

STANDING COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH

Sixth Plenary Meeting
Brussels, 25-26 June 2007 - Centre Albert Borschette (CCAB) – Room

Draft Agenda *Chairman: Ch. Patermann*

25 June 2007, 19:00 Dinner

Restaurant “L’Atelier européen”, 28, rue Franklin, 1000-Bruxelles
Participation of Joachim von BRAUN, Director General IFPRI

26 June 2007, 8:30 – 11:30 hrs

1. Opening of meeting

- *Welcome/Introduction, Ch. Patermann, Director, DG RTD/E*

2. Adoption of the draft agenda

3. Adoption of the draft minutes from the meeting 4-5 December 2006

4. Agricultural research structures and perspectives in SCAR countries

- *Contribution from EE, FI, HR, LT and LV delegations*

5. Foresight activities – EU outlook agriculture 2020

- *Presentation and endorsement of a summary/discussion paper from the Stockholm Workshop, Uno Svedin, SE*
- *Expectations from the Conference "Towards Future Challenges of Agricultural Research in Europe", 26-27 June 2007*
- *Towards a Commission report on the coordination of agricultural research in Europe*

6. Update on on-going activities

- *Reporting overview from SCAR-WG meetings, Wolfgang Ritter, DE Presidency*
- *Update on progress from collaborative working groups (CWGs), SCAR Secretariat*
- *Update on ERA-Net proposals*
- *The EU AGRI MAPPING project, SK delegation*
- *Progress towards SCAR reporting to Agriculture Council*

7. Conclusions

8. AOB

- *Green Paper "The European Research Area: New Perspectives"*

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Summary Report

Chairman: *Christian Patermann*, Director DG RTD/E
Secretary: *François Constantin*, DG RTD/E4¹

1. Opening of meeting

2. Approval of draft agenda

3. Approval of draft minutes from the meeting 4-5 December 2006

4. Agriculture research structures and perspectives in SCAR Countries

EE, FI, HR, LT, and LV gave a presentation on their respective agriculture research structures and perspectives. Volunteers for the next SCAR meeting: **BE, DK, NL and SI.**

5. Foresight activities – EU outlook agriculture 2020

The Chair presented the background to the foresight process and the relevant steps from the Foresight Expert group synthesis report, from the preparatory workshop held in Stockholm on 29-30 March 2007 up to the discussion paper from this workshop drafted by the "workshop coordinating committee" of the SCAR-WG, which was recently made available to the public through the SCAR website.

The paper, which will be the main supporting document for the *Conference "Towards Future Challenges of Agricultural Research in Europe", 26-27 June 2007*, was endorsed by the SCAR members.

The Chair briefly illustrated the Conference agenda and informed the audience on his personal expectations from the event, mainly in terms of content and impact of the future agricultural research agenda (and the role of Europe in that respect), in terms of renewed structures and mechanisms to implement this agenda, and finally as regards the future role the foresight process in that context.

The Chair mentioned that the results of this comprehensive foresight process, including the outcome of the Conference discussions, were expected to provide important inputs to a report on the coordination of agricultural research in Europe that the Commission would, according to the Regulation establishing SCAR, transmit to the European Parliament and the Council. It is envisaged that this report will be finalised in the first half of 2008.

6. Update on on-going activities

The DE Presidency gave an overview of the work done by the SCAR Working Group, which met twice since the last plenary meeting in December (19 January and 19 April, before and after the Stockholm workshop). The participation of further delegations to the

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SCAR-WG was encouraged, especially in the next "Conference debriefing" meeting which will take place on 27 June, just after the Conference. The Chair stressed the need for a commitment from the next PT Presidency into SCAR activities and participation in the SCAR-WG.

The SCAR Secretariat gave an overview on the development of the 12 CWGs and the opportunities for some of them to submit ERA-Net proposals to relevant forthcoming FP7 calls. The Chair stressed that a new round of consultations for new possible CWGs topics could be launched only after a careful assessment of the outcome of the Conference.

The SK delegation gave a short overview on the development of EU AGRI MAPPING project, which is expected to provide additional input to the foresight process and to the EC report to the EP and the Council.

The Chair reminded that at the last plenary meeting in December SCAR adopted an interim report on the progress achieved by the main initiatives undertaken by SCAR (Common Research Agenda, Foresight and Mapping). An executive summary of this report was sent to Commissioners Potočnik and Fischer Boel, as an annex of a possible speech to be given in a forthcoming Agriculture Council meeting. In that respect, the DE Presidency expressed the wish that an information item on SCAR activities and the outcome of the Conference would be put on the agenda of a forthcoming Agriculture Council meeting, and the next PT Presidency was encouraged to take the appropriate measures accordingly.

7. Conclusions

Proposal for the next SCAR plenary meeting: Tuesday 4 December 2007 all day (with dinner the evening of Monday 3rd)

8. AOB

The Chair stressed the importance of the wide debate on the Green Paper on the ERA and announced that this item will be put on the agenda of the next SCAR meeting on 4 December 2007

This was the last SCAR meeting chaired by Christian Patermann before retiring from the Commission. He was warmly thanked by the delegates who gave him a standing ovation.

Country	Organism participating in SCAR meeting 4-5 December 2006
AT	Lebensministerium
BE	Office fédéral de l'agriculture - OFAG
CH	Institute for Agriculture and Fisheries Research
CZ	Ministry of Agriculture of the Czech Republic
DE	Bundesministerium für Bildung und Forschung
	Bundesministerium für Verbraucherschutz, Ernährung und Landwirtschaft
DK	Development, Environment and Rural Development Directorate for Food, Fisheries and Agri Business
EE	Ministry of Agriculture
EL	Aristotle University of Thessaloniki
FI	Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry, Department of Agriculture
FR	Ministère de l'agriculture, de l'alimentation, de la pêche et des affaires rurales
	INRA
HR	J. J. Strossmayer University in Osijek
HU	Ministry of Agriculture
IE	TEAGASC
	Department of Agriculture & Food
IL	Agricultural Research Organization
IS	The Ministry of Agriculture
IT	Ministero de Politiche Agricole e Forestali
LT	Ministry of Agriculture Department of Rural Development Division of Science and Training
LU	Administration des Services Techniques de l'Agriculture
LV	Division of the development of environment, the Department of Rural Development
NL	Knowledge Directorate Ministry of Agriculture, Nature and Food Quality
NO	The Research Council of Norway, Dept. Agriculture and Marine Issues
PL	Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development
PT	INIA
RO	Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Rural Development, Quality, Research and Development Department
	Academy for Agricultural and forestry Sciences
SE	Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Consumer Affairs Agriculture Division - research section
	The Swedish Research Council for Environment, Agricultural Sciences and Spatial Planning
SI	Agricultural Institute of Slovenia
SK	Agentura Slovenskej akadémie pôdohospodarských vied
UK	Department for Environment, Food and Rural affairs