



Luxembourg, 15 October 2018

Inter-Committee Coordination Group (ICCG) meeting

10 October 2018, Luxembourg

Minutes

1. Welcome and apologies, approval of the agenda and declaration of interests

The Chair welcomed the participants and announced that there was one member apologising.

The agenda was adopted without changes.

The Chair asked the members to declare any interest related to the matters on the agenda. None of the participants declared any interest.

2. List of points discussed

2.1. Information from the Commission

- **Final EU-ANSA Research Cluster** paper on '*Innovative 3Rs (Replacement, Reduction and Refinement of animal testing) approaches for the prediction of properties of chemicals, medicines, environmental contaminants and other regulated products*' has been published and the link shared on the web site of the Scientific Committees (SC). ECHA/EFSA/EMA are grateful to the SCs for their contribution and collaboration (<http://www.emcdda.europa.eu/about/partners/euansa>; https://ec.europa.eu/health/scientific_committees/reports_en)
- **ILMERAC meeting in EFSA** on 17.9.2018 (International Liaison Group on Methods for Risk Assessment of Chemicals in Food): the Secretariat (and one SCCS member) represented the SCCS view and shared their concerns about animal testing ban in the risk assessment for cosmetics.
The Secretariat also reported on the ongoing work of the **EFSA WG on Threshold for Toxicological Concern (TTC)**.
- **JRC invited a representative from SCCS and SCHEER in participating in PARERE meetings** (+/- 1X/year). *Vera Rogiers* will represent SCCS and *Renate Krätke* SCHEER. PARERE is a group of representatives nominated by their Member State and Commission REGULATORY services (not the Secretariat of the SCs). The possibility to include a SCs' representative in PARERE was raised

by JRC due to the scientific advice provided, which is then translated (or not) into regulatory decisions.

- **SCCS meeting of the WG on Methodology on 26-27 February 2019:** this WG meeting will be organised as an internal scientific workshop in Brussels, back to back with the SCCS Plenary meeting. SCHEER members will also be invited and may suggest some key topics for discussion. The idea is to see, in a practical way, how risk assessment could be performed without animal testing, whether possible at all. Non-binding recommendations could then be further used by the SCCS.
- **Upcoming mandates:** the group exchanged information on mandates and ongoing Opinions: https://ec.europa.eu/health/scientific_committees/latest_mandates_en
- Commission received **Ombudsman Complaint** case 1830/2017/MH on alleged failure to ensure an impartial and transparent selection process of experts for a working group of the Scientific Committee on Health and Environmental and Emerging Risks (SCHEER). The case is open: <https://www.ombudsman.europa.eu/en/case/en/51068>
Ombudsman closed a complaint 25/2018/CEC with the conclusion that there was no maladministration by the Commission: <https://www.ombudsman.europa.eu/en/decision/en/103880>
- **Peter Hoet** resigned from the SCCS WG on nanomaterials for personal reasons and lack of time. He remains member of SCHEER.

2.2. Information from the Committees

- A public consultation of the opinion on harmonisation of human, animal and environmental risk assessment on mixtures was launched by EFSA: <https://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/consultations/call/180626-0>. The Secretariat compiled all comments from SCHEER/SCCS and sent a joint contribution.
- SCHEER sent comments to the Public Consultation of the Draft ICNIRP Guidelines on Limiting Exposure to Time-Varying Electric, Magnetic and Electromagnetic Fields (100 kHz to 300 GHz).

2.3. Exchange of information on working procedures and activities of the Committees

SCCS:

- The **10th Revision of the SCCS Notes of Guidance** on the testing of cosmetic ingredients and their safety evaluation is foreseen for adoption at October SCCS plenary meeting.

- The **Call for SCCS external expertise in alternative (non-animal) methods** and read-across models has been closed on 1 October. Secretariat, in consultation with the SCCS, will assess the results.
- Guidance for the **identification of endocrine disruptors** in the context of Regulations (EU) No 528/2012 and (EC) No 1107/2009 has been published on 7 June 2018: <https://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/efsajournal/pub/5311>
SCCS contribution to the ED Roadmap from Commission (under public consultation) has been sent by the SCCS Chair (Qasim Chaudhry – UK) and published: https://ec.europa.eu/info/law/better-regulation/initiatives/ares-2018-3295383/feedback/F12858_en?p_id=255075. **SCCS stressed that the difference in legislation with respect to cosmetics** should be taken seriously into consideration in the Roadmap (cf. **issue of animal testing ban** for cosmetics in EU and identification of ED activity).
- **DG GROW Unit D4 put in place the replacement of former contact person** for the SCCS and informed the Secretariat accordingly.
- **Some issues on reimbursements** were raised and clarified. From 2019, members/experts will have to take over the reimbursement of their own expenses via a new tool that the Secretariat will present in meetings until the end of the year.

SCHEER

- **Emerging environmental risks:** a new mandate, combining environmental and social issues, has been received from DG ENV. To streamline the work between SCCS/SCHEER and other EU-agencies, cooperation is needed at different levels. SANTE C2 will explore the possibility to invite some internal colleagues too, as observer.
- **Relation to the high level European Science Advisory Mechanism (SAM):** <http://ec.europa.eu/research/sam/index.cfm>. SAM Group of Chief Scientific Advisors has a new member who is a Professor of Nanomaterials. Secretariat will participate as observer in the next EU-ANSA meeting in November that will be hosted by SAM. It will be the opportunity to exchange recent information directly and investigate further cooperation & exchange between SAM and the SCs.
- **Relevant meetings' announcements** were exchanged between the two scientific committees as both could be interested in participating.

3. Date of the next meeting

To be confirmed in spring (if needed) but confirmed on 2/10/2019 already.

4. Any other business

No AOB.