



11th plenary meeting of the
Scientific Committee on Health and Environmental Risks (SCHER)
11 Jan. 2011 at 10.00, Rue Breydel 4, room 02/17A - Brussels

Minutes

1. WELCOME AND APOLOGIES

Prof. Greim, Chair of the Committee, opened the meeting and welcomed the participants.

Apologies received from J. Tarazona and H. Autrup

2. ADOPTION OF THE DRAFT AGENDA

The draft agenda was adopted as proposed.

3. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS ON MATTERS ON THE AGENDA

No new declarations were made.

4. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS PLENARY MEETING

The minutes of the 10th SCHER plenary meeting were adopted after a correction on one of the names selected for WG membership and some editorial suggestions.

5. CHAIR'S REPORT

The chair reported on: (i) the activities of the ICCG in respect to the creation of a Journal that will publish the work of the scientific committees; (ii) the discussion of the independence of the WG members; (iii) the actions taken for the replacement of the members resigning from the Committee; (iv) the new mandates; and (v) the participation in the 2nd International Risk Assessment Conference.

6. ONGOING REQUESTS FOR OPINIONS BY COMMISSION SERVICES ON:

6.1. Combination Effects of Chemicals

For discussion – the main points of the opinion were presented.

6.2. Lead standards for Drinking Water

The opinion was adopted.

6.3. Improvements in Risk Assessment

For discussion – the state of the text at the present point was presented.

6.4. TCEP in toys

For discussion – the current state of the text were shared with the Committee.

7. PARTICIPATION OF THE SCHER IN ACTIVITIES/WORKING GROUPS OF OTHER SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEES

7.1. New challenges for risk assessment (SCENIHR in the lead)

M. Vighi and C. Janssen will step in to replace P. Callow as SCHER representatives in this WG.

7.2. TTC opinion (SCCS in the lead)

W. Dekant is to collect SCHER's comments and send a letter to J. Bridges.

8. EMERGING ISSUES

There were none presented.

9. NEXT PLENARY MEETING – 30 MARCH 2011

10. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

There was none.