



ICG/Minutes 14.09.2005

SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEES
7TH MEETING OF THE INTER-COMMITTEES COORDINATION GROUP (ICG)

14 September 2005

1. WELCOME AND APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Prof. Greim, Prof. Rogiers and Prof. Jansson.

2. APPROVAL OF THE DRAFT AGENDA

The [draft agenda](#) was approved.

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

4. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE 6TH MEETING OF THE ICG

The draft minutes of the 6th meeting were adopted with minor modifications and are available at

http://europa.eu.int/comm/health/ph_risk/committees/coordination/docs/coord_mi_006.pdf

5. INFORMATION EXCHANGE

5.1. Administrative and general matters

The chair reported that the issue of prepaid tickets had been resolved, but the option would be available on an exceptional basis only.

5.2. Information from/to chairs and vice chairs

5.2.1. SCCP

The key points for discussion were the quality of data submissions Preservatives (Climbazole) and sunscreens.

5.2.2. SCHER

The main on-going requests concerned risk assessment reports on new and existing chemicals, Indoor Air (including air fresheners), alternative methods and biodegradability of detergents.

5.2.3. SCENIHR

The SCENIHR was finalising opinions on nanotechnology and variant Creutzfeldt-Jakob Disease (vCJD) and embarking new areas of work, such as electromagnetic fields (EMF) and phthalates.

The size and complexity of the draft SCENIHR opinions on nanotechnology and vCJD highlight the need for an amendment to the common structure of the scientific committee opinions for large reports. It was also agreed to include, when appropriate, an executive summary written in a concise, non-scientific form.

5.3. New requests on the WP of the three Scientific Committees

New requests for scientific opinions were foreseen on allergenicity, frameworks of risk assessment methodologies in use for genotoxicity, carcinogenicity and mutagenicity, di(2-ethylhexyl)phthalate (DEHP).

5.4. Maximising the contribution of science to European health and Safety – Discussion

The meeting discussed in detail the SANCO Science paper and the possible actions requiring support from the scientific committees.

6. NEW AND EMERGING ISSUES

The chair informed the group that the Secretariat had established regular monitoring of the media reports related to emerging issues.

7. COLLABORATION WITH OTHER COMMUNITY BODIES

7.1.1. EFSA

EFSA had finalised its work on Gentox and welcomed the participation of non-food Scientific Committees in its new working group on Benchmark Dose. Inge Mangelsdorf from SCHER will participate in the EFSA working group.

7.1.2. Meeting of Chairs of SCs in the Community risk assessment bodies

The confirmation of participation to the Meeting of Chairs of Scientific Committees in the Community Risk Assessment bodies had been received from all organisations.

The SANCO Science paper would also be discussed in that meeting.

The risk assessment of environmental aspects of chemicals would be addressed separately in the meeting.

7.1.3. Other

EMEA would organise a workshop on the environmental impacts of pharmaceuticals at the end of October. Dr. Tarazona would participate.

8. COLLABORATION WITH JRC & RTD

The health and food related issues are well presented in the 7th Framework Programme and its Specific Programmes.

JRC presentation would be organised for the next ICG meeting.

9. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

None

Annex I: List of participants

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INTER COMMITTEE COORDINATION GROUP

7TH MEETING

14th September 2005
in Brussels

LIST OF PARTICIPANTS

Chairs and vice-Chairs of the Scientific Committees

Prof. J. BRIDGES, Dr. W. de JONG, Prof. P. HARTEMANN, Prof. T. SANNER (partly), Dr. J. TARAZONA, Dr. I. WHITE

Apologised Prof. H GREIM, Dr. B. JANSSON and Prof. V. M. ROGIERS.

European Commission

SANCO C7 'RISK ASSESSMENT'

Mr. P. WAGSTAFFE (Chair), Ms. M. PUOLAMAA (Secretariat of SCENIHR and the ICG), G. FONTANESI (SCHER Secretariat), Ms. T. PEETSO and Mr. A. VAN ELST (SCCP Secretariat)

SANCO B3 'PRODUCT AND SERVICE SAFETY'

Mr. P. DASKALEROS