The experts designated to participate in the JMPR will not receive any remuneration but will be supported travel costs for the meetings and a subsistence allowance according to prevailing UN rates.

Criteria of Qualifications for Selection

- employee of government or semi-government or academic organizations;
- holder of advanced university degree(s) in Pesticide Chemistry, Agricultural Sciences, Biological Sciences or other related field;
- 5 years' experience in the review of residue data as the basis for pesticide registration at national/regional level;
- professional experience in the field of Pesticide Residues, Pesticide Chemistry or other related fields;
- familiarity with the JMPR/Codex processes;
- computer literacy is an essential requirement as the Members of the FAO Panel of Experts are required to submit their reports in Microsoft Office format (Word and Excel);
- ability to work and write reports well in English;
- scientific excellence evidenced by publications in peer-reviewed specialized journals;
- experience in delivering scientific opinions at national or international level;
- ability to work with people from different cultural backgrounds;
- below 62 years old;
- no potential conflict of interest with JMPR work.

For further inquiries, please contact:

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