



Scientific Committee on Emerging and Newly Identified Health Risks

SCENIHR

2nd meeting of the Working Group on Health Effects of Artificial Light

16 March 2010

Minutes

1. WELCOME AND APOLOGIES

The Chair of the working group (WG) welcomed the participants.

2. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

The draft agenda was adopted as proposed.

3. DECLARATION OF INTEREST ON MATTERS ON THE AGENDA

Several members of the WG declared an interest in view of their affiliations.

Taking into account the nature of the declarations, the members of the WG agreed that these did not constitute a conflict of interest.

In accordance with the Rules of Procedure, all declarations of interests will be published after the completion of the work and the publication of the opinion.

4. DISCUSSION ON THE MANDATE AND PRACTICAL ISSUES

4.1. Terms of Reference (ToR)

The Secretariat explained the changes in the ToR following the consultation on the mandate. These are described in an explanatory document that would be published together with the final mandate.

Link to final mandate:

http://ec.europa.eu/health/scientific_committees/emerging/docs/scenihr_q_025.pdf

Link to explanatory document:

http://ec.europa.eu/health/scientific_committees/emerging/docs/scenihr_q_025b.pdf

4.2. Documentation / Call for information

The WG briefly discussed the information provided by the contractor and agreed to postpone the discussion on whether the documentation and data available to the group was sufficient to produce the opinion. In particular, the wording of a call for information, foreseen for this mandate, would be discussed at the next meeting.

4.3. External experts

The WG decided that it would need additional expertise in the fields of photobiology, neurology, ophthalmology, dermatology, experimental psychology and, possibly, occupational medicine. Several suitable scientists were identified through a combined search in the Pool, the Database, and in the scientific literature. They would be invited to participate in the Working Group starting from the next meeting.

Furthermore, the Secretariat and the Chair would collaborate to identify and contact additional experts. A search in the Pool of Scientific Advisors, Database of Experts and the scientific literature would be carried out for that purpose.

4.4. Structure of the opinion

The WG prepared an outline of the opinion based on the final mandate.

4.5. Distribution of tasks

Tasks were assigned to members according to their area of expertise.

4.6. Time schedule

A deadline for contributions to the draft opinion was agreed. Contributions would be sent to the Secretariat in due time for preparing a revised draft to be discussed at the next WG meeting. The WG discussed future meeting dates. These will be confirmed by the Secretariat via an official invitation in due time.

4.7. Practical issues

The Secretariat informed that relevant background documents would be collected at the CIRCA-webpage to which members would receive access. Members would be provided with a short description of the system. Furthermore, members are asked to send relevant information to the Secretariat for upload on CIRCA.

5. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

The Secretariat informed members that in addition to the call for information, a public consultation in relation to a hearing on the pre-consultation opinion is foreseen.

ANNEX I

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