



## SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEES

### 11<sup>TH</sup> MEETING OF THE INTER-COMMITTEE COORDINATION GROUP

3 July 2006

#### MINUTES

#### 1. WELCOME AND APOLOGIES

P. Wagstaffe, Chair of the Inter-Committee Coordination Group opened the meeting and welcomed the participants. Apologies were received from Prof. Philippe Hartemann.

#### 2. APPROVAL OF THE DRAFT AGENDA

It was decided to have the presentations from DG Research first in the meeting.

#### 3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

#### 4. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE 10<sup>TH</sup> MEETING OF THE ICCG

The draft minutes from the 10th meeting were adopted with minor modifications and are available at

[http://ec.europa.eu/health/ph\\_risk/committees/coordination/docs/coord\\_mi\\_010.pdf](http://ec.europa.eu/health/ph_risk/committees/coordination/docs/coord_mi_010.pdf).

#### 5. PRESENTATION OF DG RESEARCH: ENVIRONMENT AND HEALTH – RESULTS FROM FP5-FP6 STUDIES RELATED TO RISK ASSESSMENT

The representative of DG Science and Research gave a presentation on results from the projects conducted under the 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> Framework Programme for the Research on Environment and Health. He also highlighted the work of the Scientific Committees in identifying the data gaps and further research areas.

The following discussion emphasised the need for further research, especially on consumer exposure, toxicological methodologies and emerging risks as well as on Indoor Air and Noise. The Committee Members expressed their appreciation for the good dissemination of research results via Internet and proposed expanding it with alerts for updates. However, they also expressed some concerns about the delays in access to research data.

## **6. MID-TERM REVIEW OF THE SCS**

The Chair reminded the members about the renewal of the Committees in 2007 and the revision of Commission Decision 2004/210/EC setting up Scientific Committees in the field of consumer safety, public health and the environment. The Secretariat also informed about the on-going evaluation of the work of Scientific Committees through external audits.

The members considered the current SCs and their coordination in the ICCG very good, but wished to have stronger interaction with the other Community risk assessment bodies, in particular with EFSA activities. Most important would be to assure the good coordination in risk assessment methods and avoidance of diverging opinions.

As regards the Rules of Procedures, the current practices used for public consultations, hearing of stakeholders and for Calls for Information were considered very useful and flexible enough. There might be needs for further consideration of practices related to Declaration of Interests, engaging external experts, replacement of resigned Committee members and possibly the format of scientific opinions. The number of experts on environmental issues, epidemiology and genotoxicology in the current Committees was considered too low compared to needs.

The members expressed their appreciation on the on-going activities on how promote the more visible profile of SCs, dissemination of the scientific opinions in scientific journals, organising conferences etc. Increased visibility would make the SCs better known, could attract more scientists to apply for the Committees and would ensure a high motivation amongst the members. The members expected the SC Secretariats to be vigilant in creating better visibility and networking between the Community SCs.

## **7. INFORMATION EXCHANGE**

### **7.1. ADMINISTRATIVE AND GENERAL MATTERS**

The Chair informed about the situation in reimbursement.

### **7.2. INFORMATION FROM/TO CHAIRS AND VICE CHAIRS**

#### **7.2.1. SCCP**

The key points of the discussion were the public consultation on sunbeds, nanosubstances in cosmetics and hair dyes.

#### **7.2.2. SCHER**

The main discussion points were the work on indoor air, organotins and the TGD on risk assessment of human health.

#### **7.2.3. SCENIHR**

The main current requests refer to DEHP, EMF, Smokeless Tobacco Products (STP) and Nanomaterials in TGDs.

### **7.3. NEW REQUESTS TO THE SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEES**

New mandates on self testing of hair dyes, allergens, biocides, dental amalgama and possibly noise were expected. It was decided that as regards the self-testing, the Secretariat will contact EMEA and the SCCP will prepare the evaluation in the autumn.

### **7.4. ALTERNATIVE TESTING METHODS – POSITION OF SCs**

It was agreed that the position paper will be published, as planned earlier, as an annex to the ICCG minutes.

## **8. COLLABORATION WITH OTHER COMMUNITY BODIES**

### **8.1. EFSA**

The Secretariat reported about the EFSA's forthcoming opinion on emerging risks. The members highlighted needs for harmonised approach in the area.

### **8.2. MEETING OF CHAIRS OF SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEES AND PANELS OF THE COMMUNITY RISK ASSESSMENT BODIES**

The Secretariat presented the general scope of the Meeting of Chairs of the Scientific Committees and Panels which is scheduled for 24-25 October 2006.

### **8.3. OTHER**

The members proposed that due to the enormous shortcomings in regards to consumer exposure a stronger input to methodological development in risk assessment should be considered by the Commission.

## **9. COLLABORATION WITH JRC + RTD**

The Secretariat gave an update of the situation in the FP7 and its Work Programmes.

## **10. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

None.

Annex I: List of participants

## **Annex II**

### **INTER COMMITTEE COORDINATION GROUP**

#### **11<sup>TH</sup> MEETING**

3<sup>rd</sup> July 2006  
in Brussels

#### **LIST OF PARTICIPANTS**

##### **Chairs and vice-Chairs of the Scientific Committees**

Prof. J. BRIDGES, Prof. H GREIM, Dr. B. JANSSON, W. de JONG, Prof. V. M. ROGIERS,  
Prof. T. SANNER, Dr. J. TARAZONA and Dr. I. WHITE

##### **Apologies:**

Prof. P. HARTEMANN.

##### **European Commission**

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MARINI, Ms. T. PEETSO and Mr. A. VAN ELST (SCCP Secretariat) and Mr. P.H.  
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