



2ND PLENARY MEETING OF THE SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL RISKS

(SCHER)

Venue: Hitec Building - Room 02/280

Address: Eugène Ruppert Street 11, L-2453 Luxembourg

28 June 2013, starting at 9:00

Minutes

1. Welcome and apologies

The Deputy Head of Unit welcomed the participants and a tour de table was suggested to get acquainted with new members.

The chair took over the meeting and announced one apology (see Annex I).

2. Adoption of the agenda

The agenda was adopted as presented.

3. Declaration of interests on matters on the agenda

The Chair asked the committee members to inform of any conflict of interest to be acted in the minutes of the plenary. The Chair informed the meeting that this declaration will have to be made orally at each plenary meeting as well as at the start of each of the working group meetings and noted in the minutes.

No declarations of conflict of interest on any of the agenda items were made by participants.

At this point the Deputy Head of Unit of C2 Unit reminded to report to SCHER Secretariat when attending different workshops, conferences or scientific events of interest to the work of the Committee.

4. Introduction by the Head of Health Information Unit

The Chair gave the floor to the Deputy Head of Unit in order to clarify some issues concerning logistics and working methods.

5. Chair's / member's report

The Chair reminded to the members that the Plenaries represent "the heart of the SCs activity" and it is very important for the members to attend these meetings.

It was suggested to have the dates for the next plenaries set up in advance to allow enough time to make travel arrangements.

It was mentioned to the members to wait for the official invitation before booking the airline/train tickets.

6. On-going work

For adoption:

- **Opinion on the environmental risks and indirect health effects of mercury from dental amalgam**

The Chair gave the floor to the Chair of the Working group for a report on the opinion. The Opinion was discussed in detail and it was provisionally approved by the Plenary.

The text will be finalised by mid of July and distributed to all members for a final revision, after which it will be posted on the SCHER website for public consultation for 8 weeks.

Update

- **Opinion on the potential risks to human health and the environment from the use of calcium cyanamide as fertiliser**

The Chair gave the floor to the Chair of the Working Group who updated the members of SCHER about the progress of work. The WG plans to have the Opinion ready for discussion during the plenary meeting of February 2014.

7. Joint Opinions / Participation of members in activities of other scientific bodies

- **Synthetic Biology**

The Chair asked the members to join the WG on Synthetic Biology. Two members expressed their interest to join this WG.

Members were informed that EFSA is forming a working group on Environmental risk assessment and are looking for experts. Members who are interested should contact the Secretariat.

8. New Mandates

- **Opinion of the SCHER reviewing the tolerable daily intake for chromium VI in toys**

The Chair gave the floor to the colleagues from DG ENTR, Katleen HENDRIX, who made a presentation of the mandate via video connection and answered the questions from SCHER members

The Chair asked the members to join the WG on the tolerable daily intake for chromium VI in toys. Five members accepted to join the Working Group.

9. Feedback by Commission Services on follow-up to opinions

None.

10. Any other business

Next meetings of the WGs:

18/09/13	SCHER WG on Cyanamide (14:00)
19/09/13	SCHER Plenary (13:00)
20/09/13	SCHER WG on Toys (9:00)

Provisional dates for SCHER Plenaries in 2014:

27-28 02 2014

24-25 04 2014

26-27 06 2014

25-26 09 2014

27-28 11 2014

Secretariat will prepare a excel table to be circulated to the SCHER members so they can express their availability for these meetings.

Annex I:

List of Participants

Members of the SCHER

Alena Bartonova, , María José Carroquino, Pim de Voogt, Jadwiga Gzyl, Colin Janssen (Chair), Renate Krätke (vice-Chair), Jan Linders (vice-Chair) Greet Schoeters, Raquel Duarte-Davidson, Teresa Fernandes

Apologies

Claire Beausoleil

SCHER Secretariat (DG SANCO)

Donata Meroni, Giulio Gallo, Mihaela Haratau

DG Enterprise and Industry - Chemicals Industry Unit

Katleen HENDRIX, Jurgen Vogelgesang