



Scientific Committee on Emerging and Newly Identified Health Risks

SCENIHR / SCCS / SCHER

4th meeting of the Working Group on New Challenges for Risk Assessment

16 December 2010

Minutes

1. WELCOME AND APOLOGIES

The Chair of the working group (WG) welcomed the participants, in particular a new member, and communicated the apologies received. Participants briefly introduced themselves.

2. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

The draft agenda was adopted as proposed.

3. DECLARATION OF INTEREST ON MATTERS ON THE AGENDA

There were no new declarations of interest made.

4. PRESENTATION ON ACTIVITIES AND PROJECTS SUPPORTED BY DG RTD

A colleague from DG Research and Innovation provided an overview on EU-funded research activities in the area of environment and health in relation to risk assessment, including various projects dealing with chemicals, biomonitoring, biomarkers and risk assessment tools and methods. In the subsequent discussion it was suggested to possibly enter into a dialogue with relevant projects.

5. DISCUSSION ON THE DRAFT OPINION

5.1. Structure and content of the opinion

The WG discussed and revised the opinion based on the contributions received since the last meeting. The outcome of the discussion and comments on suggested revisions were retained in an updated draft version of the opinion. This draft would be sent to the WG for further revision. Based on this, an updated version of the document would be prepared and circulated to the WG before the next meeting.

5.2. External experts / Distribution of tasks

While discussing the draft opinion, several subject areas were identified where additional expertise was needed (e.g. biomonitoring, alternative methods, genomic profiles, proteomics). Accordingly, various experts who may possibly contribute to the opinion were identified. These would be contacted by the Secretariat.

6. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

An additional meeting date was scheduled. An invitation will be sent out in due time. The WG discussed possibilities to receive input from external experts during the course of this work (e.g. targeted hearing, workshop). This would be further discussed at the next meeting.

ANNEX I

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