

EUROPEAN COMMISSION

HEALTH & CONSUMER PROTECTION DIRECTORATE-GENERAL

Directorate B - Scientific Health Opinions
Unit C3 - Management of scientific committees II

SUMMARY RECORD OF THE SCVPH PLENARY MEETING OF 28-29 JUNE 2000

(APPROVED AT THE MEETING ON 27-28 SEPTEMBER 2000)

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.

2. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

The agenda was adopted

3. ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF 11-12 APRIL 2000-07-03

Minutes were adopted.

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

4.1. The prevalence and methods of control of cysticercosis.

The report was discussed extensively. The Members commented on the structure and the content of the draft report and suggested improvements. The Secretariat invited the Committee members to comment in writing.

The rapporteur will take the comments made and to be made into account and amend its draft report, which should be circulated in advance of the next meeting.

The draft report will be on the agenda of the next plenary.

4.2. Working Group on the review of the report of the Sc.V.C. on "Trichinella free areas" (report of 1996) and reliability of Trichinella detection methods

The rapporteur presented a draft report. The Committee discussed it in detail and proposed some amendments, in particular if possible to evaluate the risk in relation to the different categories of animals (intensive, extensive breeding, free-range/organic, wild boar and game, imported animals) and their exposure to *Trichinella* and to recommend appropriate measures for control. For transparency reasons, the Committee requested that the references to the legislation in force for *Trichinella* control have to be shortly presented and explained.

The Committee members were invited to comment to the rapporteur also in writing.

5. PROGRESS REPORT OF THE:

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

The rapporteur summarised the draft report under preparation. There has been good progress and a document could be submitted to the next plenary meeting for discussion.

5.2. Working Group on ovine gas de-pelting

The rapporteur informed the Committee of the progress of the working group. The next meeting is scheduled for the beginning of September.

5.3. Working Group on Vibrio vulnificus and Vibrio parahaemolyticus in molluses.

The rapporteur presented the future structure of the draft report. The group should meet immediately after the plenary.

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

The Chairman presented the current activities of the Scientific Steering Committee.

7. FEEDBACK BY MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PARTICIPATING IN THE SSC WORKING GROUP ON THE HARMONISATION OF RISK ASSESSMENT PROCEDURES

None.

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

None.

9. MISCELLANEOUS

None

Annex I: Attendance

Members

Prof. A. Osterhaus (chairperson) (28 June)

Dr. P. Colin

Prof. J. Fink-Gremmels (28 June)

Dr. P.Gerner-Smidt

Prof. R. Gilbert (vice-chairperson), chairperson on 29 June

Dr. A. Flahault (28 June)

Prof. A. Johnston

Dr H. Kruse

Prof. A. Mantis

Prof. O. Kaaden (28 June afternoon and 29 June)

Prof. E. Nurmi

Dr.W. Pfau

Prof. E. Quinto Fernandez

Dr. I. Vagsholm

Prof. J.B.M.Van Hoof

Prof. F. Van Knapen

Prof. D. Vuitton (vice-chairperson) (28 June)

Apologies

Prof. V. Caporale

Prof. J. Fink-Gremmels (29 June)

Dr. A. Flahault (29 June)

Prof. O. Kaaden (28 June morning)

Prof. A. Macri

Prof. A. Osterhaus (chairperson) (29 June)

Prof. D. Vuitton (vice-chairperson) (29 June)

Absent

None

COMMISSION

Mrs R. Diez (SANCO/B3)

Mrs G. Morosetti (SANCO/B3)

Mr E. Thévenard (SANCO/B3)

Mr B. Verleysen (SANCO/B3)