

Summary record of the meeting of the Scientific sub-committee on Animal Health held on 22 September 1999 in Brussels adopted 24 November 1999

List of Participants

MEMBERS

Dr. R. Ahl, Chairman, Dr. D. Alexander, Prof. J. Badiola Diez, Dr. F. Garrido-Abellan, Prof. Dr. V. Moennig, Prof. G. Panina, Prof. Dr. J. van Oirschot, Dr. E. Vanopdenbosch

COMMISSION

Dr. J. Moynagh, Dr. G. Morosetti

APOLOGIES

Prof. S. Alexandersen, Dr. M. Gunn, Prof. A-L. Parodi

SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE ON ANIMAL HEALTH AND WELFARE - SUB-COMMITTEE ON ANIMAL HEALTH

1. Adoption of the Agenda

The agenda was adopted. The subcommittee noted that the draft report on Crimean Congo Haemorrhagic Fever had been prepared and had been circulated to the members prior to the meeting. It was agreed to add this item to the agenda as item 4(ii).

2. Adoption of minutes of meeting of 26 May 1999

The minutes of the meeting were adopted with minor amendments.

3. Declarations of interest

No member reported any conflicts of interest relating to the items under discussion

4. (i) Discussion and possible approval by the Sub-Committee of a report on Revision of the annexes to Council Directive 64/432/EEC

Rapporteur: Dr M. Gunn

Following detailed discussion and some amendments the sub-committee approved the document, which now will be put on the agenda of the next meeting of the Scientific Committee on Animal Health and Animal Welfare with a view to its adoption.

4. (ii) Discussion and possible approval by the Sub-Committee of a report on diagnostic testing for Crimean Congo Haemorrhagic Fever.

Rapporteur: Dr D Alexander

The Committee complimented Dr Alexander for dealing with the matter so promptly. Following discussion and minor amendments the sub-committee approved the document, which now will be placed on the agenda of the next meeting of the Scientific Committee on Animal Health and Animal Welfare with a view to its adoption.

5. Review and follow-up of questions put to the Sub-Committee - Progress reports from the Working groups

(i) Bacterial Kidney Disease

In the absence of Prof Parodi, the secretariat described the progress made to date on this question. One final meeting of the working group would be necessary. It was anticipated therefore that this report would be ready for discussion and possible approval at the next meeting of the sub-committee in November.

(ii) Review of progress on outstanding questions before the sub-committee

The secretariat presented a table of the progress made to date by the Committee on Animal Health questions. It was noted that most of the questions put to the Committee, especially those relating to important animal diseases had been totally or substantially completed. A number of questions relating to aquaculture were still outstanding.

6. Miscellaneous

The inactivation of viruses in blood. Rapporteur: Prof. Van Oirschot

Prof. Van Oirschot explained the state of progress on this issue and discussed aspects of this complex problem with the sub-committee. Additional items for inclusion in the report were suggested.

Reorganisation of the Commission and filling the vacancy in the Committee

The secretariat informed the members about the reorganisation of The Commission. This involved the inclusion of veterinary legislation in DG24 which would now be renamed 'Directorate general - Health and Consumer Protection'. It was also noted that the selection procedure to select a new member to fill the vacancy on the Committee had been substantially completed.

Virtual Conference on sustainable animal production

Prof. Moennig informed the members about a Virtual Conference on Sustainable Animal Production organised on internet by a research consortium formed by scientists from the German Federal Agricultural Research Centre (Braunschweig), the Universities of Goettingen and Vechta and the School of Veterinary Medicine Hannover (www.agriculture.de)

The meeting closed at 17.00h: