



**SUMMARY RECORD
OF THE SCVPH PLENARY MEETING
OF 11-12 APRIL 2000**

(APPROVED AT THE MEETING ON 28-29 JUNE 2000)

1. WELCOME, APOLOGIES

The Chairman welcomed the members of the Committee.

For apologies and absences, see the attached list of presence.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

No conflict of interests with the items proposed for discussion in the agenda were declared.

3. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Under "Miscellaneous" was put a Draft paper on "the Harmonisation of risk assessment: The interface between risk assessors and risk managers" produced by the Scientific Steering Committee for consideration and discussion by the members of the SCVPH.

Minutes were adopted.

4. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ADOPTION OF A SCIENTIFIC OPINION CONCERNING :

4.1. Review of the SCVPH opinion on the potential risk to human health from hormone residues in bovine meat and meat products.

The rapporteur presented a draft prepared with the working group. The Committee discussed thoroughly the draft opinion.

A report prepared by the 52nd meeting of JECFA issued shortly before the SCVPH plenary was distributed during the meeting to the members of the Committee.

The Committee concluded that the documents considered did not appear to provide convincing or new data and arguments demanding revision of the conclusions drawn in its previous opinion of April 30th, 1999.

Although unanimously in agreement with the draft opinion, the Committee agreed to postpone the adoption in order to give time to the members of the Committee as well as to those of the working group to consider the recently published JECFA report.

The Secretariat was requested to consult the working group on the JECFA report and then to launch a written procedure for formal adoption of the opinion of the Committee.

4.2. The assessment of risks related to zoonotic diseases causing major concern to public health and on possibilities to decrease their incidence in humans.

The document prepared by the Working Group was discussed and extensively commented by the Committee members.

The report was adopted with the provision that the comments and amendments raised during the plenary would be integrated. The Committee mandated the rapporteur and the Secretariat to carry out all the necessary editorial modifications of the report and its annexes.

4.3. The prevalence and methods of control of cysticercosis

The report was not discussed. It will be on the agenda of the next plenary.

5. PROGRESS REPORT OF THE:

5.1. Working Group on the review of the report of the Sc.V.C. on “Trichinella free areas” (report of 1996) and reliability of Trichinella detection methods

The group continues its work and will meet in May.

5.2. Working Group on the cleaning and disinfection of knives in the meat industry

The rapporteur summarised the outcome of the second meeting of the group. A first draft should be available for the next plenary meeting.

5.3. Working Group on ovine gas de-pelting

The rapporteur presented the outcome of the first meeting. The group will meet again in June.

5.4. Working Group on *Vibrio vulnificus* and *Vibrio parahaemolyticus* in molluscs.

In the absence of the rapporteur the Secretariat informed the Committee on the preliminary work of the group. A second meeting will take place in May.

6. FEED-BACK BY THE CHAIRMAN ON SUBJECTS DISCUSSED IN THE SSC WHICH ARE OF INTEREST TO THE COMMITTEE

The Chairman presented the current activities of the Scientific Steering Committee.

7. FEEDBACK BY MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PARTICIPATING IN THE SSC WORKING GROUP ON THE HARMONISATION OF RISK ASSESSMENT PROCEDURES

None.

8. FEED-BACK BY MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE HAVING ATTENDED WORKING GROUP MEETINGS OF OTHER SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEES

The Committee was informed that the Report on "Possible links between Crohn's disease and Paratuberculosis" was adopted at the SCAHAW plenary on 21 March and that document is available on Internet. Hard copies of the report were distributed.

9. MISCELLANEOUS

The Draft paper on "the Harmonisation of risk assessment: The interface between risk assessors and risk managers" was given to the Members for comments but was not discussed.