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# **List of Participants**

# **MEMBERS**

Prof. P. Jensen (chairman)

Prof. D. Broom (first vice chair)

Dr. H. Blokhuis

Dr. R. Dantzer

Dr. P. Le Neindre

Prof. D. Morton

# **COMMISSION**

Mr. R. Horgan

# **APOLOGIES**

Prof. M. Verga

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#### 1. WELCOME, APOLOGIES

The list of participants is listed on page 2.

#### 2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No member reported any conflicts of interest relating to the items under discussion. The members completed the written annual declarations of interest.

#### 3. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

The agenda was adopted.

#### 4. ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING OF THE SUB-COMMITTEE

The summary record of the meeting of the Sub-Committee on 24 September 2002 was adopted.

# 5. DISCUSSION OF A DRAFT REPORT ON WELFARE ASPECTS OF ANIMAL STUNNING AND KILLING METHODS

A preliminary draft of the report was tabled for discussion. The Chairman of the Working Group introduced the draft report and members of the Sub-Committee reviewed it in detail. Various comments and suggestions were received and these will be discussed at the next Working Group meeting (scheduled for March 10-11).

#### 6. MISCELLANEOUS

In light of the future establishment of the Scientific Panels of the European Food Safety Authority, the members reviewed the state of progress of the two draft reports in preparation: the welfare aspects of animal stunning and killing methods, and the welfare of animals during transport for those species not considered in the previous report of the Scientific Committee of March 2002.

The members proposed to discuss an interim draft of the report considering the welfare of animals during transport at the next Sub-Committee meeting on April 3.