

**MINUTES OF THE 1st PLENARY MEETING
OF THE SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON FOOD ADDITIVES
AND NUTRIENT SOURCES ADDED TO FOOD**

**Inaugural meeting of 1st mandate of the Panel
held in Parma on 10 July 2008**

Minutes adopted on 23 September 2008

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PARTICIPANTS

Panel Members:

Ruth Charrondiere, Birgit Dusemund, Pierre Galtier, John Gilbert, David Gott, Sandro Grilli, Rainer Gürtler, Jürgen König, Claude Lambre, Georges Kass, John Christian Larsen (Chair), Jean-Charles Leblanc, Dominique Parent-Massin, Iona Pratt (Vice-Chair), Ivonne Rietjens (Vice-Chair), Ivan Stankovic, Paul Tobback, Tatjana Verguieva, Ruud Woutersen

Apologies Panel Members:

Fernando Aguilar, Alicja Mortensen

EFSA directorate:

Catherine Geslain- Lanéelle (Executive Director), Anne-Laure Gassin (Director of Communication), Bernhard Berger (Head of the Scientific Cooperation Unit), Dirk Detken (Head of the Legal and Policy Affairs Unit), Djien Liem (Head of the Scientific Committee and Advisory Forum Unit), Mari Varho (Team Leader - Finance Unit)

ANS Unit:

Hugues Kenigswald (Head of the ANS Unit), Sandra Adedapo, Maria Correia, Maud Pâques, Stavroula Tasiopoulou, Ana-Maria Rincon

Apologies EFSA:

Riitta Maijala

European Commission:

Xavier Pavard

MORNING SESSION (9.00-12.00).

This part of the meeting was held in common with the CEF Panel

1. WELCOME

Catherine Geslain- Lanéelle, Executive Director of EFSA, welcomed the ANS and CEF Panel members and congratulated the members on their appointment to the Panels. The Executive Director presented a general introduction about the mission of EFSA and stressed EFSA's efforts to facilitate the work of the experts, by replacing the former AFC Panel with two new Panels and by increasing the staff in the supporting Units.

2. PRESENTATION OF EFSA AND PRACTICAL INFORMATION

In the absence of Riitta Maijala, Director of Risk Assessment, Catherine Geslain-Laneelle presented an introduction to the Risk Assessment Directorate and the scientific work of EFSA and chaired the morning session.

The different EFSA Directorates presented to all Panel members the main activities of EFSA linked to the work of the Panel:

- Scientific Committee and Advisory Forum (Djien Liem, Head of the Scientific Committee and Advisory Forum Unit),
- Scientific Cooperation and Assistance Directorate (Bernhard Berger, Head of The Scientific Cooperation Unit, on behalf of Hubert Deluyker, Director of Scientific Cooperation and Assistance)
- Communication strategy of EFSA (Anne-Laure Gassin, Director of Communication),
- Legal aspects, including declarations of interest (Dirk Detken, Head of the Legal and Policy Affairs Unit),
- Financial aspects in EFSA (Mari Varho, Team Leader Finance on behalf of François Monnard, Head of the Finance Unit).

3. PRATICAL ASPECTS OF THE DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

Due to lack of time, this item was deferred to a forthcoming meeting.

AFTERNOON SESSION (13.30-16.00)

Hugues Kenigswald, Head of the ANS Unit, chaired the meeting until the election of the Panel Chair.

4. ROUND TABLE PRESENTATION OF MEMBERS AND SECRETARIAT

Members and EFSA representatives were invited to introduce themselves.

5. ELECTION OF CHAIR AND VICE CHAIRS

John Christian Larsen was elected Chair of the Panel and chaired the rest of the meeting.

Iona Pratt and Ivonne Rietjens were elected Vice Chairs of the Panel.

6. WORKING PROGRAMME 2008 – 2011 AND ORGANISATION OF WORK

Hugues Kenigswald presented the working programme for 2008 – 2011 and the priorities for the first twelve months.

The register of questions can be seen on the EFSA website at <http://registerofquestions.efsa.europa.eu/roqFrontend>

7. ORGANISATION OF STANDING WORKING GROUPS INCLUDING ELECTION OF WORKING GROUP CHAIRS

Iona Pratt and Ivonne Rietjens were respectively elected Chair of the working group A on food additives and nutrient sources and the working group B on food additives and nutrient sources. Fernando Aguilar and David Gott were respectively elected Vice-Chair of the working group A on food additives and nutrient sources and the working group B on food additives and nutrient sources.

8. MEETING DATES

The following meeting dates were agreed upon:

Working Group A meetings	Working Group B meetings	Plenary meetings of the Panel
2 – 4 September 2008	2 – 4 September 2008	
		23 – 25 September 2008
28 – 30 October 2008	28 – 30 October 2008	
		25 – 27 November 2008
16 – 18 December 2008	16 – 18 December 2008	
13 – 15 January 2009	13 – 15 January 2009	
		27 – 29 January 2009
3 – 5 March 2009	3 – 5 March 2009	
		17 – 19 March 2009
	14 – 16 April 2009	
		28 – 30 April 2009
12 – 14 May 2009		
		3 – 5 June 2009
		7 – 9 July 2009
		22 – 24 September 2009
		24 – 26 November 2009

9. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

No other business was discussed.