

STANDING COMMITTEE FOR AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH (SCAR)
80th Plenary Meeting
Brussels, 9-10 June 2005, CCAB – Room 2A

Summary Report

Chairman: *Christian Patermann*, Director DG RTD/E
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1. Opening of meeting

- Welcome to new members observers from Candidate Countries – BG, RO, TK – and from countries associated with FP6 – CH, IL, IS, NO. Decision was taken to fully involve them in SCAR works, according to Council Regulation N° 1728/74 establishing SCAR.
- Acknowledgement of the work done by the SCAR Working Group. Participation of further delegations is open and encouraged.

2. Approval of draft agenda

3. Approval of draft minutes from the meeting 2-3 February 2005

4. Agriculture research structures and perspectives in Member States

- Presentations from ES, PL, SE and SK delegations on agriculture research structures and perspectives in these countries.

5. Reporting overview from SCAR Working Group meetings

- The representative of Luxembourg Presidency gave an overview of the work done by the SCAR Working Group, which met twice (8 March and 27 April).

6. Process for SCAR input to FP7

- A discussion paper, elaborated on the basis of the discussions at the first SCAR meeting and further comments from other delegations, was presented by the forthcoming UK Presidency. Following the discussion, it was agreed that, once refined, it would be considered as a SCAR working paper.

7. Priority topics for a Common Research Agenda

- EC presented a compilation of responses from MS on their commitment to participate in collaborative working groups (CWG), as coordinator or participant. 11 proposals for coordinating CWG were identified, 8 of which accompanied by a descriptive "fiche" setting out the rationale for collaboration and potential tasks/deliverables.

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8. Mapping of activities and infrastructures in the field of agricultural research

- A draft paper on infrastructures was discussed. The paper, which addresses possible SCAR inputs to FP7 (short-term) and to ESFRI activities (long-term), have been circulated in ESFRI steering groups.
- Mapping activities will be carried out by building on EU-funded projects one successful proposal from the last SSP call which already include this type of exercise. Support from SCAR will be needed through providing access to information and validation of results.

9. Development of a prototype for a SCAR web portal

- Demonstration was made on the development of a prototype for a SCAR web portal (available at <http://www.inra.fr/Internet/Projets/scar-net/index-fondbleu.htm>), which will link with relevant MS/CC/AC institutions. All MS and Observers were asked to draft their respective Country Web Page.

10. Follow-up

- EC will report on SCAR activities to the Agriculture Council meeting on 20-22 June 2005.
- Next SCAR Working Group meeting: 6 July 2005
- Next SCAR meeting: 1-2 December

11. Forthcoming events

- Table of DG RTD/E activities and events.