



Scientific Committee on Emerging and Newly Identified Health Risks

SCENIHR

1st Meeting of the Working Group on Surgical Meshes – AUDIO

Venue: HITEC building, Rue Eugène Ruppert 11, L- 2453 Luxembourg

Meeting date: 12 March 2014, between 13:30-15:30

Minutes

1. Welcome and apologies

The Chair welcomed the participants. No apology; the representative of SANCO B2 joined the meeting for the first part.

2. Adoption of the agenda

The agenda was adopted as it was presented.

3. Declaration of interests on matters on the agenda

The Chair requested to participants to declare any interest on the matters on the agenda. No declarations of any conflict of interest were made by participants.

4. Discussion on the mandate

- The Secretariat informed the WG that the changes proposed by SCENIHR plenary have been agreed by SANCO B2 and the mandate was published on the SC website;
- Sweden Registry should be consulted (they are available for cooperation on this issue) – SANCO B2 will forward the contact details to Secretariat and WG members;
- A large clinical trial is ongoing in UK, the final report is expected at the end of 2014, and the WG should consider the results while formulating the opinion.

5. Selection of external members for the WG

- The list of advisors from the pool was checked to select external experts for this WG. Few CVs were considered appropriate in terms of relevant expertise;
- The names will be forwarded to Secretariat by 14/03 and the eligible candidates will be consulted with regard to their availability and interest in becoming members of this WG;
- It was agreed to launch a public call of expression of interest for experts as soon as possible. The necessary expertise identified was: gynaecology, surgery, biocompatibility, urology and oncology.

6. Launching the procedure for contracting the literature search

- The members agreed to postpone the discussion until the first physical meeting on 14/04 when the key search terms will be discussed.

7. Time schedule

- Next meetings: 14/04, 30/06, 15/09
- The preliminary opinion should be ready for the adoption during the first plenary meeting of 2015.

8. Any Other Business: none