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List of Participants

MEMBERS

Dr. P. Le Neindre (Chairman)

Dr. R. Ahl

Dr. D. Alexander

Prof. D.M. Broom

Dr. M. Gunn

Dr. P. Have

Prof. V. Moennig

Prof. D. Morton

Prof. J. Noordhuizen

Prof. A-L. Parodi

Dr. M. Sharp

Dr. E. Vanopdenbosch

Prof. J. van Oirschot

Prof. M. Wierup

COMMISSION

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Dr. R. Dantzer

Prof. P. Jensen

Prof. G. Panina

Prof. M. Verga

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1. Welcome and apologies

Apologies and attendance are listed on page 2.

2. Adoption of the agenda

The agenda was adopted.

3. Declarations of interest

No member reported any conflict of interest relating to matters under discussion at the meeting.

4. Approval and adoption of the minutes of the previous meeting of the Committee

The summary record of the meeting of 17 December was adopted.

5. Report from the Sub-Committee on Animal Health (Dr. Ahl)

The last meeting of the sub-committee on animal health (SCAH) took place in Brussels on 29-30 January 2003, where the draft report on “The use of fish by-products in aquaculture” was discussed and approved by the Sub-Committee.

On the second day of the meeting a draft report on developments concerning vaccines and diagnostic techniques for Foot-and-Mouth Disease, Classical Swine Fever and Avian Influenza and some other OIE List A diseases was discussed for the first time by the Sub-Committee. This draft report was prepared by two working groups chaired by Prof. Volker Moennig and Prof. Jan van Oirschot. Various comments and amendments were incorporated in the draft and the revised comprehensive report will be further discussed at the next Sub-Committee meeting scheduled for 12 March 2003.

6. Report from the Sub-Committee on Animal Welfare (Prof. Broom)

The subcommittee has not held any meeting since the last plenary meeting. There are two reports in preparation, neither of which have been sufficiently advanced to date to be discussed by the sub-committee, although considerable progress has been made in their preparation.

The working group on the welfare of animals during transport (for species not covered in the previous SCAHAW report of March 2002) has held two meetings, but the draft report is still in an early stage of preparation. It is not likely that this report will be placed on the agenda of the present SCAHAW by April.

The draft document on welfare aspects of stunning and killing methods has not yet been completed by the working group. The next working group meeting is scheduled for March 10-11 and additional meetings may be required to finalise the document. The preliminary draft document will be discussed at the next SCAW meeting on March 4 and it is hoped that this report can be submitted to the SCAHAW plenary meeting in April.

7. Discussion and possible adoption by the Committee of a report on the use of fish by-products in aquaculture

The Chairman of the working group Dr. Michael Gunn introduced the draft report, which was discussed in detail by the Committee members. Various revisions and amendments were agreed and the report was adopted unanimously.

8. Miscellaneous

The Committee members reviewed the state of advancement of reports currently in preparation and the documents to be presented for discussion and possible adoption at the next plenary meeting of the Committee on 24-25 April.