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**List of Participants**

**MEMBERS**

Dr. R. Ahl (First Vice-Chairman)

Dr. H. Blokhuis

Prof. D. M. Broom

Dr. M. Gunn

Dr. P. Have

Prof. V. Moennig

Dr. D. Morton

Prof. J. Noordhuizen

Prof. G. Panina

Prof. A-L. Parodi

Dr. M. Sharp

Dr. E. Vanopdenbosch

Prof. J. van Oirschot

Prof. M. Verga

Prof. M. Wierup

**COMMISSION**

Mr. R. Horgan

Dr. J. Serratos

Dr. J. Claxton (a.m.)

Ms. S. Mateljan

Ms. M. Duboile

**APOLOGIES**

Dr. D. Alexander

Dr. R. Dantzer

Prof. P. Jensen

Dr. P. Le Neindre (Chairman)

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**1. Welcome and apologies**

Apologies and attendance are listed on pages 1 and 2. Since the Chairman Dr. Pierre Le Neindre was absent, the meeting was chaired by the First Vice-Chairman Dr. Reinhard Ahl.

**2. Adoption of the agenda**

The agenda was adopted after some modifications. The order of points 7 and 8 on the draft agenda was reversed and a number of additional items were proposed for discussion under "Miscellaneous".

**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 16<sup>th</sup> April was adopted.

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

The last meeting of the Sub-Committee on animal health (SCAH) took place in Brussels on September 25<sup>th</sup>, with preceding meetings on July 11<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> where the draft report on the oral vaccination of foxes against rabies was reviewed and revised. At the meeting of September 25<sup>th</sup> this report was approved by the Sub-Committee, subject to some final clarifications and editorial amendments. This report will be tabled for discussion and possible adoption at the plenary meeting of October.

The working group considering the use of fish by-products in aquaculture has held a number of meetings and a draft document may be presented for discussion at the next Sub-Committee meeting on November 20<sup>th</sup>.

Work is progressing in the two parallel working groups examining the issue of diagnostic techniques and vaccines for a number of List A OIE diseases (Foot-and-Mouth Disease, Classical Swine Fever and Avian Influenza), and a number of meetings are planned.

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

The Sub-Committee has met once since the last plenary meeting, on September 24<sup>th</sup>. At this meeting the Sub-Committee discussed in detail the draft report of the working group on the welfare of non-human primates used in research. Following some modifications and a subsequent e-mail scrutiny the document was approved and will be presented at the plenary meeting of October.

The Sub-Committee approved the composition of a new working group on the welfare of animals during transport, dealing with species not covered in the previous SCAHAW report adopted on March 11<sup>th</sup>. A first meeting of this working group is planned for November 14<sup>th</sup>.

## **7. Discussion and possible adoption by the Committee of a report on “The Oral Vaccination of Foxes against Rabies”**

The Chairman of the working group Dr. Per Have introduced the draft report which was discussed in detail. The Committee members suggested various amendments and revisions and the report was unanimously adopted, subject to final editorial changes and clarifications.

## **8. Discussion and possible adoption by the Committee of a report on “The Welfare of Non-Human Primates used in Research”**

The Chairman of the working group Dr. David Morton introduced the draft report and gave an overview of the issues considered. Some comments were received from the Committee members and the document will be revised accordingly and re-discussed at the next plenary meeting.

## **9. Miscellaneous.**

A proposal for Sub-Committee and Committee meeting dates in 2003 was discussed and agreed to by the members.

The members considered the format of their scientific reports, in view of the Harmonisation of Risk Assessment reports of the Scientific Steering Committee. The members agreed that this was a useful guide, especially with regard to the future operations of the European Food Safety Authority. However, it was not considered feasible to modify the format of existing reports of the Committee accordingly.

A Commission representative provided to members a report of an animal welfare symposium, organised by DG Research, (“European Commission supported research in farm animal welfare: current work and future directions”) which took place in Brussels on 23<sup>rd</sup> April.