

**MINUTES OF THE 29<sup>TH</sup> PLENARY MEETING OF THE  
SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON DIETETIC PRODUCTS, NUTRITION AND ALLERGIES  
HELD FROM 2 JULY TO 3 JULY 2009**

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**PARTICIPANTS**

**Panel members:**

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| • Carlo Agostoni         | • Monika Neuhäuser-Berthold |
| • Jean-Louis Bresson     | • Hildegard Przyrembel      |
| • Susan Fairweather-Tait | • Yolanda Sanz              |
| • Albert Flynn           | • Sean Strain               |
| • Ines Golly             | • Inge Tetens               |
| • Hannu Korhonen         | • Daniel Tomé               |
| • Pagona Lagiou          | • Hendrik van Loveren       |
| • Martinus Løvik         | • Hans Verhagen             |
| • Rosangela Marchelli    |                             |
| • Bevan Moseley          |                             |

**EFSA staff:**

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| • Juliane Kleiner   | • Leng Heng                |
| • Reinhard Ackerl   | • Danai Papanastasiou      |
| • Maria Astridou    | • Ariane Titz              |
| • Ulla Bertelsen    | • Emanuela Turla           |
| • Janusz Ciok       | • Silvia Valtueña Martínez |
| • Ellie Daguet      |                            |
| • Wolfgang Gelbmann |                            |

## **THURSDAY 2 JULY 2009**

This session was held on 2 July PM together with the EFSA Panels on Animal Health and Welfare (AHAW) and Plant Protection Products (PPR) to present the structure and working methods of EFSA.

### **1. WELCOME AND OPENING OF THE MEETING, GENERAL INTRODUCTION TO EFSA**

The EFSA executive Director Catherine Geslain-Lanéelle welcomed the participants and opened the meeting with the participation of Diana Banati, Chair of the Management board. The executive Director presented a general introduction of EFSA. A series of general introductory presentations were made giving an overview of the different departments and their responsibilities within EFSA as follows:

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| - Introduction to the Risk Assessment Directorate and the scientific work of EFSA | Riitta Liisa Majala |
| - Introduction Scientific Committee and Advisory Forum                            | Djien Liem          |
| - Scientific Committee and Assistance Directorate                                 | Hubert Deluyker     |
| - Communication directorate   | Anne Laure Gassin   |
| - Legal aspects including declarations of interest                                | Dirk Detken         |
| - Declaration of interest information technology tool                             | Ernesto Guisado     |
| - Financial aspects   | Mari Varho          |

## **FRIDAY 3 JULY 2009**

This session was only for NDA Panel members. The head of the NDA unit, Juliane Kleiner, welcomed all participants to the first plenary meeting of the new NDA Panel 2009-2013. Apologies for absence were received from Ambroise Martin, Seppo Salminen and Stephan Strobel.

### **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 ADoI filled in by the scientific experts invited for the present meeting. No conflicts of interests related to the issues discussed in this meeting have been identified during the screening process and no new interests were declared in the SDoI or at the beginning of this meeting.

### **4. ROUND TABLE PRESENTATION OF PANEL MEMBERS AND SECRETARIAT**

All Panel members and EFSA secretariat presented themselves.

### **5. ELECTION OF PANEL CHAIR AND VICE CHAIRS**

The election of a chair person and two vice chairs took place following the procedure as established by EFSA. Prof. Albert Flynn was elected unanimously as Chair. Prof. Hildegard Przyrembel and Prof. Hendrik van Loveren were elected as vice-chairs of the Panel. As from then the newly elected chair took over the chair of the NDA Panel.

## **6. INTRODUCTION TO WORK PROGRAMME AND WORKING GROUPS FOR NDA PANEL**

The work programme was presented and the various working groups of the Panel were described.

## **7. WORKING GROUP COMPOSITION**

All Panel members were invited to join the working groups and the following changes in the compositions were made:

- Claims: addition of Carlo Agostoni, Ines Golly, Susan Fairweather-Tait and Yolanda Sanz
- Claims, sub-working group 1 (gut/immune): addition of Jean-Louis Bresson, Yolanda Sanz and Daniel Tomé
- Claims, sub-working group 3 (bone/dental/connective tissue): withdrawal of Jean-Louis Bresson
- Novel Food: Ines Golly, Rosangela Marchelli, Monika Neuhäuser-Berthold
- Population Reference Intakes: addition of Monika Neuhäuser-Berthold, Susan Fairweather-Tait and Daniel Tomé, withdrawal of Martinus Løvik
- Infant Formulae: addition of Carlo Agostoni
- Infant Formulae, sub-working group on complementary feeding: addition of Carlo Agostoni, Yolanda Sanz and Daniel Tomé.

## **8. MEETING DATES FOR 2009-2010**

The following meeting dates for Plenary meetings were agreed:

- 13-15 October 2009
- 2-4 December 2009
- 9-11 February 2010
- 28-30 April 2010
- 23-25 June 2010
- 8-10 September 2010
- 10-12 November 2010
- 15-16 December 2010

For the Working group on Claims the following additional meetings were scheduled:

- 12-14 January 2010
- 24-26 March 2010
- 19-21 May 2010
- 7-9 July 2010
- 6-8 October 2010

## **9. DRAFT FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS DOCUMENT FOR THE PREPARATION AND PRESENTATION OF HEALTH CLAIMS APPLICATIONS**

Revisions to the document prepared for the Stakeholder meeting held on 15 June 2009 in Brussels were discussed.

The draft frequently asked questions (FAQ) document related to the EFSA assessment of health claims applications will be updated by taking into account the comments received during the consultation period and at the above-mentioned meeting. As soon as finalised, the updated FAQ will be released on the EFSA website.

**10. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

None.

These minutes were adopted on 28 August 2009.