



ICG/Minutes 16.02.2005

SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEES

4TH MEETING OF THE INTER-COMMITTEES COORDINATION GROUP

16 February 2005

1. WELCOME AND APOLOGIES

P. Wagstaffe, chair of the Inter-Committees Coordination group, opened the meeting and welcomed the participants.

Apologies: Philippe Martin.

2. APPROVAL OF THE DRAFT AGENDA

The [draft agenda](#) was approved.

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

4. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE 3RD MEETING OF THE ICG

The draft minutes of the 3rd meeting were adopted and are available at

http://europa.eu.int/comm/health/ph_risk/committees/coordination/docs/coord_mi_003.pdf

It was agreed to circulate the minutes of the 3rd meeting of the ICG to all Committees' members to highlight the importance of establishing clear principles concerning the involvement of members in private initiatives.

5. HARMONISED PROCEDURE ON THE INPUT OF THE SC MEMBERS IN EFSA WG GENTOX DRAFT DOCUMENT

Members of the Committees were encouraged not to send comments directly to EFSA but to convey individual opinions through the ad-hoc Working Group (with representatives of the three Committees and led by SCHER). The working group would produce a paper as a contribution to EFSA's draft document. After the adoption of the final document by EFSA, a scientific opinion would be adopted by SCHER, acting as lead Committee.

6. INFORMATION EXCHANGE

a. INFORMATION FROM/TO CHAIRS AND VICE CHAIRS

i. SCCP

Submissions following the public consultation on the preliminary opinion on hydrogen peroxide in tooth whitening products were being reviewed. The draft opinion would be presented at the next plenary meeting.

The environmental impact of cosmetics' waste was raised as a risk which may steadily be increasing with a wider and more frequent use of these products.

ii. SCHER

The main ongoing requests were on paint strippers, non-biodegradable detergents in anaerobic conditions, perfluorooctane sulphonate (PFOS) and air pollutants. The Committee was expecting a question on indoor air quality.

iii. SCENIHR

SCENIHR's first opinion (on the Safety of Human Blood and organs with regard to West Nile Virus) was presented for adoption in the plenary on the 17th February.

The Committee had been requested to collaborate with EFSA/EMEA for the question on risk assessment methodologies for nanotechnology.

iv. OTHERS:

1. EFSA'S WORKING GROUP ON ANIMALS USED FOR SCIENTIFIC PURPOSES

2. DG ENTERPRISE WORKING GROUP ON PVC-DEHP

The Risk Assessment unit of DG Health and Consumer Protection (SANCO C7) would be present at both meetings to assess potential implications for the Committees. The ICG would be informed of the outcome.

b. NEW REQUESTS ON THE WP OF THE THREE SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEES

i. **SCCP:** UV irradiation devices including sunbeds, nanoparticles in sunscreens

ii. **SCHER:** SEVERAL requests were expected (related to REACH) and a question on Zn.

iii. **SCENIHR:** EMF, common methodology for periodical reviews on certain topics

7. EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION WITH OTHER SANCO UNITS

The Products and Services unit (B3) was invited to exchange information with the Coordination Group on fields of common interest. After a fruitful discussion the topics agreed for further development included threshold of toxicological concern

(TTC), excess cancer risk assessment, chemical mixtures assessment and non-food related allergens.

8. RELATIONS WITH OTHER RISK ASSESSMENT BODIES

SANCO will propose the organisation of a meeting of the chairs of Scientific Committees (EMEA, EFSA, EEA, SCOEL and possibly the ECDC) for the second half of the year.

9. COLLABORATION WITH JRC

It was considered that collaboration with the Joint Research Centre (JRC) would be very interesting for the Committees which could benefit from the data available at the JRC.

A member of the Unit “Physical and Chemical Exposures” of the JRC would be invited to attend the next meeting on 27th April for an exchange of information with the ICG members regarding the activities of this Unit.

10. COHERENCE AND CONSISTENCY IN THE EXPRESSION OF SCIENTIFIC OPINIONS

A guidance document will be produced by SANCO C7 outlining the strategy to enhance coherence and consistency between the Committees.

11. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

None.

Annex I: List of participants

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INTER COMMITTEE COORDINATION GROUP

4TH MEETING

16 February 2005
in Brussels

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