



Scientific Committee on Emerging and Newly Identified Health Risks

SCENIHR / SCCS / SCHER

1st meeting of the Working Group on New Challenges for Risk Assessment

9 September 2010

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 (ANNEX I)

The draft agenda was adopted as proposed.

3. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS ON MATTERS ON THE AGENDA

No interests were declared.

4. DISCUSSION ON THE DRAFT OPINION

4.1. Terms of Reference (ToR)

The Chairperson and the Secretariat briefly outlined the background for the mandate which was developed following discussions at the last Meeting of Chairs and Secretariats of the Scientific Committees and Panels of Community bodies involved in risk assessment¹.

4.2. External experts

Following a discussion on additional expertise needed it was agreed to contact as a first step two scientists. Further experts would be invited following discussions at the next plenary meetings of the 3 Scientific Committees, a Workshop on Computational Toxicology, organized by C7 (Brussels, 30 September-1 October) and the next WG-meeting. Furthermore, the Secretariat would search for suitable candidates in the Pool

¹ See http://ec.europa.eu/health/dialogue_collaboration/system/meeting_chairs_secretariats/index_en.htm

of Scientific Advisors and the Database of experts. The need to eventually hold a call for experts would also be discussed at the next meeting.

4.3. Structure of the opinion

The WG decided on a provisional structure of the opinion.

4.4. Distribution of tasks

A preliminary distribution of tasks to current members of the WG was done.

4.5. Time schedule

Contributions would be sent to the Secretariat in due time for preparing a revised draft to be discussed at the next WG meeting.

The Secretariat informed members that an expert workshop may be organized during the course of developing the opinion.

The WG decided on future meeting dates. These will be confirmed by the Secretariat via an official invitation in due time.

4.6. Practical issues

Relevant background material would be collected at a CIRCA-webpage to which members would have access. Members were also provided with a short document outlining some practical issues when contributing to draft opinions.

5. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

None.

ANNEX I

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