

Summary record of the meeting of the Scientific Committee on Animal Health and Animal Welfare, held on 23 June 1999 in Brussels, adopted 11 October 1999

List of Participants

MEMBERS

Dr. R. Ahl, Prof. J. Badiola Diez, Prof. D. Broom, Dr. M. Gunn, Prof. Dr. J. Hartung, Prof. P. Jensen, Dr. P. Le Neindre (Chairman), Prof. Dr. V. Moennig, Dr. D. Morton, Prof. G. Panina, Prof. A-L. Parodi, Prof. Dr. J. van Oirschot, Dr. E. Vanopdenbosch

COMMISSION

Dr. J. Moynagh, Dr. G. Morosetti

APOLOGIES

Dr. F. Garrido-Abellan, Prof. S. Alexandersen, Dr. D. Alexander, Prof. M.Verga, Dr. R. Dantzer

1. Adoption of the Agenda

The agenda was adopted as proposed.

2. Adoption of the record of the meeting of 10 March 1999

The minutes of the meeting were adopted without amendment.

3. i) Declarations of interest

ii) Renewal of annual declaration of interests

No member reported any conflicts of interest relating to the items under discussion. The members renewed the annual declaration of interest.

4. Report from the Sub-Committee on Animal Welfare (Dr. Le Neindre)

Prof. Le Neindre reported on the activities of the Sub-committee on Animal Welfare.

The Working group on the Welfare of Broilers met on 30 May. Much of the data collection is now complete and a working document is prepared. At least two more meetings will be required.

The work on the report on Ventilation Standards for the Transport of Animals, another important document that at present has to be produced by this Sub-committee is progressing. Prof. Hartung, rapporteur on this subject, informed the Committee that the working group is waiting for new information in order to produce an updated document. The Ventilation report should be ready for the next plenary meeting of the Committee.

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

Prof. Ahl reported on the activities of the Subcommittee on Animal Health.

At the meeting of Sub-committee on Animal Health, held on 26. May 99, the following topics were covered:

- The Report on Classical Swine Fever in Wild Boar (Rapp. Prof. Moennig) was examined, discussed and approved by the Sub-committee.
- The draft on The Inactivation of Viruses in Blood (Rapp. Prof. van Oirschot) was discussed and needs further revision.
- Dr. Alexander was asked to deal with a request for an opinion of the Committee on Diagnostic Testing for Crimean Congo Haemorrhagic Fever Virus Infections in Ratites.

The discussion of the draft report of the working group on the Revision of the annexes to Council Directive 64/432/EEC was postponed to the next meeting of the Subcommittee in September. The working group on the Eradication of Bacterial Kidney Disease is currently finalising the draft report

6. Discussion and possible adoption by the Committee of a report on Classical Swine Fever in Wild Boar (Rapporteur: Prof. Moennig)

The Committee discussed and examined in detail the draft report approved by the Sub-committee on Animal Health. In the light of several amendments to the draft report, it was decided that the document would be amended, sent out by electronic mail for possible approval by means of the written procedure.

7. Miscellaneous

Prof. Vanopdenbosch , rapporteur of the SSC-working group on the effects of breeding for scrapie resistance on the disease, informed the Committee on the progress on this subject. The results will be presented and discussed at the SSC Plenary on 24-25 June 99.

Information from the Commission on the addition of a new member to the Committee. The Commission informed the members about the procedures being followed to fill the vacant position in the Committee.

The meeting closed at 17.00h.