



# **Summary Record of the 113th SCAN Plenary Meeting (Brussels, 05 February 1998)**

(approved at the 114th meeting on 12 March 1998)

## **1. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

The agenda was adopted with the addition of the following points:

- Declarations of interests;
- Information on the draft internal rules of procedure;

## **2. Declarations of interests**

No specific interests which might be prejudicial to the independence of the members in relation to items under discussion were declared.

## **3. Approval of the summary record of the 111and 112th meeting**

Both reports were adopted with minor changes.

## **4. Information on the draft internal rules of procedure**

The Commission introduced the draft internal rules of procedure. It was explained that the initial draft is similar for all Scientific Committees. The Committee was invited to reflect on it in view of a discussion and possible adoption at the next plenary.

## **5. Discussion / adoption of reports from the working groups**

5.1. Question 87 on the re-evaluation of the safety of use of nitroimidazoles as feed additives (ronidazole, ipronidazole and dimitridazole)

The rapporteur informed the Committee on the progress made in the working group. The Committee discussed the draft report which considered the mutagenicity, carcinogenicity and residues studies.

The Committee addressed the fact that dimetridazole is no longer authorised as a veterinary drug whilst it is still authorised to be used as a feed additive.

Although the majority of the Committee was in favour of maintaining an ad hoc approach (evaluation of a well-defined specific question), some members expressed their preference to move in the future towards a more horizontal approach.

The working group was asked to finalise the draft report in the light of the discussion. Considering the urgency, it was decided that the working group should convene on 6 February in order to finalise the draft opinion with a view to its

adoption at the next plenary.

5.2. Question 92 on the evaluation of the reasons provided by Finland to justify an extension of the derogation to reserve the use of tylosin and spiramycin for exclusive therapeutic use, and banning their use as feed additives.

The Committee adopted the draft opinion with some editorial amendments.

The following recommendations were made:

In studying the documentation submitted by Finland arguing the case for banning the feed-additive use of tylosin and spiramycin, SCAN noted that further research was called for in the following areas:

- the genetic background and the dissemination mechanisms for macrolide, lincosamide and streptogramin (MLS) resistance in animal enterococci;
- the impact of macrolide selective pressure in production animals on glycopeptide resistance in enterococci;
- the impact of macrolide selective pressure on the excretion of gram negative pathogens such as Salmonella, Yersinia and Campylobacter.

These needs are current and important and have wider application than the specific case raised by the Finnish Government. SCAN therefore commends to the Commission that research in the following areas are supported as a matter of urgency.

- 1) Determination of the nature and dimensions of the risk for humans from the existence of resistant microorganisms in production animals to provide a sound basis for the risk analysis of the use of antimicrobial feed-additives in such animals.
- 2) While the source and mechanisms of resistance to antimicrobial agents in micro-organisms are already in part understood, further research at the molecular level is urgently needed to compare the nature of resistance and its transfer within and between micro-organisms in production animals, humans and the environment.
- 3) All aspects of the epidemiology of resistance and of resistance spread are worthy of support on a much larger scale in the EU in the case of antimicrobial feed-additives.

## **6. Situation of Working Groups work on:**

6.1. Question 85 on the safety of use the micro-organism additives listed in notice 96/263 (O.J. N° C263, 11.9.96, p.3) following Article 5 of Council Directive 93/113/EC (O.J. N° L334, 31.12.93, p.17)

This point is subject of discussion in an ad hoc Working Group on 6 February 1998.

6.2. Question 86 on the safety of use enzyme additives listed in notice 96/263 (O.J. N° C263, 11.9.96, p.3) following Article 5 of Council Directive 93/113/EC (O.J. N° L334, 31.12.93, p.17)

The progress report is subject of discussion and consolidation in an ad hoc Working Group on 6 February 1998.

6.3. Question 91 on the re-evaluation of the safety of use of quinoxaline-n-dioxides (carbadox, olaquinox)

A short discussion will take place on 6 February 1998. However, considering the urgency of question 87, it was agreed to transform the originally planned Working Group meeting into a Working Group meeting dealing with dimetridazole.

An ad hoc Working Group meeting is scheduled for 11 March 1998.

## **7. Renewal of the mandate of working groups for evaluation of the report on the following**

## **Commission questions:**

7.1. Question 53 on the use of by-products from fermentation by *Corynebacterium melassecola* as feedingstuffs

Pending the result of further studies to be carried out by the company, it was decided to suspend the activities on this issue.

7.2. Question 54 on the use of by-products from fermentation by *Brevybacterium lactofermentum* as feedingstuffs

Pending the result of further studies to be carried out by the company, it was decided to suspend the activities on this issue.

7.3. Question 70 on the use of formaldehyde as preservative-agent for feed

As the draft report is in a progressed stage, the chairman will contact the former rapporteur who is no longer member of SCAN to contribute to the finalisation of the draft report.

7.4. Question 76 on the use of flavophospholipol as feed additive for chickens reared for laying

This question is withdrawn from the agenda.

7.5. Question 79 on the use of semduramycin as feed additive for chickens for laying

A complementary file is currently being prepared. Meanwhile further actions are suspended.

7.6. Question 90 on *Candida guilliermondii* yeast

The current file is incomplete. Consequently no actions need to be taken for the time being

## **8. New questions to be answered by the 7th SCAN (questions will be specified)**

8.1. Question 89 on the use of diclazuril as feed additive for to rabbits

As the dossier is now complete a working was set up to address this question.

8.2. Danish safeguard clause concerning the ban of virginiamycin in animal feed (urgent question)

The text is in Danish and is being translated. As soon as the translation is available, it will be submitted to the members.

8.3. Swedish request for a general ban on antibiotics, coccidiostats and other medicinal substances and growth promoters as feed additives (urgent question, the Commission has to act before the end of 1998)

This question has to be included in ongoing examinations and needs to be divided over existing working groups examining each category of substances. The Committee was informed that the Swedish authorities were asked to provide copies for all members.

8.4. Request from Denmark to review the question of tylosin as feed additive (urgent question)

8.5. Question 63 on the use of virginiamycin in the feedingstuffs for sows and gilts (urgent question, opinion needed before June 1998)

The ad hoc Working Group is asked to complete its draft report with the outcome of the additional tests.

8.6. Question concerning the use of narasin as antibiotic feed additive in feed for pigs

A working group was set up.

## **9. Other points**

### **Annex I: Attendance**

#### **Members:**

Dr. Georges BORIES, Dr Niels AGERGAARD, Prof. Arturo ANADÓN, Dr. Louis Aimé AUMAITRE, Prof. Dr. Carlo BERETTA, Dr. Joaquim BRUFAU, Dr. Andrew CHESSON, Prof. Tito H. FERNANDES (p.m. only), Prof. Gerhard FLACHOWSKY, Dr. Anders FRANKLIN, Prof. Jean-François GUILLOT, Prof. Dr. Josef LEIBETSEDER, Prof. Gianfranco PIVA, Dr. David Michael PUGH, Dr. Pieter WESTER.

#### **Apologies for absence:**

Prof.Dr. Jürgen GROPP, Dr. Atte VON WRIGHT, Prof. A. V. KOVATSIŠ

#### **For the Commission:**

DGXXIV:

Mr. R. Vanhooorde (Interim Secretary), Mr. P. Wagstaffe , Mrs P. Brunko , Mrs M. Lauridsen , Mr. B. Verleysen , Mrs. A Duysens

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