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List of Participants

MEMBERS

Dr. R. Ahl, Chairman
Dr. D. Alexander
Dr. M. Gunn
Dr P. Have
Prof. Dr. V. Moennig
Prof. J. Noordhuizen
Prof. A-L. Parodi
Dr M. Sharp
Dr. E. Vanopdenbosch
Prof. Dr. J. van Oirschot
Prof. M. Wierup

COMMISSION

Dr. M. Marini

APOLOGIES

Prof. G. Panina

SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE ON ANIMAL HEALTH AND WELFARE

SUB-COMMITTEE ON ANIMAL HEALTH

1. Adoption of the Agenda

The Agenda was adopted.

2. Adoption of minutes of meeting of the previous Sub-Committee meeting

The minutes of the meeting were adopted with few editorial changes.

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 the following report: on “Contagious Bovine Pleuro Pneumonia (CBPP)”

Prof Noordhuizen, gave a brief presentation of the report. The sub-committee agreed to discuss it in detail and proposals for amendments were made. The sub-committee proposed to include within the report the statement of CBPP as stated in the OIE Manual of Diagnostic Standards as in the 2000 document, as well as the period required for officially declared free from infection as stated in the OIE code. It was requested to clarify if the isolation of the causative agent from sheep and goats automatically leads to official control actions. Finally, as the report is an updating of a previous scientific opinion it was requested to include it as annex to the document. Considering the amendments to be made the sub-committee agreed to re-discuss it at its next meeting of September for possible approval.

Members made several amendments to the draft report and approved the report. It will now be presented to the meeting of the Committee on 25 September for discussion and possible approval.

5. Discussion and possible approval by the Sub-Committee of the following report: on “Chronic Wasting in Cattle”

The report was presented by Dr Moenning and Dr Parodi. The committee was requested to examine epidemiological reports prepared by the authorities in the Netherlands concerning the possible disease condition ‘cattle wasting disease’. The document was based on documentation provided by the Dutch authorities. It had been speculated that a batch of vaccines had been contaminated with extraneous virus. No conclusion could be drawn that a transmissible new disease was introduced in the herds. The document was approved by the Sub-Committee, subject to minor amendments suggested.

6. Miscellaneous

- The Chairman informed the member of the sub-committee that the report on “Brucellosis in sheep and goats” had been revised and will be presented at the SCAWAH plenary meeting of 12 July for final adoption.

- The Chairman together with two members of the group presented the recent results on the ongoing FMD epidemic in UK where almost 1800 cases had been recorded.

- Dr Vanopdenbosch briefed the sub-committee about the recent development in BSE, particularly on the outcome of the last meeting held in Paris this June. With reference to the geographical BSE risk (GBR), the evaluation of countries will be continued. For the time being 46 countries have been evaluated. The Czech Republic reported its first case of BSE. Three cases of BSE in cattle which had born in 1996 and 1997 (one case), are reported. On the legislative point of view, a new regulation on BSE has been consolidated. There is a great concern how to proceed if BSE would be detected in sheep.

- The sub-committee members were requested to send their comments to Dr Le Neindre, member of the task force on “Harmonisation of risk assessment procedures”, about the last document prepared by the task force on expression of opinions.

- The members of the sub-committee were invited to send a CV for publication in Internet. It was agreed to send a template to the group.

- A request of clarification was asked for external experts, member of a Working Group, if they could be invited either to the sub-committee meeting or to the SCAWAH plenary meeting to present their view.

The meeting closed at 16.45h.