



RISK ASSESSMENT AND THE EC SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEES
INFORMATION SESSION FOR THE MEMBERS OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT

21 March 2007 – Time: 12:45-14:30

Brussels, Charlemagne Buidling, rue de la Loi 170, Meeting Room S4

DRAFT ANNOTATED AGENDA

The aim of the session is to provide interested Members of the Parliament with some information on the role, functioning and results of three Scientific Committees advising on consumer safety, health and environmental risks. This is intended as a first contact allowing Members of the Parliament to consider the interest of reinforced dialogue with scientists.

Time	Subject	Speaker	Annotations
12:45-12:55	Welcome, background and objectives of the information session.	Ms Paola Testori Coggi Deputy Director General Commission-DG Health and Consumer Protection	The reasons for this initiative <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The role of scientific advice• Principles applied• Follow up to scientific opinions• Wish to ensure better visibility and enhance dialogue between scientists and policy makers.
12:55-13:05	The EU scientific advice structure.	Mr Bernardo Delogu Head of Unit	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Description of the scientific advice structure to support the EU decision making process• Relationships between the EU Risk assessment bodies• Main issues for the future of the EU scientific assessment structure

Sandwich lunch will be available starting at 12:30

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13:05-13:20	The Scientific Committee on Emerging and newly Identified Health Risks (SCENIHR): Mandate, structure, composition, main subjects and results	Prof. James Bridges Chair SCENIHR	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nature of work and mandate of SCENIHR • Profile and expertise of SCENIHR members • How SCENIHR works in practice • Examples of recent important subjects considered and main results: EMF, Nanotechnology
13:20-13:35	The Scientific Committee on Consumer Products (SCCP): Mandate, structure, composition, main subjects and results	Dr. Ian White Chair SCCP	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nature of work and mandate of SCCP • Profile and expertise of SCCP members • How SCCP works in practice • Examples of recent important subjects considered and main results: Hair dyes (bladder cancer, sensitisation), sun beds, nanomaterials in cosmetics
13:35-13:50	The Scientific Committee on Health and Environmental Risks: (SCHER), Mandate structure, composition, main subjects and results	Prof. Helmut Greim Chair SCHER	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nature of work and mandate of SCHER • Profile and expertise of SCHER members • How SCHER works in practice • Examples of recent important subjects considered and main results: Indoor air quality, air fresheners, organotins
13:50-14:20	Comments, questions and answers	All	
14:20-14:30	Conclusions	Ms Paola Testori Coggi	