



**MINUTES OF THE 13TH PLENARY MEETING OF THE SCIENTIFIC PANEL
ON ADDITIVES AND PRODUCTS OR SUBSTANCES USED IN ANIMAL
FEED
(BRUSSELS, 14 – 15 SEPTEMBER 2004)**

ADOPTED ON 27 OCTOBER 2004

PARTICIPANTS

Panel Members:

Arturo Anadón, Margarita Arboix Arzo (2nd day), Georges Bories, Paul Brantom, Joaquim Brufau de Barbera, Andrew Chesson, Pier Sandro Coccoconcelli, Noël Dierick (1st day), Gerhard Flachowsky (1st day), Anders Franklin, Jürgen Gropp, Anne-Katrine Haldorsen (2nd day), Ingrid Halle (1st day), Joop de Knecht, Alberto Mantovani, Kimmo Peltonen, Guido Rychen, Pascal Sanders, Pieter Wester

Apologies

Margarita Arboix Arzo (1st day), Noël Dierick (2nd day), Gerhard Flachowsky (2nd day), Anne-Katrine Haldorsen (1st day), Ingrid Halle (2nd day), Amadeu Soares

EFSA

Liisa Vahteristo, Sandrine Valentin, Jaume Galobart (scientific staff), Dominique Byron (administrative staff)

European Commission

Marta Ponghellini, Taina Säteri (DG Health and Consumer Protection)

1. WELCOME AND APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

The Chair opened the meeting and welcomed all the participants to the 13th plenary meeting of the FEEDAP Panel.

In particular the welcome was extended to the two scientific experts nominated to the FEEDAP Panel: Prof. Windish and Prof. Soares. Prof. Windish, introduced himself and expressed keen interest to participate to the activities of the Panel. Prof. Soares not able to attend the meeting had sent his apologies.

The chair informed the Panel that the Assistant Scientific Coordinator Sandrine Valentin is leaving EFSA at the end of this month and thanked her for her contribution to the work of FEEDAP Panel.

Members not able to attend the meeting had sent their apologies (see under participants).

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no specific interests declared.

3. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

The agenda was approved although the order was slightly modified according to the availability of the members and Rapporteurs.

4. ADOPTION OF THE DRAFT MINUTES OF THE 12TH PLENARY MEETING ON 30 June-1 July 2004

The minutes of the 12th Plenary meeting of the Scientific Panel held on 30 June-1st July 2004 were adopted. The previously adopted minutes of the 11th plenary meeting were distributed to all the members.

5. GENERAL INFORMATION FROM EFSA

The Scientific Co-ordinator gave a short overview of the developments at EFSA, as well as an update on some general issues related to all the panels.

The move to Parma will start in November with the PPR Panel¹ and should be completed in October 2005. FEEDAP Plenary and most Working Group meetings should be held in Parma from September 2005 onwards once the secretariat has moved to the permanent location of EFSA.

Two new events will be organized by EFSA:

- The “Advisory Forum event” is taking place on 8-9 November in Berlin as a public event, where also panel members may be invited. It will be followed by the 2nd EFSA's Stakeholder colloque (upon invitation) w it on 9 & 10 November
- The 2nd EFSA colloquium in Microorganisms in Food and Feed; Qualified Presumption of Safety – QPS, which will take place in Brussels on 13-14 December 2004.

It was brought to the attention of the panel that EMEA (European Medicines Agency) had approached EFSA concerning CVMP assessment for the establishment of MLRs for lasalocid in poultry. An opportunity for a FEEDAP Panel member to participate to their next meeting when the CVMP report on lasalocid is discussed was offered in this letter. This approach was well received by the members even though the Panel had finalised its own assessment during the summer, under time pressure. The Panel agreed to send the Scientific Co-ordinator and one member of the Panel to the abovementioned meeting.

6. WORK PROGRAM

6.1. Discussion and possible adoption of the following scientific opinions

Use of iodine in feedingstuffs

The Rapporteur of the Working Group on Iodine introduced the draft document. The four first chapters were reviewed in detail. The Rapporteur was requested to amend these chapters. Due to lack of time, it was not possible to complete the discussion on this draft but will continue during the next Plenary meeting.

¹ Panel on plant health, plant protection products and their residues

Enzymes

- Endofeed for Laying Hens

The Rapporteur from the Working Group on Enzymes introduced the question and the draft opinion for discussion. Discussion focused on the effect of the supplementation of Endofeed on the egg weight in the four trials. The effect of the additive on the quality of the eggs has been investigated in 24-week trials. In all four experiments Endofeed supplementation resulted in a small but significant increase in the egg weight for at least part of the test period without significant changes in the laying intensity. The FEEDAP Panel concluded that laying hens fed with high barley diets showed an increase of egg weight when diets are supplemented with Endofeed at the recommended dose.

The Panel adopted the opinion after discussion provided that some editorial changes were incorporated.

- Bio Feed Alpha CT & L

The draft document was briefly introduced by the Rapporteur for this question. EFSA was asked to provide an opinion on the safety of the enzyme preparation of α -amylase, EC 3.2.1.1, and endo-1,3(4)- β -glucanase, EC 3.2.1.6, produced by *Bacillus amyloliquefaciens* (DSM 9553) in particular regarding the ability of the producing strain to produce toxins. FEEDAP Panel concluded that the production strain when used as a source of extracellular enzyme does not present a toxicogenic risk.

The Panel adopted the opinion after discussing few clarifications.

Formaldehyde for poultry

The Rapporteur of the Working Group introduced the draft document. Only safety for target species (poultry) of the additive formaldehyde was assessed based on new data presented since the evaluation of the Scientific Committee on Animal Nutrition in October 2002. The Panel reviewed the report.

The FEEDAP Panel concluded that formaldehyde appeared safe for chickens for fattening at the recommended dose; however there was little margin for error before adverse effects were apparent. No conclusion can be reached concerning safety for other categories of poultry in the absence of data.

After a short discussion, the opinion was adopted subject to some editorial changes.

Safety of 4-Nitrophenylarsonic acid

The Rapporteur of the Working Group introduced the draft document. The Commission asked the European Food Safety Authority to make a preliminary evaluation of the safety of 4-nitrophenylarsonic acid and its metabolites.

The Rapporteur was requested to amend the document according to the points made during general discussion and some more specific remarks made on this draft opinion. A revised document should be presented in the October Plenary.

Update of the Opinion on the Safety of Cycostat 66G

The company had provided some new data on the dossier Cycostat 66G following the opinion adopted on 8 June 2004. The draft was discussed in detail. The Rapporteur was requested to amend the document. A revised final draft of the document will be circulated shortly and adoption should then take place by written procedure.

6.2. Progress reports on ongoing work

Not discussed.

7. NEW REQUESTS TO EFSA RECEIVED FROM THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION

- Question on Fecinor (EFSA-Q-2004-096)

The Commission asks the European Food Safety Authority to deliver an opinion on the safety for the consumer, for the target animals, the user of the product and the environment of micro-organism preparation of *Enterococcus faecium* (CECT 4515). The request will be dealt within the WG on Micro-organisms. The deadline proposed by the Commission for the assessment is January 2005.

- Question on Formi LHS for Sows (EFSA-Q-2004-099)

The Commission requests the European Food Safety Authority to issue an opinion on the efficacy and on the safety for consumers, target species, users and the environment of the product (“Formi™ LHS”). The request will be dealt within the WG on Preservatives. The deadline proposed by the Commission for the assessment is December 2004.

- Question on Cycostat 66G (EFSA-Q-2004-108)

The Commission asks the European Food Safety Authority to issue an opinion on the safety of the product of trade name “Cycostat 66G” based on *robenidine hydrochloride*, evaluating the new data provided by the supplementary dossier. The deadline proposed by the Commission for the assessment is 15 September 2004. Due to the deadline given by the Commission, a Rapporteur has already been designed and the draft was discussed during the meeting.

- Question on Kemzyme W Dry (EFSA-Q-2004-111)

The Commission requests the European Food Safety Authority to provide an opinion on the safety of the enzyme preparation of endo-1,3(4)- β -glucanase produced by *Aspergillus aculeatus* (CBS 589.94), endo-1,4- β -glucanase produced by *Trichoderma longibrachiatum* (CBS 592.94), alpha-amylase produced by *Bacillus amyloliquefaciens* (DSM 9553), bacillolysin produced by *Bacillus amyloliquefaciens* (DSM 9554) and endo-1,4- β -xylanase produced by *Trichoderma viride* (NIBH FERM BP 4842) in particular regarding the ability of the *Bacillus* producing strains to produce toxins. The request will be dealt within the WG on Micro-organisms. The deadline proposed by the Commission for the assessment is October 2004.

- Question on *Duddingtonia Flagrans* (EFSA-Q-2004-115)

The Commission asks the European Food Safety Authority to deliver an opinion on the safety of micro-organism preparation of *Duddingtonia flagrans*, for the consumer, for the target animals, the user of the product and the environment. The request will be dealt within the WG on Micro-organisms. The deadline proposed by the Commission for the assessment is March 2005.

8. PLENARY DATES FOR 2005

The plenary dates of the FEEDAP Panel for 2005 were discussed and the following dates were agreed up on:

25-26 January, 9-10 March, 12-13 April, 25-26 May, 6-7 July, 27-28 September,
19-20 October and 7-8 December. [POST MEETING MODIFICATIONS:

In 2005 plenary dates are March 1-2 and September 21-22.]

Additional plenary on November 17-18 was confirmed, the other remaining Plenaries for 2004 are: 27-28 October and 8-9 December.

9. REGULATION 1831/2003 AND THE ROLE OF EFSA – REPORT ON PROGRESS

The Assistant Scientific Coordinator reported on progress in bringing the tasks of EFSA into function as regards the Regulation (EC) No 1831/2003. The EFSA procedure for the assessment of a feed additives and the way information will be made available to the Member States, Commission and the scientific experts of the Panel were presented. However, time allowed only a short discussion.

A representative of the IT Department made a short introduction on the topic of the use of the electronic EFSAnet to the members of the Panel.

10. FUTURE APPROACHES

Not discussed.

11. FEEDBACK FROM THE SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE HELD ON 28TH JUNE 2004

Not discussed.

12. MISCELLANEOUS

None.