

Summary record of the meeting of the Scientific sub-committee on Animal Health held on 26 May 1999 in Brussels, adopted 22 September 1999

List of Participants

MEMBERS

Prof. Dr. J. van Oirschot (chairman), Dr. D. Alexander, Prof. J. Badiola Diez, Dr. F. Garrido-Abellan, Dr. M. Gunn, Prof. Dr. V. Moennig, Prof. G. Panina, Prof. A-L. Parodi, Dr. E. Vanopdenbosch

COMMISSION

Dr. G. Morosetti

APOLOGIES

Dr. R. Ahl, Chairman, Prof. S. Alexandersen

SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE ON ANIMAL HEALTH AND WELFARE

SUB-COMMITTEE ON ANIMAL HEALTH

1. Adoption of the Agenda

The agenda was adopted as proposed.

2. Adoption of minutes of meeting of 17 February 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. Discussion and possible approval by the Sub Committee of a report on Classical Swine Fever in Wild Boar

Rapporteur: Prof. Moennig

The sub committee examined in detail the draft report that had been circulated prior to the meeting. The comments sent by Prof. Alexandersen were also taken into account.

Following discussion and several amendments to the draft report, the report was approved by the sub committee. The amended document will go forward to the Plenary of the Scientific Committee on Animal Health and Animal Welfare for discussion and possible adoption at its meeting on 23 June 1999.

5. Discussion and possible approval by the Sub Committee of a report on the inactivation of viruses in blood

Rapporteur: Prof. Van Oirschot

Prof. Van Oirschot explained the request for opinion at the origin of the paper. The present draft was an initial working document and needed thorough discussion. Main points of discussion were the validation of methods aimed at inactivating virus infectivity in blood while maintaining the serum properties. Comments sent by Dr. Ahl and Prof. Alexandersen were also included in the discussion.

6. Progress on a report on the Revision of the annexes to Council Directive 64/432/EEC

Rapporteur: Dr. Gunn

Dr Gunn informed the members on the progress of the report. Some issues remained to be resolved and following this the paper would be recirculated in the working group. The final draft should be ready for the next meeting of the subcommittee.

7. Miscellaneous

i) Request for an opinion by the SCAHAW on Testing for Crimean Congo Haemorrhagic Fever Virus Infections in Ratites.

After examining the request, the Subcommittee asked Dr. Alexander to deal with this question and he accepted to do so.

ii) Mandate and work progress of the Working Group "Scrapie Resistant Sheep"

Rapporteur Dr. Vanopdenbosch

As chairman of the WG and member of the TSE/BSE ad hoc-group of the Scientific Steering Committee (SSC) Dr Vanopdenbosch informed the subcommittee on results of discussions concerning scrapie in sheep.

The meeting closed at 17.00h: