

# DECLARATION OF PERSONAL INTERESTS

## POLICY

It is ICNIRP's aim to provide guidance and recommendations on protection from non-ionizing radiation exposure based on thorough professional evaluation of the published scientific literature. To achieve this goal, ICNIRP relies on the scientific knowledge and judgment of independent experts. For ICNIRP it is imperative to avoid that personal interests of its members affect the independence of ICNIRP's guidance. In this view, the ICNIRP Commission and Scientific Expert Group (SEG) members are asked to declare any personal interests in relation to the activities of ICNIRP.

The declaration of interests is to be completed at the time of acceptance of nomination for an election, updated after election, annually, and each time a change of personal interest occurs. The declarations of personal interests are requested from all:

- candidates to an ICNIRP position
- ICNIRP Commission members
- ICNIRP SEG members
- ICNIRP Scientific Secretary

Upon completion and signature, the declaration is to be sent electronically to the ICNIRP Secretariat at [info@icnirp.org](mailto:info@icnirp.org).

Declarations of all elected members of ICNIRP and its SEG will be posted on the ICNIRP website. All publications of ICNIRP shall contain an acknowledgement with regard to the online availability of the declaration of personal interests.

The declarations are evaluated by the Commission. If there is any conflict of interest, the Commission decides in accordance with the ICNIRP provisions entailed in the Charter and Statutes (see below), about the action required. The general principle of ICNIRP's approach is that neither the personal, nor the professional life, of its members should depend on NIR-relevant commercial entities or any other NIR interest groups. It is recognized that scientific expertise implies a wide range of professional and academic experiences and activities, called personal interests, which however do not per se automatically lead to a conflict. The evaluation of personal integrity is very complex and might be difficult to achieve to the satisfaction of all parties. It is the responsibility of the ICNIRP Board and Commission to carefully consider and decide if the declared interests potentially constitute a conflict of interest.

As per the ICNIRP Statutes, "no member of the Commission shall hold a position of employment that in the opinion of the Commission will compromise its scientific independence. (...) When a change occurs in a member's employment which, in the opinion of the Commission members, may compromise the Commission's scientific independence, the Commission shall decide whether this member can continue to serve". The Commission decision shall be taken by a simple majority vote, either by a formal letter ballot, at a special Commission meeting called for that purpose, or at its Annual General Meeting (ICNIRP Statutes, §6(2)).

Where an elected member's declaration of interest has been evaluated and ICNIRP has concluded that it does not represent a conflict of interest, the reasons for ICNIRP's determination are provided below.

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<b>LAST NAME, First name:</b> LEIGHTON, Timothy		<b>POSITION (SEG, Commissioner, Sc. Secretary, incl. nominee):</b> SEG	
<p><b>ACTIVITIES AND ASSETS relating to the years 2020-2023</b></p> <p>Please report activities, relationships and assets below, including any current application or negotiation for future activities, relationships and assets, as well as anything else that could be perceived as potentially representing a conflict of interest in relation to the activities of ICNIRP. Please provide explanation for acronyms.</p> <p>If you want to report more than one item in a specific category, insert a new line by copying and pasting the cell of the concerned category.</p>			
<b>EMPLOYMENT</b>			
<p><b>Employer(s), function, title:</b> Professor of Ultrasonics and Underwater Acoustics, University of Southampton, UK</p> <p><b>Dates – Start/End-Ongoing:</b> January 1992 - ongoing</p>			
<b>UNPAID CONSULTANCY, ADVISORY POSITIONS AND SERVICES</b>			
<p><i>These include unpaid consultancy and service as a scientific or other advisor for any commercial or non-commercial organization with an interest in NIR (including membership in scientific councils, associations, etc.) or as part of a regulatory, legislative or judicial process concerning NIR.</i></p>			
<p><b>Name and description of the activity:</b> Member of the Advisory Editorial Board of the journal Ultrasound in Medicine and Biology, the Journal of the Acoustical Society of America, Archives of Acoustics, and the Proceedings of the Royal Society of London A. I am sent journal papers and asked to obtain reviews of them from experts, and submit recommendation to the Editor-in-Chief regarding whether to accept, reject or amend the paper.</p> <p><b>Dates - Start/End-Ongoing:</b> pre-2020 - ongoing</p> <p><b>Name and status of the contractor:</b> T. G. Leighton, unpaid member of editorial board</p>			
<p><b>Name and description of the activity:</b> Founder and chair of the Global Network for AntiMicrobial Resistance and Infection Prevention (Global-NAMRIP).</p> <p><b>Dates - Start/End-Ongoing:</b> pre-2020 - ongoing</p> <p><b>Name and status of the contractor:</b> T. G. Leighton, unpaid chair of Global-NAMRIP</p>			

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<p>Name and description of the activity: <b>Founder and chair of HEFUA (Health Effects of Ultrasound in Air)</b></p> <p>Dates - Start/End-Ongoing: <b>pre-2020 - ongoing</b></p> <p>Name and status of the contractor: <b>T. G. Leighton, unpaid chair of HEFUA</b></p>
<p>Not applicable <input type="checkbox"/></p>
<p><b>PAID CONSULTANCY, ADVISORY POSITIONS AND SERVICES</b></p> <p><i>These include paid consultancy and service as a scientific or other advisor for any commercial or non-commercial organization with an interest in NIR (including membership in scientific councils, associations, etc.) or as part of a regulatory, legislative or judicial process concerning NIR.</i></p>
<p>Name and description of the activity: <b>Executive General Director, Sloan Water Technology Limited.</b></p> <p>Dates – Start/End-Ongoing: <b>March 2018 - ongoing</b></p> <p>Name and status of the contractor: <b>T. G. Leighton</b></p> <p>Recipient of Income: <b>Personal Income</b></p> <p>Income (percentage of the above mentioned unit’s income): <b>19.7%</b></p>
<p>Not applicable <input type="checkbox"/></p>
<p><b>RESEARCH SUPPORT RECEIVED FROM COMMERCIAL ENTITIES</b></p> <p><i>These are research support, grants, collaborations, sponsorships, other funding and in-kind support valued at more than EUR 1000 overall (including equipment, facilities, staff, paid travel to meetings, etc.).</i></p>
<p>Name and description of the activity:</p>

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Name and status of the contractor:

Unit receiving and managing the income: [Select unit receiving income](#)

Income (percentage of the above mentioned unit's income):

Are you free to publish whatever results your research shows without the influence from the entity funding your research?

Yes  Wording used in the contract:

No  Please describe how your independence is safeguarded:

Not applicable

## INVESTMENTS AND COMMERCIAL INTERESTS

*Investment and commercial interests mean investments in a commercial entity, in a trust or holding company. This includes any commercial business interests (e.g., proprietorships, partnerships, joint ventures) and indirect investments such as a trust or holding company, stocks, bonds, stock options, or other securities. Broadly diversified mutual funds, pension funds or similar investments that are broadly diversified and on which the member does not exercise control are excluded. Members shall declare any current, past or planned investments and commercial interests they hold in the NIR area, when such an interest is valued at more than EUR 1000.*

Name of the investment/share:

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Income (percentage of yearly personal income):

Not applicable

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<b>INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY</b> <i>Intellectual property is patents, trademarks and copyrights (also pending applications) and proprietary know-how in a substance, technology or process.</i>
<b>Designation of the property:</b> Russian Patent Number 2565705. European Patent Number EP 2470310. Chinese Patent Number 2150243. German Patent Number 602010029942-2. The Netherlands Patent Number 2470310. UK Patent Number 2470310. French Patent Number 2470310. Italian Patent Number 2470310. Japanese Patent Number 6134138. United Kingdom Patent Number GB2538276. Chinese Patent CN107835720A. European patent application 15196928.4. Great Britain patent GB2563212A. US 2018/0147610  <b>Dates – Start/End-Ongoing:</b> pre-2020 - ongoing  <b>Income (percentage of yearly personal income):</b> 0
Not applicable <input type="checkbox"/>
<b>ADDITIONAL INFORMATION*</b> <i>This includes information concerning the interests of a person with whom the member has personal or professional ties (such as a family member or close colleague) when that person's interests (professional activities or financial engagements in the NIR area) may be impacted positively or negatively by the work of ICNIRP.</i> <small>* Information provided here may be protected by privacy rights. ICNIRP will anonymize this field before DOI disclosure.</small>
<b>To your knowledge, would the outcome of your activities within ICNIRP benefit or adversely affect interests of others* with whom you have substantial common personal, financial or professional interests (such as family members or colleagues)?</b>  <b>Please provide a description of the others' interests that are potentially affected by your ICNIRP activities:</b>  <b>Dates – Start/End-Ongoing:</b>
Not applicable <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

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Is there any other aspect of your personal background or present circumstances not addressed above that might be perceived as affecting your objectivity or independence?

Please provide a description of the other aspects that are potentially affecting your objectivity or independence:

Dates – Start/End-Ongoing:

Not applicable

I hereby declare that the disclosed information is true and complete to the best of my knowledge. Should there be any change to the above information, I will promptly notify the ICNIRP Secretariat and complete a new declaration of interests which takes the changes into account.

I hereby provide my consent that my declaration of interest will be made available publicly via the ICNIRP website as per the condition stated under “policy”.

Date: 5 Oct 2022

Name: Timothy Leighton

Signature:

Signature covered by ICNIRP  
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## COMMENTS FROM ICNIRP ON THIS DECLARATION OF PERSONAL INTERESTS:

AS DR LEIGHTON'S ADVISORY AND RESEARCH ACTIVITIES AS WELL AS THE REVENUE GENERATED BY HIS PATENTS ARE NOT RELEVANT TO HIS INVOLVEMENT WITHIN THE PG AIRBORNE ULTRASOUND AND THE ICNIRP'S NON IONIZING ADVERSE HEALTH MANDATE IN THIS AREA, ICNIRP DOES NOT CONSIDER THAT THESE REPRESENT A CONFLICT OF INTEREST. APPROVED.