

Summary record of the meeting on the Scientific Sub-committee on animal health held on 19 May 1998 in Brussels, adopted 22 September 1998

List of Participants

MEMBERS

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

COMMISSION

Mr. J. Moynagh,

APOLOGIES

Prof. S. Alexandersen , Prof. A-L. Parodi

1. Adoption of the Agenda

The agenda was amended to include point 6(iv) - nomination of an representative to participate in a multidisciplinary risk assessment group.

2. Adoption of minutes of meeting of 3 March 1997

The minutes of the meeting were adopted following minor corrections.

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 criteria for the funding of eradication programmes for scrapie - Rapporteur Dr Vanopdenbosch

Dr Vanopdenbosch made a presentation on the draft report to the Committee. Following discussion and minor amendment the report was accepted. The report will be proposed for adoption to the plenary meeting of the Scientific Committee on Animal Health and Welfare on 23 June. Dr Vanopdenbosch also informed the members of discussions on related issues (BSE in sheep) taking place in the Ad Hoc TSE committee.

5. Discussion and possible adoption by the SubCommittee of a report from the Working group on Swine Vesicular Disease - Rapporteur

Prof. Van Oirschot presented the draft report to the Committee resulting from a meeting of the working group established to examine this matter. Following detailed discussion the report was approved with minor amendments. The report will be proposed for adoption to the plenary meeting of the Scientific Committee on Animal Health and Welfare on 23 June.

6. Nomination of representatives to participate in multidisciplinary working groups with other

Scientific Committees

- i. Antimicrobial resistance
- ii. Fallen animals
- iii. recycling of pig and poultry waste
- iv. risk assessment

The Committee nominated members and an external expert to participate in the above groups.

7. 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. The group had met on 25 March and 12 May and a comprehensive working document was now available.

8. Progress report from the Working group on amendments to the Annexes of Council Directive 64/432/EEC - Rapporteur Dr Gunn

Dr Gunn reported on the progress made in the working group dealing with the updating of Directive 64/432/EEC. A working document had now been prepared but further meetings would be necessary.

9. Progress report from the Working group on Bluetongue - Rapporteur Dr Alexandersen

In the absence of Prof. Alexandersen, the secretariat described progress to date. The working group dealing with this topic had met on one occasion and produced a draft report which was now in circulation among the members. Depending on the responses a further meeting might be necessary. It was clear however that there was a large level of agreement in the group on this question.

10. 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 has met several times and was now reaching completion.

11. Miscellaneous

(i) Tests for TSE in Bovines

The secretariat informed the sub committee that the Commission had recently launched a call for expression of interest for participation in an evaluation exercise of tests currently available for the diagnosis of TSE in bovines. The call was aimed at companies and research institutes who had developed such tests. The evaluation would consist of a blind trial using both positive and negative samples. It was hoped to complete the exercise by the end of the year.

(ii) Classical Swine Fever

Prof. Moennig gave an account of a meeting that took place in Perugia dealing with Classical swine fever in wild boar. This was a similar topic to a question which was pending before the committee.

The meeting was closed at 16:45

