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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) has met annually since 1963 to conduct scientific evaluations of pesticide residues in food. It provides advice on the acceptable levels of pesticide residues in food moving in international trade. 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. 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 Codex Alimentarius Commission 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, 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 detailed evaluations of the residue (Evaluations Part I) and toxicology data (Evaluations Part II) are also published annually and circulated widely to member governments, international organizations and other interested parties. Copies of the Reports of the JMPR and the residue evaluations may be found on the FAO website: <http://www.fao.org/agriculture/crops/core-themes/theme/pests/jmpr/en/>. 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. A copy of the manual may also be found on the above noted website.

The objective of this call is to identify additional experts as possible 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 Codex Alimentarius Commission in selecting experts for scientific panels and by the WHO part of the JMPR.

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, attached) to the FAO Joint Secretary to the JMPR (address below) before 30 September 2005.

Successful 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. Panel Members are expected to review a substantial amount of pesticide residue data, which are delivered to the Panel members by the end of February, and to present the appraisals and evaluations at the annual JMPR Meeting, which lasts for three weeks in September.

### ***Process for the Selection of Experts***

The curriculum vitae submitted will be reviewed by a selection panel composed of officials of FAO and independent, internationally recognized experts. The purpose of the selection panel's review is to determine whether the applicants meet the requirements indicated below. The list of qualified experts will be posted on the appropriate FAO website.

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 four 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 paid travel costs for the meetings and a subsistence allowance according to prevailing UN rates.

Successful candidates should fulfil the following qualifications:

- employee of government or semi-government organizations;
- holder of advanced university degree(s) in Pesticide Chemistry, Agricultural Sciences, Biological Sciences or other related field;
- 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 electronic format (Word 6.0 and Excel 97);
- 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;
- preferably be below 62 years old.



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### ***For further inquiries, please contact:***

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