



## INTER-COMMITTEE COORDINATION GROUP

### 13<sup>TH</sup> MEETING

29 November 2006

#### MINUTES

#### 1. WELCOME AND APOLOGIES

The Chair, Mr. Bernardo Delogu, welcomed the participants.

#### 2. APPROVAL OF THE DRAFT AGENDA

It was decided that the draft new format for the scientific opinion will be discussed before the on-going activities in the SCs. With these modifications the draft agenda was accepted.

#### 3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None. The meeting discussed about constrains and challenges of engaging highly qualified external experts with a declared interest in the SC working groups. It was decided to evaluate the relevant options and address the issue again in the next meeting.

#### 4. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE 12<sup>H</sup> MEETING OF THE ICCG

The minutes were approved with minor modifications and are available at [http://europa.eu.int/comm/health/ph\\_risk/committees/coordination/docs/coord\\_mi\\_012.pdf](http://europa.eu.int/comm/health/ph_risk/committees/coordination/docs/coord_mi_012.pdf).

#### 5. INFORMATION EXCHANGE

##### 5.1. ADMINISTRATIVE AND GENERAL MATTERS

The Chair informed about the on-going actions related to the renewal of the Scientific Committee: the respective letter on this issue will be sent to members in due course.

According to the members, the situation in reimbursements has considerably improved. The Secretariat will keep on monitoring the situation and the feedback from members is most welcome.

As regards to the travel insurances, it was considered important to ask all SCs about the current situation. The Secretariat will investigate the liability issues together with legal experts.

The Chair informed about new staff: Mr. Daskaleros from SANCO/B3 will join the unit in January as well as Ms. Kilian who will take care of Ms. Peetso's tasks in the SCCP. Ms. Acosta will be the Unit Secretary, Ms. Gaggini will work with publications and communication and Ms. Viitaniemi will deal with Inter-Service Consultations.

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

The group discussed the draft Scientific Advice Report which will be used for both hard copies and electronic publishing. It was agreed that it is important to signal out whether a scientific opinion has been approved for the public consultation or adopted either without or with a public consultation. The Secretariat will add the format for literature referencing and an annex for the list of Committee members.

### **5.2.1. SCCP**

The key points of discussion were the situation in nanocosmetics, hair dyes, self testing of hair dyes and other cosmetics. Due to the considerable work load, the Chair asked the Committee members to consider the possible fields where externalisation of the work could be possible.

### **5.2.2. SCHER**

The main discussion points were the CEN on toys, copper in antifouling paints, natriumhydroxide, zinc risk assessment, indoor air, organotins as well as the SETAC conference in May 2007.

### **5.2.3. SCENIHR**

The public consultation on EMF has provided considerable amount of comments, especially from citizens. The other requests refer to Smokeless Tobacco Products (STP), nanomaterials in TGDs and DEHP.

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

New mandates have been received on dental amalgam, biocides, fragrance sensitisation, melatonin, perfumes and aromatic ingredients and hair dyes (A8, C180). As regards dental amalgam, it was decided that there will be two working groups, one for the use in medical devices and another one for the environmental effects. The coordination between these working groups will be assured via common members.

#### **5.4. WORK PROGRAMME 2007**

The Secretariat presented the SC activities that can be of interest of the other Scientific Committees and/or Panels in other institutions.

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

#### **6.1. EFSA**

The meeting discussed about the possibilities to facilitate closer collaboration with EFSA on the emerging risks as well as on other issues.

#### **6.2. EMEA**

The Secretariat presented the EMEA work programme that will be relevant for the SCs.

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

The Secretariat informed about the on-going actions in different Scientific Committees and Panels after the Meeting of Chairs on 24-25 October 2006.

The SCENIHR has initiated the actions related to nanotechnologies and emerging risks, and will explore possibilities for videoconferences with ECDC on emerging issues. As no comments have been received yet on the SCENIHR opinion on nanotechnologies, the SCENIHR will send out a reminder on this issue.

The project on Risk Assessment Terminology has been launched and it may be useful to create a working group to assess the terminology and to make use of the work on-going in other institutions.

As a follow-up of the Finnish Presidency conference on Nanotechnologies –Safety for Success in mid –September and the discussions in the Meeting of Chairs, the Chair presented the objectives of the forthcoming stakeholder meeting for the first half of 2007.

#### **6.4. OTHER**

##### **6.4.1. RISK ASSESSMENT DAYS 2007**

The Secretariat informed about the draft programme for the Risk Assessment Days - meeting with all SANCO Scientific Committees on 21-22 March. There will be occasion to meet and discuss with the members of the key Parliamentary Committees as well as with representatives of various stakeholder groups operating at European level. It was decided that Committees will prepare a few slides on key issues.

##### **6.4.2. SC EVENT 2007**

The Chair highlighted that the SC Event 2007 needs to provide added value for the international work on risk assessment. The brainstorming brought up several options that will be discussed further in the next ICCG meeting.

##### **6.4.3. PROGRESS WITH THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE ACTION PLAN**

The Chair informed about the progress made in regard to publication of the opinions in scientific journals and on the forthcoming Compendium, Newsletter, SC-video and logo.

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

The Secretariat informed that FP7 will provide about 8 billion euros for the health research that will also contribute to the work of SCs. The role of JRC is essential in many aspects and provides synergies with SCs in risk assessment. The FP7 work programme for 2007 will be finalised this week and discussions on the WP2008 will start in January.

## **8. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

The Secretariat gave an update about the public consultation on the proposal of the Office for Management of Budget (OMB) of the White House on the new US approach on risk assessment process.

Annex I: List of participants

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in Brussels

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