



Scientific Committee on Emerging and Newly Identified Health Risks

SCENIHR

1st meeting of the Working Group on Health Effects of Artificial Light

11 December 2009

Minutes

1. WELCOME AND APOLOGIES

The Chair of the working group (WG) welcomed the participants and communicated the apologies received.

2. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

The draft agenda was adopted as proposed.

3. DECLARATION OF INTEREST ON MATTERS ON THE AGENDA

No declarations of interest were made.

4. DISCUSSION ON THE WORKING MANDATE

4.1. Terms of Reference (ToR)

The participants discussed the ToR and the WG suggested some modifications on the working mandate for enhancing its clarity. These suggestions include having more details on the scientific basis of the claims mentioned in the mandate, as well references for the mentioned documents. In addition, rephrasing of some sentences was suggested. The Secretariat will forward these suggestions to the requesting services of the European Commission.

4.2. Documentation / Call for information

The Secretariat informed the WG about a framework contract with a consultant regarding gathering information about this opinion. Given that this information may be available to the next WG-meeting, it was agreed to postpone the discussion on the need for a Call for information until then.

The Secretariat will contact the SCCS secretariat on possible relevant expertise from the previous SCCP opinion on sunbeds (on UVC exposure, as well as experts on dermatology and photobiology among others).

4.3. External experts

The WG discussed the possible need for external experts in the fields of photobiology, biophysics, dermatology, psychology and occupational public health with emphasis on UVC exposure. Suitable scientists will be identified through a combined search in the Pool, the Database and in the scientific literature.

4.4. Structure and content of the opinion

The Chair of the WG will prepare a draft structure of the opinion, to be circulated and discussed with members before the next WG meeting.

4.5. Distribution of tasks

More details on distribution of tasks will be decided with the finalisation of the working mandate and the agreement on the structure of the opinion.

4.6. Time schedule

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 will upload to the CIRCA database all relevant background documentation related to this opinion.

5. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

None.

ANNEX I

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