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**MINUTES OF THE 1st PLENARY MEETING
of the Scientific Panel on
Food Contact Materials, Enzymes, Flavourings & Processing Aids (CEF)
1st Mandate
Inaugural meeting of 1st mandate of the Panel
Held in Parma on 10 July 2008**

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PARTICIPANTS

Panel Members:

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Apologies Panel Members:

Arturo Anadon, Laurence Castle, Catherine Leclercq.

EFSA directorate:

Catherine Geslain-Lanéelle, Djien Liem, Bernhard Berger, Anne-Laure Gassin, Dirk Detken, Mari Varho.

CEF Unit: Alexandre Feigenbaum, Eva Maria Ferrari, Ilse Koenig, Marco Lannutti, Kim Rygaard Nielsen, Hanne Pedersen, Dimitrios Spyropoulos, Anne Theobald.

Apologies EFSA:

Riitta Maijala, Eric Barthélemy.

European Commission:

Xavier Pavard.

MORNING SESSION (9.00-12.00).

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

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

Catherine Geslain-Lanéelle, Executive Director of EFSA, welcomed the ANS and CEF Panel Members and congratulated them on their appointment. The Executive Director presented a general introduction of EFSA's mission and stressed their 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 PRATICAL INFORMATION

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

The different EFSA Directorates presented the main activities of EFSA which are 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. PRACTICAL ASPECTS OF THE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Due to lack of time, this presentation was postponed to a forthcoming meeting.

AFTERNOON SESSION (13.30-16.00).

Alexandre Feigenbaum, Head of CEF Unit, chaired the meeting until the election of the Panel Chair.

4. ROUND TABLE PRESENTATION OF PANEL MEMBERS AND OF SECRETARIAT

Panel Members and CEF Unit staff introduced themselves.

See first page for names and apologies.

5. ELECTION OF CHAIR AND VICE-CHAIRS

Elections were held by secret ballot.

Klaus-Dieter Jany was elected by 17 out of 18 present Members. He chaired the rest of the meeting.

Karl-Heinz Engel and Wim Mennes were elected as first and second vice-chair persons respectively, each of them receiving 17 out of 18 present Members votes.

6. WORKING PROGRAMME 2008-2011 AND ORGANISATION OF WORK

Panel and Working Groups.

Alexandre Feigenbaum presented the work programme for the mandate:

Food Contact Materials, Smoke Flavourings, Flavourings, Enzymes and Processing Aids.

7. ORGANISATION OF STANDING WORKING GROUPS INCLUDING NOMINATION OF STANDING WORKING GROUPS' CHAIRPERSONS

The standing working groups on Food Contact Materials (1 working group), on Smoke Flavourings (1 working group) and on Flavourings (2 working groups) were confirmed. It was decided that a new Working Group on Enzymes should be created.

All Panel Members registered in one of these standing working groups.

The chairs of the working groups are Jean-Claude Lhuguenot (Food Contact Materials), John Christian Larsen (Flavourings 1), Karl-Heinz Engel (Flavourings 2) and David Bell (Enzymes).

8. UP-COMING PANEL MEETINGS

For 2008:

PLEN 2: 23-25 September 2008

PLEN 3: 25-27 November 2008

For 2009:

PLEN 4: 27-29 January 2009

PLEN 5: 24-26 March 2009

PLEN 6: 12-14 May 2009

PLEN 7: 21-23 July 2009

PLEN 8: 22-24 September 2009

PLEN 9: 24-26 November 2009

9. ANY OTHER BUSINESS