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**SCIENTIFIC COOPERATION**

**Minutes of the 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting of the ESCO Working Group on Analysis of Risks and Benefits of Fortification of Food with Folic Acid**

**Dublin, 29 May 2008**

**(adopted by the WG on 28 July 2008)**

**Participants**

WG Experts:	Greet Vansant, Irene Margaritis, Maria Szeitne Szabo, Domenica Taruscio, Alfonso Lampen, Alan Reilly (Chair), Jacqueline Castenmiller, Helga Refsum, Leif Busk, Judith Amberg-Muller, Michael Beer, Alison Tedstone, Mary-Ann Flynn
Other Experts	John Scott (Trinity College Dublin)
EFSA:	Ilias Papatryfon, Saba Giovanacci

**1. Welcome and apologies**

The Chair welcomed the participants. Apologies were received from Lone Banke Rasmussen, Annamaria Castellazzi, Camelia Parvan, Anke.Weissenborn and Fabio D'Atri (European Commission).

**2. Adoption of agenda**

The agenda was adopted without changes.

**3. Declarations of interest**

The participants were informed of the introduction of the online tool for the DOIs. No additional interests for the ADOIs or the SDOIs were reported by the WG participants. John Scott declared that he has provided on various occasions scientific advice on folic acid related issues to private bodies.

**4. Discussions**

The revised draft Terms of Reference (ToR) and draft minutes from the 1<sup>st</sup> meeting were approved. The WG agreed on the way forward towards finalising the summary report on the overview of folic acid in the different countries, and decided that it would serve as the WGs interim report. The WG agreed on a draft programme for the scientific meeting to be held in Uppsala, Sweden early 2009. The WG discussed and confirmed the timeline and roadmap for reaching the set objectives and milestones.