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I-522-Labeling of foods containing genetically modified ingredients Provisional Committee Roster

The WSAS has assembled a committee of six experts to address the questions in the Statement of Task and provide a summary of the evidence base underlying each of these components. The six have been internally reviewed by the Academy for conflicts of interest that would influence their evaluation of the science.

The committee composition will be "provisional" until there has been the opportunity for public comment. Public comment on the study committee will be accepted until May 20, 2013. Comments should be sent via email to: wsas.publiccomment@wsu.edu.

Co-chair: Thomas L. Marsh PhD, Professor of Economics at Washington State University and Director of the IMPACT Center. His expertise includes consumer demand and modeling commodity markets using quantitative methods. Dr. Marsh is a member of the Washington State Academy of Sciences.

Co-chair: Eugene W. Nester PhD, Professor Emeritus of Microbiology at the University of Washington. His expertise is in the molecular interactions between plants and microbial pathogens. Dr. Nester is a member of the National Academy of Sciences, a Fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science and a member of the Washington State Academy of Science.

Janet K. Beary RD, PhD, Director of the Coordinated Program in Dietetics at the WSU Health Sciences Center in Spokane. She is a Registered Dietician and a Certified Health Education Specialist. Dr. Beary's expertise is in health promotion and education.

Dustin L. Pendell, PhD, Associate Professor of Economics at Colorado State University. His expertise includes commodity marketing and product tracing in market chains.

B.W. Poovaiah, PhD, Regents Professor of Horticulture at Washington State University. His expertise is in plant physiology and how plants respond to stress. Dr. Poovaiah is a Fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science and a member of the Washington State Academy of Science.

Güllhan Ünlü, PhD, Associate Professor of Food Science at the University of Idaho. Her expertise is in food microbiology with emphasis on microbial food safety and food bio-processing.