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List of Participants

MEMBERS

Dr. R. Ahl, (Chairman)
Dr. D. Alexander
Dr. M. Gunn
Dr P. Have
Prof. Dr. V. Moennig
Prof. Dr. J. van Oirschot
Prof. G. Panina
Prof. A-L. Parodi
Dr. M. Sharp
Dr. E. Vanopdenbosch
Prof. M. Wierup

COMMISSION

Dr. J. Serratosa
Dr. R. Horgan
Dr. M. Pittman
Mrs S. Iñigo
Mr J. Claxton (p.m. only)

APOLOGIES

Prof. J. Noordhuizen

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1. Adoption of the Agenda

The agenda was adopted.

2. Adoption of minutes of the previous Sub-Committee meeting

The minutes of the meeting were adopted after one minor editorial change.

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 the following report: on “Avian Chlamydiosis”

The chairman of the Working Group introduced the document. The sub-committee agreed to discuss it in detail and proposals for amendments were made. The chairman invited redrafting of some parts of the document before re-submitting it for approval. The draft will be circulated in advance of the next sub-committee meeting on 20 March, in order to be re-presented for approval.

5. Miscellaneous

5.1. Conflicts of interest.

The Secretary distributed an annual statement of member's interests, in order to comply with the rules of procedure established by the Scientific Committees. The statement will be requested at the SCAHAW plenary meeting of the 5 February.

5.2. Working group “rabies”.

The chairman of the working group explained the outcome of the first meeting held on 17 January in Brussels on oral vaccination methods of the fox against rabies.

5.3. Animal Health and Animal Welfare priorities for research.

Mr. Claxton of D.G. Research provided an overview of developments regarding the proposed “Sixth Framework Programme 2002-2006”. Scientific Committees are invited to propose what they consider to be priorities for future research.

The chairman informed the subcommittee members that contributions from the members of the sub-committee will be compiled on January 29 in Brussels between the 3 chairmen (2 sub-committees and the plenary). A final draft will be prepared, in order to be submitted for possible adoption at the plenary meeting on 5 February.

5.4. ssDNA viruses Porcine Post-weaning Multisystemic Wasting Syndrome.

The secretary asked the subcommittee if they were interested in inviting an expert to discuss this disease. For different reasons this was considered unnecessary, based on the current state of knowledge regarding this disease. The absence of trade consequences associated with this disease was also mentioned by Prof. van Oirschot.

5.5. Foot and Mouth Disease (Brussels conference-December 2001)

Members of the Committee asked the Commission officials if information could be given in relation to the outcome of this conference. The web-site address was distributed to committee members.
(<http://www.cmlag.fgov.be/eng/conference.html>)