



EUROPEAN COMMISSION
HEALTH AND CONSUMERS DIRECTORATE-GENERAL
Public Health and Risk Assessment
Risk assessment

**SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE ON EMERGING AND NEWLY IDENTIFIED HEALTH RISKS
25TH PLENARY MEETING**

*Held on 24 June 2008
in Brussels*

1. WELCOME AND APOLOGIES

The Chairman, Prof. J. Bridges, opened the meeting and welcomed the participants. Apologies were received from Prof. A. Ahlbom and Dr. W. de Jong.

2. ADOPTION OF THE DRAFT AGENDA

The draft agenda was adopted with no further changes.

3. DECLARATION OF INTEREST ON MATTERS ON THE AGENDA

The Chair of the SCENIHR Working Group (WG) on Light Sensitivity informed the Committee that one of the invited external experts had declared an interest in view of his affiliations.

Taking into account the nature of the declaration, the Committee decided that it did not constitute a conflict of interest and that the expert could participate in the discussions on those matters.

4. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS PLENARY MEETING

The draft minutes of the 24th plenary meeting were adopted with minor modifications. The minutes are available at:

http://ec.europa.eu/health/ph_risk/committees/04_scenihhr/docs/scenihhr_mi_024.pdf

5. CHAIR'S/MEMBERS' REPORT

None

6. ONGOING REQUESTS

6.1. Biocides – antibiotic resistance (for discussion)

The Chairman of the WG informed the Committee about the ongoing work. The lack of tonnage data on the use of biocides remains an important limitation in the attempt to perform a quantitative risk assessment. The draft preliminary report is

foreseen to be finalised in September and a public consultation will be launched after the approval of the preliminary report.

6.2. EMF (for discussion)

The modified mandate (modifications in the 2nd question of the terms of reference) was presented to SCENIHR members.

6.3. Nanotechnologies Risk Assessment (for discussion)

The Chair of the WG briefly updated members about the ongoing work.

6.4. Light Sensitivity (for discussion)

The work plan for this issue was discussed. The WG will provide the final draft by end of July, which will subsequently be circulated to SCENIHR for adoption via written procedure.

6.5. Noise (for discussion/public consultation)

The Chairman of the WG presented the draft opinion to the plenary followed by a short discussion. Members suggested minor changes to the text and the report was approved for public consultation. Following final editing, the preliminary report would be published for this purpose. An additional WG meeting after the end of the consultation was already foreseen. Deadline for the public consultation is 27 August. More information will be available at:

http://ec.europa.eu/health/ph_risk/committees/04_scenihhr/scenihhr_cons_08_en.htm

7. NEW REQUESTS

None

8. EMERGING ISSUES

None

9. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

The Chair informed the members about the follow-up to the letter sent to the Director General of DG SANCO regarding reimbursement issues.

Annex I

<p>SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE ON EMERGING AND NEWLY IDENTIFIED HEALTH RISKS 25TH PLENARY MEETING</p>

Held on 24 June 2008
in Brussels

LIST OF PARTICIPANTS

MEMBERS OF THE SCENIHR:

Prof. J. BRIDGES (Chair), Prof. P. HARTEMANN (Vice chair), Dr. T. JUNG, Prof. M.-O. MATTSSON, Dr. J.-M. PAGÈS, Prof. K. RYDZYŃSKI, Prof. D. STAHL, Dr. M. THOMSEN.

EUROPEAN COMMISSION:

SCENIHR Secretariat (DG SANCO):

Mr. L. BONTOUX, Ms. N. FOUVEZ, Ms. A. KANELLOPOULOU.