



**MINUTES OF THE 1ST PLENARY MEETING OF THE SCIENTIFIC
PANEL ON ADDITIVES AND PRODUCTS OR SUBSTANCES USED IN
ANIMAL FEED
(BRUSSELS, 21 MAY 2003)**

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PARTICIPANTS

Panel Members:

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Apologies

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EFSA

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Commission

Michael Walsh¹, Eric Thévenard (DG Health and Consumer Protection)

I. GENERAL INAUGURAL MEETING (MORNING SESSION)

The Executive Director welcomed all attending the meeting. The objective of the first part of the meeting was to brief the Members of the Scientific Panels and Committees on their role, the role of EFSA and the joint interrelationship with other European Institutions and with National Authorities. The first session was intended to provide opportunities for everyone to participate in the discussion. It was hoped that there would be strong and lively interaction between EFSA and members of the Scientific Committee and Panels on all future dealings, as this was the way to build mutual confidence and make best use of the very considerable scientific expertise which was available.

¹ Attending morning session only

The Executive Director stressed that EFSA wished to build on the many achievements of the previous scientific committee system. Equally EFSA had not been created to simply replicate the previous system but to make innovations in a number of key areas. In particular, there was a need:

- (i) to develop and make open and transparent the science of risk assessment. The Scientific Committee would have a particular role in this;
- (ii) to provide greater opportunity for stakeholder participation in the risk assessment process the delivery of a final opinion;
- (iii) to provide public and realistic timeframes for work which was undertaken and, except in exceptional circumstances, to adhere to these;
- (iv) to engage, in liaison with national authorities, in more timely and meaningful communication of risk assessments. This would in itself require considerable dialogue between EFSA and its Scientific Committee and Panels
- (v) to ensure that the best expertise available was used. The Scientific Committee and Panels should be ready to form Working Groups or use other means to obtain the external expertise they needed.

In concluding his opening remarks, the Executive Director took the opportunity of congratulating the members of the Scientific Committee and Panels on their selection by the EFSA Management Board. The standard of selection had been high and many very good candidates had unfortunately had to be disappointed, although it was hoped there might be opportunities for them to participate in Working Groups. EFSA staff very much looked forward to working with and supporting those present.

The participants were then given practical information on the internal rules of procedures (by Christine Majewski) and on the role of the Interface Unit of the Commission (by Michael Walsh).

II. 1ST PLENARY MEETING OF THE PANEL ON ADDITIVES AND PRODUCTS OR SUBSTANCES USED IN ANIMAL FEED (AFTERNOON SESSION)

1. WELCOME, APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

The scientific co-ordinator welcomed all the participants and congratulated the panel members with their nomination on the panel. All members were present, except for one member from whom apologies had been received.

2. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

The agenda was approved.

3. ROUND TABLE INTRODUCTION OF MEMBERS

Members as well as EFSA and Commission representatives were invited to introduce themselves. A short resume of the CV of each panel member was included in the documentation package. These CV's will be placed on the EFSA website.

4. ELECTION OF THE CHAIR AND VICE-CHAIRS

A secret ballot of the 19 members present led to the election of Dr Chesson as the Chair of the Scientific Panel on Additives and Products or Substances used in Animal Feed.

Dr. Wester and Prof. Gropp were elected as Vice-Chairs in separate votes.

5. DECLARATIONS

The members were invited to submit all documents in relation to declarations on confidentiality, commitment of independence and annual declaration of interest to the administrative secretary during the meeting. Members who did not manage to provide them are requested to do so. No conflict of interest with the items proposed for discussion were declared.

6. WORKING PROGRAMME

Draft Working Programme and the mandate of the panel was briefly presented by the scientific co-ordinator and the chairman.

The Scientific Panel will be responsible for providing the scientific opinions of the Authority, within its own sphere of competence. Under Article 18 of the Decision concerning the establishment and operations of the Scientific Committees and Panels, adopted by the Authority's Management Board on 17.10.2002, the mandate of the Panel is set out as follows: "safety for the animal, the user/worker, the consumer of the products of animal origin, the environment and to the efficacy of biological and chemical products/substances intended for deliberate addition/use in animal feed".

The draft Working Programme consists of questions from the Commission addressed previously to the Scientific Committee on Animal Nutrition (SCAN) but which had not been completed during its mandate or which the Scientific Committee on Animal Nutrition had not yet addressed at all. New questions, mainly in connection with the Council Directive 70/524/EEC, are expected to arrive in the near future. This information allows the Panel to organise its work and enables members to identify the area to which they could contribute.

7. ORGANISATION OF WORKING GROUPS

In order to continue the work carried forward from the Scientific Committee on Animal Nutrition with minimum disruption, it was agreed that the working documents transferred to the Scientific Co-ordinator from the SCAN Secretariat would be used as a starting point for each ongoing question. The panel also agreed to maintain several of the experts involved in the preparatory work providing their agreement and availability to continue, but also to include new panel members.

In accordance with the draft work programme two working groups (WG on Micro-organisms and WG on Enzymes) were set up. For both of them a Chairman was nominated and members identified.

In relation to the reevaluation of certain additives in accordance with Article 9G of Directive 70/524/EEC the Panel agreed to create *ad hoc* working groups for each coccidiostat under

reevaluation. Chairman for WGs on coccidiostats Koffogran, Avatec, Cycostat, Deccox, Elancoban, Monteban, Saccox and Stenorol were nominated, and some working group members were identified.

Three new working groups, one for each question, were created to address questions on the Safety of use of iodine in feedingstuffs, Use of synthetic sodium aluminium silicate (zeolite) for the reduction of risk of milk fever in dairy cows and Assessment of the safety of use of colouring agents (carotenoids) authorised in animal nutrition. For each a Chairman was chosen and some members from the Panel and *ad hoc* experts were identified as suitable members to be invited to participate.

For two other questions on coccidiostats (Efficacy of product Saccox at the dose of 30 ppm and Coccidiostat Kokcisan 120G) no working groups were created due to lack of time.

Three Working Group meetings on coccidiostats were decided to be held on the 16th, 17th and 24th of June.

8. SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS 2003

Next plenary meetings of the FEEDAP Panel are scheduled for 8-9 July, 9-10 September, 22-23 October and 2-3 December 2003. The meeting dates for 2004 should be discussed in the September Plenary.

9. MISCELLANEOUS

The issues of improved ways of working, use of guidelines and organisation of work were mentioned but due to lack of time the discussion was postponed to a future meeting.