MINUTES OF THE 59TH PLENARY MEETING
OF THE SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON ADDITIVES AND PRODUCTS OR SUBSTANCES USED IN ANIMAL FEED

(PARMA, 16-17 JUNE 2009)

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PARTICIPANTS
Panel Members
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Apologies
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EFSA
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European Commission
Willem Penning (1st day PM), Marta Ponghellini, Marina Marini (DG SANCO).

MORNING SESSION - 16 JUNE 2009 (held in conjunction with the Panel on Plant Health)

1. WELCOME, OPENING AND GENERAL PRESENTATIONS OF EFSA DEPARTMENTS

Dr. Hubert Deluyker (Director of the Scientific Cooperation and Assistance directorate) welcomed the participants and presented a general introduction about the mission of EFSA and the activities of the Risk Assessment and the Scientific Cooperation and Assistance Directorates. Presentations about specific EFSA’s activities in other departments were made:

- Scientific Committee and Advisory Forum
  - Torben Nilsson

- Communication directorate
  - Steve Pagani

- Legal aspects including declarations of interest
  - Dirk Detken

- Financial aspects
  - Mari Varho
2. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

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

3. **ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

The agenda was adopted.

4. **PRESENTATION OF PANEL MEMBERS AND SECRETARIAT**

The Panel members briefly introduced themselves, focusing on their areas of interest and expertise. The staff of the FEEDAP unit also introduced themselves and explained their individual role/tasks in the unit.

5. **Mandate of the FEEDAP Panel**

The Scientific Co-ordinator (SC) described the mandate and tasks of the FEEDAP Panel. Several presentations were given by the secretariat on the work program of the panel for the current mandate, the ScienceNet, declaration of interest and the working groups currently established. An introduction to the legal basis for the assessment of feed additives was presented by Dr. Willem Penning, Head of Unit on Animal Feed at DG SANCO.


The SC explained the procedure of the election of the Chair and Vice-chairs. After the election took place, Prof. Andrew Chesson was elected Chair of the FEEDAP Panel and Prof. Jürgen Gropp and Dr. Alberto Mantovani were elected Vice-Chairs of the FEEDAP Panel.

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7. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

EFSA secretariat screened the annual declaration of interest (ADoI) and specific declaration of interest (SDoI) filled in by the scientific experts invited at this meeting in accordance with EFSA’s Policy on Declarations of Interests.

With regard to the ADoI, SDoI and this meeting no other interest than those already declared in the ADoI or in a previous SDoI and screened by EFSA in accordance with its Policy on Declarations of Interests and implementing documents thereof was declared by the experts.

8. **WORK PROGRAM**

8.1. **Discussion and possible adoption of the following scientific opinions**

- **Avizyme 1505 (endo-1,4-beta-xylanase, alpha-amylase, subtilisin) for chickens for fattening and ducks (EFSA-Q-2007-020)**

  The Rapporteur of the Working Group (WG) presented the question and the draft opinion. This question refers to an application for the authorisation of a feed additive under Article 4(1) of Regulation (EC) No 1831/2003. The applicant is seeking the authorisation of this product as a zootechnical additive for chickens for fattening and ducks. The enzymes contained in this product are produced by genetically modified micro-organisms. The GMO
Panel assessed the safety of the genetic modifications and adopted their part of the opinion on 28 October 2008.

The draft opinion was reviewed. The FEEDAP Panel considers that the product is safe for the target species, the consumer and the environment. No concerns for the user are expressed provided adequate protective measures are taken. The Panel concluded that the efficacy of Avizyme 1505 has been demonstrated in chickens for fattening at the dose of 125 mg/kg and in ducks for fattening at 50 mg/kg.

The opinion was adopted.¹

- **Avizyme 1505 (endo-1,4-beta-xylanase, alpha-amylase, subtilisin) for turkeys for fattening (EFSA-Q-2007-112)**

  The Rapporteur of the WG presented the question and the draft opinion. This question refers to an application for the authorisation of a feed additive under Article 4(1) of Regulation (EC) No 1831/2003. The applicant is seeking the authorisation of this product as a zootechnical additive for turkeys for fattening. The enzymes contained in this product are produced by genetically modified micro-organisms. The safety of the genetic modification and for the consumer, user and the environment are already considered in the previous opinion (see above).

  The draft opinion was reviewed. The Panel considered that the product is safe for the target species and that there is evidence of efficacy at the dose proposed by the applicant (200 mg/kg).

  The opinion was adopted.²

- **Natugrain® Wheat TS (endo-1,4-beta-xylanase) for chickens for fattening and ducks (EFSA-Q-2008-418)**

  The Chair of the WG presented the question and the draft opinion. This question refers to an application for the re-evaluation of a feed additive (Article 10.2) and for the authorisation of a new use of the feed additive (Article 4(1)) under Regulation (EC) No 1831/2003. The applicant is asking for the re-evaluation of this additive for chickens for fattening and for its authorisation to be used as a zootechnical additive in ducks. This enzyme preparation is produced by a genetically modified micro-organism.

  The draft opinion was reviewed. The Panel considered that the product is safe for the target species. The safety of the genetic modification, for the consumer and the user were assessed previously³ and the Panel considered that there are no concerns for the consumer safety while for the user precautions are recommended to avoid dermal and inhalation exposure. No risks for the environment are foreseen from the use of this product as a feed additive.

  The opinion was adopted.⁴

9. **PROGRESS REPORT ON ONGOING WORK**

   Not discussed.

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10. NEW REQUESTS TO EFSA RECEIVED FROM THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION

10.1. New applications under Regulation (EC) No 1831/2003

The Commission has forwarded to EFSA three new applications of feed additives seeking authorisation under Regulation (EC) No 1831/2003 since the last Plenary meeting. These applications are currently being checked for completeness:

- **Endofeed® DC (endo-1,3(4)-beta-glucanase and endo-1-4-beta-xylanase).** Zootechnical additives for chickens for fattening, laying hens, pigs for fattening, minor avian and porcine species. (EFSA-Q-2009-00585)

- **Natuphos® (3-phytase).** Zootechnical additives for minor species (quails, pheasants, partridges, guinea fowl, geese, pigeons, ostriches, peacocks, flamingos) and ornamental birds. (EFSA-Q-2009-00603)

- **Red carotenoid-rich bacterium Paracoccus carotinifaciens.** Sensory additive for salmon and trout. (EFSA-Q-2009-00629)


- **Mintrex Cu** (copper chelate of hydroxy analogue of methionine). Nutritional additive for all species. (EFSA-Q-2009-00628)

- **Mintrex Mn** (manganese chelate of hydroxy analogue of methionine). Nutritional additive for all species. (EFSA-Q-2009-00630)

- **Mintrex Zn** (zinc chelate of hydroxy analogue of methionine). Nutritional additive for all species. (EFSA-Q-2009-00667)

11. GENERAL INFORMATION FROM EFSA

The dates for the plenary meetings for 2009 were notified to the Panel members: 7-9 July, 15-16 September, 13-15 October, 11-12 November and 8-10 December.

12. MISCELLANEOUS

Not discussed