

**MINUTES OF THE 72ND PLENARY MEETING OF
THE SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON BIOLOGICAL HAZARDS
HELD IN PARMA ON 18-19 APRIL 2012**

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PARTICIPANTS

Panel Members:

Olivier Andreoletti, Herbert Budka (Vice-Chair), Sava Buncic, John D Collins (apologies), John Griffin, Arie Havelaar, Tine Hald, James Hope, Günter Klein, Kostas Koutsoumanis, James McLauchlin, Christine Müller-Graf, Christophe Nguyen-The, Birgit Noerrung (Chair), Luisa Peixe, Miguel Prieto Maradona, Antonia Ricci (apologies 19/4/2012), John Sofos (Vice-Chair), John Threlfall, Ivar Vågsholm, Emmanuel Vanopdenbosch.

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Marta Hugas, Ernesto Liebana, Winy Messens, Pablo Romero Barrios, Michaela Hempen, Luis Vivas Alegre, Fulvio Barizzone, Pietro Stella, Maria Teresa Felicio Da Silva, Alessandro Broglia (Scientific staff).

European Commission (EC):

DG Health and Consumers: S. Osaer.

1. OPENING AND APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

The meeting started at 9:00 a.m. The Chair opened the meeting and welcomed everyone. Apologies were received from J.D. Collins and A. Ricci (only 19/04/2012).

2. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

The agenda was adopted without changes.

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Declarations of Interests, EFSA screened the Annual Declaration of interest (ADoI) and the Specific Declaration of interest (SDoI) filled in by the experts invited to the present meeting. For further details on the outcome of the screening of the ADoI and SDI (as well as the ones declared at the beginning of the meeting), please refer to Annex I of these Minutes.

4. NEW REQUESTS TO EFSA/BIOHAZ

None

5. OPINIONS FOR POSSIBLE ADOPTIONS

5.1. PUBLIC HEALTH RISKS REPRESENTED BY CERTAIN COMPOSITE PRODUCTS CONTAINING FOOD OF ANIMAL ORIGIN

The Draft Opinion was presented by the Chairman of the Working Group, and after a thorough discussion it was adopted by the Panel on the 19th of April 2012.

5.2. EVALUATION OF TSE TESTS

The Draft Opinion was presented by the Chairman of the Working Group, and after a thorough discussion it was adopted by the Panel on the 19th of April 2012.

6. DRAFT OPINIONS FOR THOROUGH READING

6.1. PUBLIC HEALTH HAZARDS TO BE COVERED BY INSPECTION OF POULTRY MEAT

The BIOHAZ Appendix was presented by the Chairman of the Working Group, and after a thorough discussion it was endorsed by the Panel on the 19/04/2012. Adoption of the completed opinion with the involvement of CONTAM and AHAW Panels will follow in May 2012.

6.2. LESSONS LEARNT FROM MODELLING ACTIVITIES IN BIOHAZ MANDATES

The third Web-meeting was held on 29th March 2012 and the next one is scheduled for 8th May 2012. The document was discussed in detail. The deadline for adoption is May 2012.

6.3. DEVELOPMENT OF A RISK RANKING TOOL ON BIOLOGICAL HAZARDS

Teleconferences took place on 23rd March and on 10th April. The next meeting is foreseen on 14th May in Milan airport. The document was discussed in detail. The deadline for adoption is May 2012.

6.4. REVIEW ON THE EUROPEAN UNION SUMMARY REPORT ON ZOONOSES IN 2009 AND 2010 FOR SALMONELLA, CAMPYLOBACTER, VTEC, LISTERIA MONOCYTOGENES AND FOOD-BORNE OUTBREAKS

A WG web-meeting on the EUSR Review was held on 15 February and a physical WG meeting took place on 28 March 2012 in Copenhagen. The deadline for this opinion is May 2012.

7. PROGRESS REPORTS AND DISCUSSION ON THE FOLLOWING MANDATES

7.1. PUBLIC HEALTH HAZARDS TO BE COVERED BY INSPECTION OF BOVINE MEAT

The BIOHAZ “ad hoc” WG on meat inspection of bovines will meet via web-conference on 23rd April. The deadline for this Opinion is June 2013.

7.2. PUBLIC HEALTH HAZARDS TO BE COVERED BY INSPECTION OF SHEEP AND GOAT MEAT

The BIOHAZ “ad hoc” WG on meat inspection of small ruminants met in Parma on April 17th. The WG also met with hearing experts representing stakeholder organizations. The next meeting will take place April 17th. The deadline for this opinion is June 2013.

7.3. PUBLIC HEALTH HAZARDS TO BE COVERED BY INSPECTION OF FARMED GAME MEAT

The BIOHAZ “ad hoc” WG on meat inspection of farmed game met for the third time on the 26/27 January 2012. The next WG meeting is scheduled on the 24th April 2012. The deadline for this opinion is June 2013.

7.4. PUBLIC HEALTH HAZARDS TO BE COVERED BY INSPECTION OF SOLIPEDS MEAT

The BIOHAZ “ad hoc” WG on meat inspection of solipeds had its third meeting on 16th of April 2012. The deadline for this opinion is June 2013.

7.5. SELF-TASKING MANDATE FOR A SCIENTIFIC OPINION ON THE MAINTENANCE OF THE LIST OF QPS RECOMMENDED BIOLOGICAL AGENTS INTENTIONALLY ADDED TO FOOD OR FEED AS NOTIFIED TO EFSA (2012 UPDATE)

An “ad hoc” WG was established and the first web-conference WG meeting took place on 13 March. Physical WG meetings are foreseen for 25 June and 20 September. The deadline for adoption is December 2012.

7.6. QUANTITATIVE EVALUATION OF BSE RISK IN BOVINE INTESTINES AND MESENTERY

The deadline for the mandate has been extended to 30th January 2014. The first meeting of the BIOHAZ “ad hoc” WG on BSE risk in bovine intestine and mesentery is going to be held on 23rd April in Brussels.

7.7. REQUEST FOR A SCIENTIFIC OPINION ON THE RISK POSED BY PATHOGENS IN FOOD OF NON-ANIMAL ORIGIN

The “ad hoc” WG met for the first time in Brussels on the 19 and 20th March 2012. The second meeting of the WG will be held on 21st of May 2012 as a telemeeting. The deadline for adoption of the terms of reference 1 and 2 is December 2012.

8. FEEDBACK FROM THE SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE AND FROM OTHER WGS

8.1. SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE

The last SC Plenary meeting took place on the 17th-18th April in Parma. The agenda and minutes of that meeting will be available on the EFSA website (<http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/events/event/120417.htm>).

8.2. REQUEST FOR SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE ON THE MINIMUM SAMPLE SIZE TO TEST SHOULD AN ANNUAL BSE STATISTICAL TESTING REGIME BE AUTHORIZED IN HEALTHY SLAUGHTERED CATTLE

A teleconference of the *ad hoc* WG took will take place on 2nd May. The deadline for completion of the document is 30 September 2012.

9. STANDING ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

9.1. EMERGING RISKS

Nothing to report

9.2. FEEDBACK FROM THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION INFORMATION FROM EC: FOLLOW-UP TO SCIENTIFIC EFSA ADVICE AND ONGOING WORK

Nothing to report.

9.3. BIOHAZ NETWORKS

The 6th Meeting of the MRA Network meeting was held on 20/21 March 2012 in Brussels. The next meeting will be held in October 2012.

The 7th Meeting of the BSE-TSE Network will be held in the second half of 2012.

10. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

The 18 April 2012 was a publicly opened session of the BIOHAZ Plenary. Two registrations were received; however both registered Observers had cancelled their participation, prior to the meeting.

11. CLOSURE OF THE MEETING

The meeting closed at 15:00 pm.

ANNEX I

INTERESTS AND ACTIONS RESULTING FROM THE SCREENING OF ADoI OR SDoIs

CONFLICT LEVEL B: In the SDoI filled for the present meeting Dr. James Hope declared the following interest for the agenda items “*EVALUATION OF TSE TESTS*” and “*REQUEST FOR SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE ON THE MINIMUM SAMPLE SIZE TO TEST SHOULD AN ANNUAL BSE STATISTICAL TESTING REGIME BE AUTHORIZED IN HEALTHY SLAUGHTERED CATTLE*”: he is responsible for all things TSE at AHVLA (incorporating the EURL-TSE) and he was required to read and sign off as valid the report itself. In addition the AHVLA is the recipient of an EFSA contract for the provision of a model for evaluation of TSE monitoring options in cattle in the EU.

In accordance with EFSA’s Policy on Declarations of Interests and Implementing documents thereof, and taking into account the specific matters discussed at the meeting in question, the interest above was deemed to represent a conflict of Interest (level B). Pursuant to EFSA’s Procedure on Identifying and Handling Declarations of Interest, the said experts incur the limitations identified under point C.III.b1. That is, the mentioned expert did not take part in the discussions on this agenda item.