



**SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE ON EMERGING AND NEWLY IDENTIFIED HEALTH RISKS  
12<sup>TH</sup> PLENARY MEETING**

*Held on 20 June 2006  
in Brussels*

**1. WELCOME AND APOLOGIES**

The Chairman, Prof. J. Bridges, opened the meeting and welcomed the participants. Apologies were received from Prof. P. Hartemann, Prof. M.-O. Mattsson and Prof. D. Stahl.

**2. ADOPTION OF THE DRAFT AGENDA**

It was decided to discuss the ongoing requests in a slightly revised order (6.1, 6.4, 6.3, 6.5, 6.2).

**3. DECLARATION OF INTEREST ON MATTERS ON THE AGENDA**

Following the earlier discussions on the declaration of interests and the substantial public interest in some of the topics investigated by the SCENIHR, members discussed and confirmed the appropriateness of current procedures for the ongoing questions, i.e. the names of the experts participating in the working group are published in the adopted opinion.

The Chair of the SCENIHR Working Group (WG) on Smokeless Tobacco Products (STP) informed the Committee that some of the newly participating external experts had declared an interest in view of their affiliations. Taking into account the nature of the declarations, the Committee decided that they did not constitute a conflict and that the experts could participate in the discussions on those matters.

However, declarations made by one expert seem to be in contrast to declarations in some publications. Therefore, it was agreed to follow this up.

**4. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS PLENARY MEETING**

The draft minutes of the 11<sup>th</sup> plenary meeting were adopted subject to minor modifications. The minutes are available at:

[http://ec.europa.eu/health/ph\\_risk/committees/04\\_scenihr/docs/scenihr\\_mi\\_011.pdf](http://ec.europa.eu/health/ph_risk/committees/04_scenihr/docs/scenihr_mi_011.pdf)

## **5. CHAIR'S/MEMBERS' REPORT**

There are no special reports from the Chair or any of the members.

## **6. ONGOING REQUESTS**

### **6.1. BSE in Cosmetics (for discussion and adoption)**

The Chair reported about the meeting of the WG and thanked Prof. Silano for his contribution to the work and for serving as associate member on this question. The draft opinion was discussed and adopted after minor editorial revision.

### **6.2. EMF (for discussion and adoption)**

The Chair of the WG presented the draft opinion to the Committee. Overall, the opinion is considered to be close to its finalization. However, as the chairman of the WG and the Secretariat have received some late comments from WG- and SCENIHR-members it is being decided that the opinion will be adopted by means of written procedure after implementation of these comments and editorial revision.

### **6.3. Nanotechnologies (for discussion)**

The Chair of the WG reported about the extended WG meeting which provided an update of the current state of the art in regard to the mandate. It is foreseen that the emphasis of the work will be on chapters 2 and 3 of the Technical Guidance Documents (TGDs). Additional experts were chosen to complement the expertise of the WG.

### **6.4. Smokeless Tobacco Products (for discussion)**

The Chair of the WG informed the Committee of the ongoing work. The outline of the opinion and the allocation of tasks are finalized and contributions for many chapters have already been received. These served as a basis for discussion of the draft opinion.

### **6.5. DEHP (for discussion)**

The Chair of the WG reported about the last WG meeting where information on alternatives to DEHP was presented and discussed. The WG is currently assessing the information received on alternatives following the Call for Information.

## **7. NEW REQUESTS**

A member of the Committee offered to update the scientific basis for the work on biocide resistance. This may serve as background for a possible future mandate.

## **8. EMERGING ISSUES**

Further discussion of the papers discussed in the last plenary meeting was delayed until the next meeting.

## **9. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

Publication strategies for the opinions and other measures to increase the visibility of the work performed were discussed. Members were asked to submit names of

potentially interested scientific journals to the Secretariat. It was proposed to approach suitable journals with concrete examples of opinions.

For the opinions on nanotechnologies and Variant Creutzfeldt-Jakob Disease (vCJD), both the opinions before and after public consultation will be published on the SCENIHR website. However, in the future the “Preliminary adopted” opinion before public consultation will be replaced by the “adopted” opinion after public consultation on the SCENIHR website. Furthermore, both versions will be available on the SANCO-website on public consultations.

The Secretariat will confirm whether the next meeting will be a 1-day or 2-day meeting.

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