



Scientific Committee on Emerging and Newly Identified Health Risks

SCENIHR / SCCS / SCHER

2nd meeting of the Working Group on New Challenges for Risk Assessment

11 October 2010

Minutes

1. WELCOME AND APOLOGIES

The Chair of the working group (WG) welcomed the participants and communicated the apologies received.

2. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

The draft agenda was adopted as proposed.

3. DECLARATION OF INTEREST ON MATTERS ON THE AGENDA

Several new members of the WG declared an interest in view of their affiliations.

Taking into account the nature of the declarations, the members of the Working Group (WG) agreed that these did not constitute a conflict of interest.

In accordance with the Rules of Procedure, all declarations of interest will be published after the completion of the work and the publication of the opinion.

4. DISCUSSION ON THE DRAFT OPINION

4.1. Structure and content of the opinion

The Rapporteur reported back on contributions received from other WG members. The first draft and the structure of the opinion were discussed and further revised. The outcome of the discussion and comments on suggested revisions were retained in an updated Draft Version of the opinion. The document would be sent to the WG for further revision. Contributions would be sent to the Secretariat in due time for preparing a revised draft to be discussed at the next WG meeting.

4.2. External experts / Distribution of tasks

Additional experts had been identified through a combined search in the Scientific Committees, the Pool of Scientific Advisors, the Database, and in the scientific literature and would be invited to join the group. While further expertise was still needed in certain areas e.g. in relation to exposure assessment and methodologies, it was decided to start the work with a limited number of experts and to identify further suitable candidates at a later point in time. For the time being, no call for experts is foreseen. The preliminary distribution of tasks to current members of the WG was further revised.

5. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Additional meeting dates were scheduled. These will be confirmed by the Secretariat via an official invitation in due time.

ANNEX I

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