



ICG/Minutes 23.11.2005

**SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEES**  
**8<sup>TH</sup> MEETING OF THE INTER-COMMITTEES COORDINATION GROUP (ICG)**

**23 November 2005**

**1. WELCOME AND APOLOGIES**

The Chair welcomed all the participants to the meeting.

**2. APPROVAL OF THE DRAFT AGENDA**

The [draft agenda](#) was approved.

**3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None.

**4. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE 7<sup>TH</sup> MEETING OF THE ICCG**

The draft minutes of the 7<sup>th</sup> meeting were adopted and they are available at [http://europa.eu.int/comm/health/ph\\_risk/committees/coordination/docs/coord\\_mi\\_007.pdf](http://europa.eu.int/comm/health/ph_risk/committees/coordination/docs/coord_mi_007.pdf)

**5. INFORMATION EXCHANGE**

**5.1. Administrative and general matters**

The chair informed Committee members that Katja Bromen would take over as the Scientific Secretary for the SCENIHR at the beginning of December.

**5.2. Information from/to chairs and vice chairs**

**5.2.1. SCCP**

The key points for discussion were the hair dyes, combined exposure to several cosmetic ingredients and UV in sun beds. It was noted that the SCENIHR opinion on variant Creutzfeldt - Jakob disease (vCJD) may have some impact on the risk assessment of some cosmetic products: the Notes of Guidance would be updated accordingly.

### **5.2.2. SCHER**

The opinion on alternative methods for endocrine disruptors and biodegradability of detergents would be adopted soon, while the work continued on indoor air (including air fresheners).

### **5.2.3. SCENIHR**

The public consultation on the nanotechnology opinion continued and had already obtained 12000 hits. The vCJD consultation would be launched soon. It was estimated that the assessment of EMF would be finalised in late spring 2006 and it would also be put on the SANCO Public Health website for public consultation.

It was proposed that the declarations of interest by external experts would be dealt with in the plenary meetings of the Committee in question. In the Acknowledgement Chapter of the actual opinion, the Committee members and external experts would be grouped separately and affiliations of the external experts would be indicated. If there were external experts who had declared an interest in the issues assessed in the opinion it would be indicated as a footnote and with a hyperlink reference to the minutes of the respective plenary meeting. This practice would be used in all Committees.

### **5.3. New requests on the WP of the three Scientific Committees**

New requests for scientific opinions for the SCCP were foreseen on allergenicity, frameworks of risk assessment methodologies in use for genotoxicity, carcinogenicity and mutagenicity as well as a request for advice on tooth whiteners. The SCHER would receive 130 risk assessment reports, the revised Technical Guidance Document on the Risk assessment of Human Health and organotins for evaluation. The SCENIHR was expected to receive new requests on di(2-ethylhexyl)phthalate (DEHP), oral tobacco products and possibly biocides. Other requests for 2006 would be discussed in detail at the ICCG meeting in January.

### **5.4. Maximising the contribution of science to European health and safety – Update**

The Science paper would be discussed in detail at the forthcoming meeting of Chairs of the EU Scientific Committees.

## **6. NEW AND EMERGING ISSUES**

The chair reported on the experiences in the preliminary risk assessment and about the regular monitoring of the media on emerging issues. It was decided that the “Risk Watch” would also be distributed to all Committee members.

It was recognised that the approach to emerging risks was an issue for all Committees and needed a continuous dialogue with various societies in Europe.

## **7. COLLABORATION WITH OTHER COMMUNITY BODIES**

### **7.1.1. EFSA**

EFSA had launched a Call for expressions of interest for Committee members and the deadline was 7 January 2006.

EFSA had also recently organised a workshop on genotoxicity.

### **7.1.2. Meeting of Chairs of SCs in the Community risk assessment bodies**

The Meeting of Chairs of Scientific Committees in the Community Risk Assessment bodies would take place on 7-8 December. All Community bodies involved in risk assessment would participate and give a presentation on the specific interest areas. The final agenda of the Meeting would be circulated the following week. The SANCO Science paper would also be discussed in this meeting. Special breakout sessions would be organised on diverging opinions, environmental risk assessment and mutual co-operation.

### **7.1.3. Other**

The Inter-Committee Coordination Group would meet in 2006 on 24 January, 5 April, 19 June, 25 September and 29 November.

## **8. COLLABORATION WITH JRC & RTD**

Mr. S. Kephelopoulos from JRC Unit I5 Physical and Chemical Exposures made a presentation on the activities in JRC and informed about the forthcoming workshop on exposure to chemicals and noise (takes place in February-March 2006). The JRC projects were considered very relevant to the current work in all non-food Scientific Committees.

Specific programmes had been developed for the 7<sup>th</sup> Framework Programme for Research, but the budget had not yet been decided. Briefing on the Science Council would be organised soon.

## **9. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

It was decided to discuss REACH and its potential implications for risk assessment in the non-food Scientific Committees.

Annex I: List of participants

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<b>INTER COMMITTEE COORDINATION GROUP</b>
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<b>8<sup>TH</sup> MEETING</b>
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23<sup>rd</sup> November 2005  
in Brussels

### **LIST OF PARTICIPANTS**

#### **Chairs and vice-Chairs of the Scientific Committees**

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##### **SANCO C7 'RISK ASSESSMENT'**

Mr. P. WAGSTAFFE (Chair), Ms. M. PUOLAMAA (Secretariat of SCENIHR and the ICCG), G. FONTANESI (SCHER Secretariat), Ms. T. PEETSO and Mr. A. VAN ELST (SCCP Secretariat)

##### **SANCO B3 'PRODUCT AND SERVICE SAFETY'**

Mr. P. DASKALEROS

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