



EUROPEAN COMMISSION

HEALTH & CONSUMER PROTECTION DIRECTORATE-GENERAL

Directorate C - Scientific Opinions

C2 - Management of scientific committees; scientific co-operation and networks

**SUMMARY RECORD
OF THE SCVPH PLENARY MEETING
OF 2-3 MAY 2001**

(APPROVED ON 20 JUNE 2001)

1. WELCOME, APOLOGIES, DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

The Chairman welcomed the members of the Committee.

For apologies and absences, see the attached list of presence.

No conflict of interests with the items proposed for discussion in the agenda were declared.

The second day the meeting was chaired by the first Vice-chairman due to the absence of the Chairman.

2. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Minor changes were proposed mainly related to a progress report on the *Trichina* Working Group. The agenda was adopted accordingly.

3. ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF 14-15 FEBRUARY 2000

The proposed minutes were adopted following minor editorial amendments.

4. INFORMATION TO THE COMMITTEE ON POSSIBLE NEW QUESTIONS –

The secretariat informed the Committee that, following the previous SCVPH meeting, a working group on SRSV-Norwalk like viruses has been set up. The selected members of the Working Group were presented and endorsed by the Committee. The first WG meeting has already been planned.

Further to the previous discussion a revised draft mandate on “Criteria for evaluation of methods for Salmonella detection” was presented and accepted by the Committee. The Committee gave mandate to the rapporteur and secretariat together with the chair to set up the Working Group which will be presented at the next plenary. The group should include members of the SCVPH as well as external expertise, including an expert from the Community Reference Laboratory for Salmonella.

5. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ADOPTION OF A SCIENTIFIC OPINION CONCERNING :

5.1. Working Group on *Vibrio vulnificus* and *Vibrio parahaemolyticus* in molluscs.

The draft report was presented to the Committee. Several amendments were suggested. The Committee commented on various points and carefully considered the conclusions and recommendations. Although the Committee discussed the document entirely and thoroughly, it was agreed not to adopt the document at this meeting. The document including requested amendments, could be adopted at the next plenary.

5.2. Working Group on the cleaning and disinfection of knives in the meat industry

The rapporteur presented the draft report, the members of the Committee commented on it. It was proposed to simplify and to reduce the annexes. The draft will be re-discussed at the next plenary meeting for discussion and possible adoption.

6. PROGRESS REPORT OF THE:

6.1. Working Group on the review of the report of the Scientific Veterinary Committee(Sc. V. C.) on “*Trichinella* free areas” (report of 1996) and reliability of *Trichinella* detection methods

Further to the previous discussion and due to a major revision requested, this document had been re-discussed in the Working Group. The Chairman of the Committee, who chaired that Working Group meeting briefed the Committee on the outcome of the discussion. A draft-revised version of the document is expected to be presented at the next plenary meeting.

6.2. Working Group on Identification of species/categories of animals

The rapporteur presented a preliminary document prepared by the Working Group. A discussion took place. The group will consider the comments received in its meeting scheduled the day after the plenary meeting.

7. FEED-BACK BY THE CHAIRMAN ON SUBJECTS DISCUSSED IN THE SSC WHICH ARE OF INTEREST TO THE COMMITTEE

The activity of the Committee was summarised.

8. FEED-BACK BY MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE HAVING ATTENDED WORKING GROUP MEETINGS OF OTHER SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEES

Working group on food hygiene of vegetables: the draft document is close to be presented for possible adoption.

The SCVPH member representing the Committee in the ad hoc SSC-WG on “Harmonisation Risk Assessment Procedures” presented two draft documents prepared by the WG. Several remarks were made by the SCVPH members, to be reported back to the next meeting of the task-force. The Committee expressed its view about the use of glossary terms/definitions, which in their opinion should be in accordance with those already accepted/used by other bodies.

9. MISCELLANEOUS

None

Annex I: Attendance

Members

Prof. J. Fink-Gremmels (chairman)(2 May),
Prof. A. Johnston (I vice-chairman),
Prof. D. Vuitton (II vice-chairman),
Dr. A. J. Baars,
Prof. J. Brugere-Picoux,
Dr. P. Colin,
Dr. P.Gerner-Smidt,
Prof. R. Fries,
Dr H. Kruse,
Prof A. Macr•,
Dr. R. Maijala,
Prof. A. Mantis,
Prof. C. Martinez Bordenave-Gassedat,
Dr.W. Pfau,
Dr. T. Roberts,
Prof F. Smulders,
Dr. I. Vågsholm,
Prof. J. Van Hoof (3 may)

Apologies

Prof. J. Fink-Gremmels (3 May),
Prof. V. Caporale
Prof Van Hoof (2 May)
Prof Vuitton (2 May morning)

Absent

None

COMMISSION

Mrs R. Diez (SANCO/C3),
Mrs M. Marini (SANCO/C3),
Mr B. Verleysen (SANCO/C3),
Mrs. P. Makela (SANCO/D2),
Mr P. Caricato (SANCO/D2),
Mr P Dewevre (SANCO/D3).