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**List of Participants**

**MEMBERS**

Dr. R. Ahl,  
Dr. D. Alexander  
Dr H. Blokhuis  
Prof. D. M. Broom  
Dr. M. Gunn  
Dr. P. Have  
Prof. Dr. V. Moennig  
Dr. P. Le Neindre, Chairman  
Prof. J. Noordhuizen  
Prof. G. Panina  
Prof. A-L. Parodi  
Dr. M. Sharp  
Prof. Dr. J. van Oirschot  
Dr. E. Vanopdenbosch  
Prof. M. Wierup

**COMMISSION**

Ms. M. Marini  
Mr. J. Serratosa  
Mr J. Claxton

**APOLOGIES**

Dr. R. Dantzer  
Prof. P. Jensen  
Prof. M. Verga  
Dr. D. B. Morton

**ABSENT**

None

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**1. Welcome and apologies**

Apologies and attendance is listed on page 2. Mr. John Claxton was introduced as the new official in DG Research in charge of issues related on animal health and animal welfare.

**2. Adoption of the agenda**

The agenda was adopted as proposed.

**3. Declarations of interest**

No member reported any conflict of interest relating to matters under discussion at today's meeting.

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

The summary record of the meeting of 12 July 2001 was adopted with some minor editorial changes.

**5. Report from the Sub-Committee on Animal Health (Prof. Moennig)**

The subcommittee on animal health met on 25 September.

The subcommittee discussed the draft report on "Contagious Bovine Pleuropneumonia (CBPP) for possible approval. After some amendments, the draft report was approved and will be discussed today at the SCAHAW for possible adoption.

The working group dealing with "risks of disease transmission through feeding fish waste" and the "Chlamydiosis review" (Psittacosis), have been reactivated in order to finalise their reports as soon as possible and to present it to the Sub-committee

The Sub-committee has been asked to provide a report on "oral vaccination methods of the fox against rabies", taking account of background documents provided by the Commission. The formation of a working group is in progress.

Dr. E. Vanopdenbosch briefly summarised the current situation on the BSE in the framework of the activities of the SSC.

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

The Sub-committee met on 24-25 September 2001. This meeting had only one major point on the agenda, which was the discussion of a draft report on the welfare of animals kept for fur production. The group did not manage to finalise the report at this meeting, and it was decided to hold an extra meeting on 23 October, with the aim of adopting the report at the latest at the ordinary meeting on the 26 November. According to this time schedule, the report will be submitted to the plenary meeting of the SCAHAW for possible adoption on 12 December.

The working group on the welfare of animals during transport has met twice, on 31 August and 8 October. A draft report is expected to be submitted to the members of the Sub-committee on 26 November. This report will be discussed by the Sub-committee as soon as the report on animals kept for fur production is finalised. It is possible that the report can be submitted to the plenary session at the next meeting on 12 December. Otherwise, it will be submitted at the first meeting in 2002.

The Sub-committee has been asked to provide a report on primates kept for laboratory purposes, taking account of a background document provided by the Commission. The formation of a working group is in progress, but no meetings have yet been held.

## **7. Discussion and possible adoption by the Committee of a report on “Contagious Bovine Pleuropneumonia (CBPP)” (Rapporteur: Prof. J. Noordhuizen)**

The draft report and its diagnostic tests was introduced by the chairman of the working group, Prof. Noordhuizen. The document was discussed in detail and proposals for amendment were made. The report was adopted unanimously, subject to editorial changes.

## **8. Miscellaneous.**

**8.1.** Format for expression of opinions of the scientific advisory committee, comments from the committee on animal health and animal welfare. The chairman presented a summary of the outcome of the discussion at the last plenary on 12 July. New elements were introduced and it was decided that the chairman would present a final document for approval at the next plenary on 12 December.

**8.2.** Meetings to be held in 2002. The secretary presented a proposal for dates in order to plan the meetings of the Sub-committees and the Committee. After some discussion it was decided that a final amended calendar will be presented for adoption at the next plenary meeting.

**8.3.** The next plenary meeting will take place on 12 December: It was agreed that a two-days meeting should be necessary in order to treat all the pending issues. It was agreed that the secretary will explore the possibilities to have a room on the 11 or 13 December. A circular will be communicated to the members of the SCAHAW.