

# **Summary report of the meeting of the Scientific sub-committee on Animal Health held on 3 March 1998 in Brussels, adopted 19 May 1998**

## **List of Participants**

### **MEMBERS**

Dr. R. Ahl, Chairman, Dr. D. Alexander, Prof. S. Alexandersen , Prof. J. Badiola Diez, Prof. Dr. A. Dijkhuizen, Dr. F. Garrido-Abellan, Dr. M. Gunn ,Prof. G. Panina, Prof. A-L. Parodi, Prof. Dr. J. van Oirschot, Dr. E. Vanopdenbosch

### **COMMISSION**

Mr. J. Moynagh, Secretary, Mrs. Valerie Brown, Secretariat

### **APOLOGIES**

Prof. Dr. V. Moennig

## **1. Adoption of the Agenda**

The agenda was adopted as proposed

## **2. Adoption of minutes of meeting of 17 December 1997**

The minutes of the meeting were adopted as proposed. Arising from the minutes Dr Dijkhuizen queried if DGVI would be forwarding a question on risk assessment to the Committee. The Secretariat replied that he had been informed by officials in DGVI that such a question was currently being prepared.

Prof. Parodi noted that, in his absence from the meeting of 17 December, it had been suggested that he would chair a number of working groups of the Committee on Bacterial Kidney Disease and on Alphanomyces invadans. He confirmed that he was happy to do this.

## **3. Declarations of interest**

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

## **4. Discussion and possible adoption by the Sub-Committee of a report on the definition of Newcastle disease**

Rapporteur Dr Alexander

Dr Alexander made a presentation on the draft report to the Committee. This report resulted from a meeting of the working group held on 22 January. Following discussion a number of modifications were agreed. The report as amended was adopted by the Sub-Committee on Animal Health and will go forward to the Plenary meeting of the Committee on 24 March.

## **5. Discussion and possible adoption by the SubCommittee of a report on criteria for the funding of eradication programmes for scrapie**

Rapporteur Dr Vanopdenbosch

Dr Vanopdenbosch made a presentation on the draft report to the Committee, resulting from a meeting of the working group held on 12 February. Following discussion the broad conclusions of the report were accepted and a number of amendments to the report were suggested. Dr Vanopdenbosch undertook to take these into consideration with the working group and to present the report to the next meeting of the Sub-Committee.

## **6. Progress report from the Working group on Foot and Mouth Disease**

Rapporteur Prof. Panina

Prof. Panina reported on the progress made in the working group dealing with emergency vaccination for Foot and Mouth disease. The group had previously met on 3 February and another meeting was scheduled for 13 March.

## **7. Progress report from the Working group on Swine Vesicular Disease**

Rapporteur Prof. Van Oirschot

Prof. Van Oirschot reported on the progress made in the working group dealing with new developments in Swine Vesicular Disease. The group met on 10 February. The draft report was now in circulation among the members of the working group. A further meeting of the working group should not be necessary.

## **8. Progress report from the Working group on possible links between Crohns disease and Johnes Disease**

Rapporteur Prof. Badiola

Prof. Badiola reported on the progress made in the working group dealing with possible links between Crohns disease in man and Johnes disease in animals (paratuberculosis). The group had met on 17 February and another meeting was scheduled for 25 March. This question was proving to be a complex matter with much conflicting evidence. It was likely that a further meeting after 25 March could be necessary.

## **9. Progress report from the Working group on amendments to the Annexes of Council Directive 64/432/EEC**

Rapporteur Dr Gunn

Because of time constraints this item was postponed to the next meeting of the Sub-Committee.

## **10. Miscellaneous**

### **Opinions of the Scientific Steering Committee**

Dr Garrido requested that opinions of the Scientific Steering Committee that would be of interest to the Members of the Scientific Committee on Animal Health and Animal Welfare be circulated to the members. The secretariat undertook to do so.

### **Future Meetings**

The secretariat distributed a provisional timetable for Committee and Subcommittee meetings for 1998. It was noted that the timetable was subject to change, particularly relating to the meetings planned for September.

**The meeting was closed at 17:10.**