

ACTION PLAN

to raise the profile of DG SANCO Scientific Committees



Risk Assessment Days
**Joint meeting of SCENIHR, SCCP
and SCHER**

Brussels, 22 March 2007

Objective - Elements of the Action Plan

■ **Objective:**

to contribute to maintain a very high level of quality of the scientific advice, membership of Committees and Working Groups as well as visibility and communication of Committees' work and results

■ **Elements:**

- better communication and visibility of Opinions, SC and their work
- enhanced links and collaboration with other scientific bodies
- better contact with and feedback from policy makers and stakeholders
- recognition of Members and experts

Better communication and visibility of opinions, SC and their work

■ Done or in progress

- ISO identification number (ISSN)
- New layout of opinions
- Press action to accompany publication of opinions
- Newsletter of the SCs
- Dissemination list and strategy
- Leaflets, poster and video on the SC
- Logo

■ Planned

- E-compendium of opinions
- Accord with publishers for publication of abstracts or edited opinions
- Improvement of RA web pages

Better links and collaboration with other scientific bodies

■ Done or ongoing

- European/International Risk Assessment Conferences
- Identify networks of scientific bodies and establish arrangements for exchange of expertise, dissemination of opinions and collaboration

■ Planned

- Thematic scientific workshops
- Promote and support participation of members in scientific conferences

Improved contacts with and feedback from policy makers and stakeholders

- **Done or on-going**

- Risk assessment Days

- **Planned**

- Feedback procedure to be agreed with other Commission DGs

Recognition of Members and Experts

■ Done or on-going

- better identification of rapporteurs and WG members in the opinions
- individual letters of appreciation copied to the respective organisations when requested

■ Planned

- to introduce a title for the function of SC member
- certificates (based on EFSA experience)

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