

Summary record of the meeting of the Scientific sub-committee on Animal Health held on 17 February 1999 in Brussels , adopted 26 May 1999

List of Participants

MEMBERS

Dr. R. Ahl, Chairman, Dr. D. Alexander, Prof. J. Badiola Diez, Dr. F. Garrido-Abellan, Dr. M. Gunn, Prof. Dr. V. Moennig, Prof. G. Panina, Prof. A-L. Parodi

COMMISSION

Mr. J. Moynagh,

APOLOGIES

Prof. S. Alexandersen, Prof. Dr. J. van Oirschot, Dr. E. Vanopdenbosch

SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE ON ANIMAL HEALTH AND WELFARE

SUB-COMMITTEE ON ANIMAL HEALTH

1. Adoption of the Agenda

The agenda was adopted as proposed

2. Adoption of minutes of meeting of 15 December 1998

The minutes of the meeting were adopted without amendment.

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 a report on Emergency Vaccination against Foot and Mouth Disease

Rapporteur: Prof. Panina

The sub committee continued its detailed examination of the draft report. . Dr Ahl and Prof. Panina reported that they had held a special drafting meeting in order to consider comments raised at the previous meeting of the subcommittee. A revised version had been circulated prior to the meeting. Further specific comments had been received from Prof. Alexanderssen. In his absence these were circulated to all members and were discussed in detail.

Following discussion and several amendments to the draft report, the report was approved by the sub committee. The document will now go forward to the Scientific Committee on Animal Health and Animal Welfare for discussion and possible adoption at its meeting on 10 March 1999.

5. Review and follow-up of questions put to the Sub-Committee - Progress reports from the

Working groups

(i) Possible links between Crohns disease and paratuberculosis

Prof. Badiola informed the sub committee that initial work on the document was almost complete. Areas covered included descriptions of both diseases, disease incidence, pathogenesis, identification of the agent in humans, possible methods of transmission etc. Problems had arisen in that much of the data (eg incidences) was not compatible or was lacking.

(ii) Revision of the annexes to Council Directive 64/432/EEC

Dr Gunn distributed a short report on progress to date. The working group was considering the tests prescribed in the OIE manual and would recommend these techniques if they felt they were satisfactory. It was clear that more flexibility would be needed in the future regarding the incorporation of testing techniques in Community legislation. New tests or improved methods were being developed constantly and the incorporation of such techniques should not be delayed.

(iii) Classical Swine Fever in Wild Boar

Prof. Moennig reported that two productive meetings of the working group had been held. The report would be circulated among the group members and it was hoped to have it available for the next meeting of the sub committee.

(iv) Bacterial Kidney Disease

In the absence of Prof. Parodi, the Commission informed the subcommittee of the state of progress on this issue. A meeting of the working group had taken place in January and a follow up was planned for March.

6. Miscellaneous

The Chairman informed the Sub committee that both he and Dr Le Neindre, the Chairman of the Animal Welfare sub committee would be attending a working group of the Scientific Steering Committee concerning the methodology of risk assessment.

The meeting closed at 16.30h: