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List of Participants

MEMBERS

Dr. P. Le Neindre (Chairman)

Dr. R. Ahl

Dr. H. Blokhuis (am only)

Prof. D. M. Broom

Dr. M. Gunn

Dr. P. Have

Prof. V. Moennig

Prof. D. Morton

Prof. G. Panina

Prof. A-L. Parodi

Dr. M. Sharp

Dr. E. Vanopdenbosch

Prof. J. van Oirschot

Prof. M. Wierup

COMMISSION

Mr. R. Horgan

Mr. P. Wagstaffe (pm only)

Ms. S. Mateljan

APOLOGIES

Dr. D. Alexander

Dr. R. Dantzer

Prof. P. Jensen

Prof. J. Noordhuizen

Prof. M. Verga

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1. Welcome and apologies

Apologies and attendance are listed on page 2.

2. Adoption of the agenda

The agenda was adopted.

3. Declarations of interest

No member reported any conflict of interest relating to matters under discussion at the meeting.

4. Approval and adoption of the minutes of the previous meeting of the Committee

The summary record of the meeting of 23rd October was adopted.

5. Report from the Sub-Committee on Animal Health (Dr. Ahl)

The last meeting of the sub-committee on animal health (SCAH) took place in Brussels on November 20th 2002, where the draft report on “The use of fish by-products in aquaculture” was presented by the Chairman of the working group, Dr. Michael Gunn. The report, which had not yet been fully completed was discussed in detail by the Sub-Committee and comments and amendments were incorporated in the draft. The completed and revised text will be further discussed at the next Sub-Committee meeting, which is scheduled for January 29th and 30th 2003.

Work is progressing in the two parallel working groups examining the issue of diagnostic techniques and vaccines for a number of List A OIE diseases (Foot-and-Mouth Disease, Classical Swine Fever and Avian Influenza), and meetings of the respective working groups, including a joint meeting, have already taken place.

6. Report from the Sub-Committee on Animal Welfare (Prof. Broom)

The sub-committee on animal welfare (SCAW) has not met since the last plenary meeting of 23rd October, although progress is ongoing in a number of working groups. A draft report on “The welfare of non-human primates used in research” is tabled at today’s plenary meeting for discussion and possible adoption. Other working groups are considering welfare aspects of animal stunning and killing methods, and the welfare of animals during transport (for those species not covered in the previous SCAHAW report of March 2002).

7. Discussion and possible adoption of a report on “The Welfare of Non-Human Primates used in Research”

The Chairman of the working group Prof. David Morton introduced the draft report, which was discussed in detail. A number of revisions and amendments were agreed and the report was adopted unanimously.

8. Miscellaneous.

A Commission representative updated members on developments regarding the European Food Safety Authority and establishment of its Scientific Committee and Scientific Panels. Prof. Broom brought the Committee members’ attention to some issues that may be relevant to the current Scientific Committee and future operations of the EFSA Scientific Panel on Animal Health and Animal Welfare.

The Committee members agreed to reserve dates for additional meetings in 2003 and reviewed the status of ongoing working groups and documents in preparation. The Chairman also briefed the members on a Risk Assessment/Risk Management workshop taking place in 2003, organised by DG Research and involving the Chairmen of a number of the Scientific Committees.