



8TH PLENARY MEETING OF THE SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL RISKS

19 September 2014

Minutes

1. Welcome and apologies

No apologies received (see Annex I).

2. Adoption of the agenda

As there were no additional issues the agenda was adopted without any changes.

3. Declaration of interests on matters on the agenda

No conflict of interest was reported.

4. Chair's / member's report

The Chair informed about the meeting of the working group on fertilizers in Brussels in May on the preliminary opinion on calcium cyanamide (see point 6).

Meeting on assessment in Brussels in relation to the ASHT project and rapid risk assessment for chemicals was mentioned (see point 9).

5. Communication by Commission Departments

The Commission summarised the priorities of the new Commission in the health area.

The Chair informed about the ICCG Meeting scheduled for 16 October 2014 in Luxembourg and the main points for the SCHER:

- ✓ Future new mandate on safety of sunbeds
- ✓ Rapid risk assessment
- ✓ Document on how to handle possible conflict of interest

The Chair stressed the importance of having any possible conflict of interest recorded in the minutes.

6. On-going work

Opinion on the potential risks to human health and the environment from the use of calcium cyanamide as fertiliser

The Chair of the WG gave an overview on the status of the opinion. Comments from one company were received. A meeting of the working group took place on 18 September; tasks had been distributed among the working group members.

Opinion on cadmium in fertilisers

The Chair of the working group briefed on the outcomes of the working group meeting on 18 September. The request for an opinion is a request for a revision of a previous opinion from 2002 in light of new literature and developments.

Opinion on chromium VI in toys

As regards the opinion on chromium VI in toys, the public consultation is on-going and will end in September.

7. Joint Opinions/ Participation of members in activities of other scientific bodies Synthetic Biology - update on on-going work

Action for SCHER members: to review the draft opinion and to provide comments.

The Chair emphasised that SCHER should be actively involved in the discussion on the opinion and that it should be thoroughly discussed in the next meeting of the SCHER.

8. New Mandates

No new mandates were received since the last plenary.

9. Discussion on “Response to serious cross border threats to health”

The Quicksilver exercise (taking place on 24-25 September) was discussed.

Evaluation of the exercise will be done in the next plenary meeting.

10. Any other business

Authorship/acknowledgements

Rules of procedure on how to become external experts of a SC working group have been stated. *In primis* the members of the SCHER are entitled to be part of the working group. If a particular expertise is needed, the Pool of Advisors should be searched, followed by the expert data base (an open data base accessible on line from the Scientific Committees website) and finally by an open call for expert. In that case, e.g. extensive work and participation, authorship is granted.

In case of minor contribution, (e.g. students' work for tables) the SCHER member is responsible for the work, there are no authorship rights.

11. Next meetings:

WG on Cd in fertilizers – 27 November 2014

SCHER plenary meeting - 28 November 2014

WG on CaCN₂ – 15 December 2014

Plenary meetings in 2015 have been planned as follows:

22-23 January

23-24 April

25-26 June

24-25 September

26-27 November

Annex I:

List of participants:

Members of SCHER

Maria José Carroquino, Raquel Duarte-Davidson, Jadwiga Gzyl, Renate Krätke, Greet Schoeters, Colin Janssen, Claire Beausoleil, Jan Linders, Alena Bartonova, Teresa Fernandes, Pim de Voogt

Apologies: -

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