



INTER-COMMITTEE COORDINATION GROUP

12TH MEETING

25 September 2006

1. WELCOME AND APOLOGIES

The Chair, Mr. Bernardo Delogu welcomed the participants and presented himself. Apologies were received from Prof. Philippe Hartemann and Dr. Ian White.

2. APPROVAL OF THE DRAFT AGENDA

It was decided that the Action Plan will be discussed under item 5.1 and the outputs from the Finnish Presidency meeting on Nanotechnologies – Safety for Success under item 5.2.3. With these modification the draft agenda was accepted.

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

4. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE 11^H MEETING OF THE ICCG

The minutes were approved with minor modifications and are available at http://ec.europa.eu/health/ph_risk/committees/coordination/docs/coord_mi_011.pdf.

5. INFORMATION EXCHANGE

5.1. ADMINISTRATIVE AND GENERAL MATTERS

The members of the group welcomed the Action Plan prepared by the Secretariat. The Action Plan presents the core issues and specifies the actions for greater visibility, communication and collaboration between the Community Scientific Committees, other bodies and stakeholders as well as proposes new means of recognition of experts' contributions.

It was decided that the SC news will be published regularly. The SCs will case by case indicate to the Secretariat which statements, abstracts or appropriately edited opinions should be published in scientific journals. The Secretariat will make the necessary practical arrangements for that. Contacts will be made by the Secretariat with suitable publishers, based on indication of Chairs The SC Position Statement on Alternative Testing will be published as soon as possible.

It was decided that the Chairs will discuss the Action Plan within each Committee and inform the Secretariat about their comments and proposals for conferences where the presence of the SCs would be desirable.

The Chair informed that the external evaluation of the SCs is under finalisation and will be ready by mid October. The Chair also informed that the renewal of the Scientific Committee may possibly be delayed due to the uncertainties related to the REACH process and the establishment of the European Chemicals Agency. A decision in that respect will be taken after the meeting of Chairs (24-25 October 2006).

According to the members, the reimbursements are now taking place within 2-3 months. The Chair promised to keep on monitoring the situation: the target is to achieve one month reimbursement time. The Chair also promised to look into the possibility to have meetings outside Brussels and finance the participation of the Committee or Working group members to international conferences when justified.

5.2. INFORMATION FROM/TO CHAIRS AND VICE CHAIRS

5.2.1. SCCP

The key points of the discussion were the Notes of Guidance (to be adopted in the October plenary), nanosubstances in cosmetics and parabens.

5.2.2. SCHER

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

5.2.3. SCENIHR

The public consultation on EMF has started and will end on 3rd November. The other requests refer to Smokeless Tobacco Products (STP), nanomaterials in TGDs and DEHP.

5.3. NEW REQUESTS TO THE SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEES

New mandate has been received on vitamin K1. As regards the EFSA public consultation on 'Harmonized scientific approach in Europe to assess the environmental risks posed by substances used in animal feed', the SCHER is preparing a response. The mandates on toys as well as for the Inter-Service Working Group (to consist of representatives of SCHER, EMEA and EFSA) on methodologies to be applied in environmental risk evaluations are pending. The SCENIHR Secretariat continues discussions on the mandate on biocides as well as on the safety of dental amalgam and of its substitutes.

5.4. WORK PROGRAMME 2007

The Secretariat presented the updated programme and its topics.

6. COLLABORATION WITH OTHER COMMUNITY BODIES

6.1. EFSA

The Secretariat informed about the renewal of the EFSA panels. The member emphasised needs to continue the follow-up in the areas of common interest in particular on genotoxicity and benchmark dose, and on areas of partial overlap, in particular biocides.

6.2. EMEA

The Secretariat presented the EMEA Reflection that will be also discussed in the Meeting of Chairs. The members recognised that the approach used in the paper facilitates a good overview of on-going work and its interlinkages to the work in other Scientific Committees in Sanco and in EFSA. It was decided that the linkages to EFSA and EMEA activities will be also included in the SC Work Programme that will also be tabled in the Meeting of Chairs.

6.3. MEETING OF CHAIRS OF SCs IN THE COMMUNITY RISK ASSESSMENT

The Secretariat informed the Chairs about the forthcoming meeting of Chairs of the SCs scheduled for 24-25 October 2006.

6.4. OTHER

6.4.1. PRESIDENCY MEETING: NANOTECHNOLOGIS - SAFETY FOR SUCCESS

The Secretariat informed about the outcomes of the Finnish Presidency Conference on Nanotechnologies – Safety for Success and highlighted the demands for the further SC work on the road map, in particular on risk assessment methodologies. These issues will be further discussed during the forthcoming Meeting of Chairs on 24-25 October.

6.4.2. SC EVENT 2007

The chair informed about the possibility to organise a conference in 2007 on the key risks assessment issues and invited members to make their proposals for its scope and contents in writing.

7. COLLABORATION WITH JRC + RTD

The Chair informed about the current status in the discussions on the FP7 Work programmes.

8. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

It was decided that the meetings in 2007 will take place on the following dates:

- 31 January ,
- 19 April,
- 20 June,
- 26 September and
- 28 November

Annex I: List of participants

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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 and Dr. J. TARAZONA.

Apologies:

Prof. P. HARTEMANN and Dr. I. WHITE.

European Commission

SANCO C7 'RISK ASSESSMENT'

Mr. B. DELOGU (Chair), Ms. M. PUOLAMAA (ICCG Secretariat), Ms. Katja BROMEN
(SCENIHR Secretariat), G. FONTANESI (SCHER Secretariat), Ms. Marina MARINI, Mr. A.
VAN ELST (SCCP Secretariat) and Mr. P.H. MARTIN