



Scientific Committee on Emerging and Newly Identified Health Risks

SCENIHR

Working Group on Electromagnetic Fields (2012 Update)

Venue: rue Froissart 101, ground floor, meeting room 00/42

Meeting date: 5 June 2012, starting at 10.00

Minutes

1. WELCOME AND APOLOGIES

The Chair welcomed the participants, announced the apologies received and explained the general process of work (ways of submission of contributions; names of the WG members are not to be disclosed until the adoption of the opinion; there will be a public consultation; etc.)

2. TOUR DE TABLE

3. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Adopted as is.

4. DECLARATION OF INTEREST ON MATTERS ON THE AGENDA

No new declarations were announced.

5. DISCUSSION ON THE MANDATE

- Footnote No. 5 to be checked by the secretariat;
- The WG can express its views on the Commission/ICNIRP guidelines if suggestions are supported by scientific evidence;
- The Weight-of-Evidence approach as developed by the recent Memorandum by SCENIHR will be applied as appropriate.
- There should be a summary of the results according to the latest SCENIHR opinions on EMF and then focus on the new research data

between Sept. 2008 and Sept. 2012, unless the area to be covered (i.e. THz) is a new request.

- The emphasis should be on original research papers and good reviews which present good-quality meta-analyses.
- Articles whose authors are members of the WG should be evaluated like all other publications in a critical manner by all members of the WG with the aim of reaching a consensus of views;
- The mandate was accepted.

6. DISCUSSION ON THE EXPERTISE NEEDED (CALL FOR EXPERTS)

- The WG reviewed the areas to be covered and will launch a call for experts;
- There will be an invitation extended to a member of the WHO EMF Project to liaise with this WG on some issues of common interest.

7. DISCUSSION ON THE DRAFT OPINION

- The WG created a draft for the structure of the opinion;
- WG members are to provide their contributions using the following sequence, whenever possible:
 1. Summary of the conclusions from the previous SCENIHR opinions;
 2. Table containing the new information available with its evaluation;
 3. Conclusions based on the most relevant papers
- Contributions are to be sent at least 10 days before the meeting date.
- References are to be cited in the text using the style "Name et al. YEAR". Minimal information about the reference should be listed at the end of each contribution so that the secretariat could later format all references in full using the same style.

8. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Next meeting dates: A "doodle" invitation will be sent out for determination of best availability for early August. The following dates have been confirmed: 25(+ possibly 26 Sept.) and 11 Dec. An audio-conference will be organized sometime towards the end of Oct.-early Nov.