

Summary record of the meeting held on 15 December 1998 in Brussels, adopted 17 February 1999

List of Participants

MEMBERS

Dr. R. Ahl, Chairman, Prof. S. Alexandersen , Dr. F. Garrido-Abellan, Dr. M. Gunn, Prof. Dr. V. Moennig, Prof. A-L. Parodi, Prof. Dr. J. van Oirschot, Dr. E. Vanopdenbosch

COMMISSION

Mr. J. Moynagh,

APOLOGIES

Dr. D. Alexander, Prof. J. Badiola Diez, Prof. G. Panina

1. Adoption of the Agenda

The agenda was adopted as proposed

2. Adoption of minutes of meeting of 24 November 1998

The minutes of the meeting were adopted with minor corrections.

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

In the absence of Prof. Panina, Dr Ahl presented this draft report to the Committee. This consisted firstly of reviewing the work completed on the first section of the document at the previous meeting. Specific written comments, both on this section and on the remainder of the draft, had been introduced by two members and these were reviewed.

The sub committee then commenced a detailed, line by line, examination of the entire document and agreed several amendments to the text. Specific areas were identified where additional information was required. Dr Ahl and Prof. Panina were requested to consider these points with the assistance of the working group if necessary.

The draft document will be discussed again at the next meeting of the subcommittee. If approved it can be discussed at the plenary meeting of the Scientific Committee on Animal Health and Animal Welfare in March.

5. Miscellaneous

Dr Garrido-Abellan, rapporteur of the working group dealing with *Brucella melitensis*, gave a detailed account of the

issues involved in this question. There were problems relating both to the tests used, the efficacy of vaccines and the incidence of this zoonosis appeared to have increased in some regions recently. It was anticipated that the working group would meet for the first time in the near future.