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**SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL RISKS (SCHER)
27th PLENARY MEETING**

*Held on 13 January 2009
in Brussels*

Minutes

1. WELCOME AND APOLOGIES

Prof. Greim, Chair of the Committee, opened the meeting and welcomed the participants.

No apologies

2. ADOPTION OF THE DRAFT AGENDA

The draft [agenda](#) was adopted as written

3. DECLARATION OF INTEREST ON MATTERS ON THE AGENDA

Prof. C Janssen declared a possible conflict of interest in relation to item 5.1 being involved in the environment steering committee performing the voluntary RA on lead and its compounds. He also declared a possible conflict related to items 5.3

Prof. P Calow declared a possible conflict of interest in relation to item 5.2 since he was involved in the environment steering committee of NiPERA (Nickel Producers Environmental Research Association).

Prof. Ladefoged declared a possible conflict of interest in relation to item 5.2 since he was involved in the preparation of the indirect human exposure part of the RAR on nickel.

Dr Testai declared a possible conflict of interest in relation to item 5.3 being involved in the evaluation of human health part of the RAR on copper.

4. APPROVAL OF THE DRAFT MINUTES OF THE 26TH SCHER PLENARY MEETING

The [minutes](#) of the 26th SCHER plenary meeting were adopted with minor corrections

5. ONGOING REQUESTS ON REGULATION 793/93 EXISTING SUBSTANCES (ESR): (HUMAN HEALTH AND/OR ENVIRONMENT) – DG ENV/DG JRC

5.1 Voluntary RAR on lead and lead compounds (ENV part)

The opinion on the environmental part of the VRAR was adopted and is available at:
http://ec.europa.eu/health/ph_risk/committees/04_scher/docs/scher_o_111.pdf

5.2 RAR on nickel and nickel compounds (ENV part)

The opinion on the environmental part of the RAR was adopted and is available at:
http://ec.europa.eu/health/ph_risk/committees/04_scher/docs/scher_o_112.pdf

5.3 Voluntary RAR on copper and copper compounds (ENV part)

The Committee agreed that the draft opinion needed some more work and decided to organize another WG meeting to finalise the document. The final opinion would then be adopted by written procedure by mid of February.

http://ec.europa.eu/health/ph_risk/committees/04_scher/docs/scher_o_115.pdf

5.4 Voluntary RAR on lead and lead compounds (HH part)

The draft opinion on the human health part of the VRAR on lead and its compounds was discussed. Some amendments would be necessary before to adopt it. The Committee agreed that after a revision of the present draft, the final opinion would be circulated and adopted by written procedure.

http://ec.europa.eu/health/ph_risk/committees/04_scher/docs/scher_o_114.pdf

6. ONGOING REQUESTS FOR OPINIONS BY COMMISSION SERVICES ON:

6.1 Use of non-human primates in biochemical research, production and testing products and devices

The final draft was adopted without further comments and is available at:

http://ec.europa.eu/health/ph_risk/committees/04_scher/docs/scher_o_110.pdf

6.2 Risk assessment methodologies and approaches for mutagenic and carcinogenic substances

The final draft of the joint opinion was adopted by SCHER. SCENIHR and SCCP would propose the same version in their respective plenary on 19 and 21 January. The opinion is now available at:

http://ec.europa.eu/health/ph_risk/committees/04_scher/docs/scher_o_113.pdf

7. PARTICIPATION OF THE SCHER IN ACTIVITIES/WORKING GROUPS OF OTHER SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEES OF THE COMMISSION OR EFSA

7.1 SCCP

The SCHER members involved in the working group on the use of the Threshold of Toxicological Concern (TTC) approach for the safety assessment of chemicals updated the Committee on the developments of the ongoing work. The updated version of the draft would be discussed at the next SCCP plenary.

8. EMERGING ISSUES

No emerging issues

9. NEXT PLENARY MEETING

No other plenary meeting were planed for the current Committee.

10. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

As it was the last meeting of the current SCHER, the Chair thanked the committee for its hard and productive work during the term of office and the scientific secretariat for the continuous support.

Annex 1: List of participants

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LIST OF PARTICIPANTS

MEMBERS OF THE SCHER:

Prof. H. AUTRUP, Prof. P. CALOW, Prof. W. DEKANT, Prof. H. GREIM (*Chair*), Prof. W. HANKE, Prof. C. JANSSEN, Prof B. JANSSON (*vice Chair*), Prof. H. KOMULAINEN, Prof. O. LADEFOGED, Prof. J. LINDERS, Dr I. MANGELSDORF, Prof. M. NUTI, Prof. A. STEENHOUT, Prof. J. TARAZONA (*vice Chair*), Dr. E. TESTAI, Prof. M. VIGHI, Prof. M. VILUKSELA.

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