



**Scientific Committee on Health, Environmental and Emerging Risks  
(SCHEER)**

**2<sup>nd</sup> meeting of the Working Group on non-human primates testing**

**Meeting date: 17 July 2016**

**Minutes**

**1. Welcome and apologies**

The Chair welcomed the participants. Two apologies were received.

**2. Adoption of the agenda**

The agenda was adopted without changes.

**3. Declaration of interests on matters on the agenda**

WG members declared the following interests: involvement in projects involving non-human primates and alternative methods; membership of the group of experts giving authorisation to animal testing, membership of ESAC, the ECVAM Scientific Advisory Committee.

The WG and the secretariat concluded that these interests prove the expertise of the members and do not constitute conflicts because they are related to institutional work performed by public organisations in public interest.

**4. Discussion on the draft Opinion**

The WG concluded to keep the same structure of the chapters as in the 2009 Opinion and highlight in the update what changed since 2009.

**5. Selection of external experts of the WG**

36 experts replied to the call before 17 July. In addition, 7 experts from the SCHEER reserve list expressed an interest to become members of the WG. One expert was also nominated by EMA.

The WG agreed that the following expertise is needed:

- fundamental research involving non-human primates
- pre-clinical studies using non-human primates
- animal welfare/animal protection, especially in relation to non-human primates

- alternative methods in biomedical research, production and testing of products and devices aiming at replacement, reduction and refinement of methods using non-human primates.

The WG selected some experts from the list of the applicants to the specific call for experts and from the SCHEER reserve list.

Should their declarations of interest comply with the Rules of procedure (no conflict of interest in the field of non-human primates testing) the Secretariat will appoint the experts as external experts to WG.

There is still a need for an expert on ethics in relation to the use of non-human primates.

#### **6. Literature to be used**

17 organisations and/or individuals submitted information in the Call for information before 17 July.

#### **Timetable**

The Chair prepared a draft timetable for the Opinion; the next meetings will take place at the end of August and mid-September.

#### **7. Any Other Business**

No AOB