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MINUTES OF THE 12TH PLENARY MEETING OF THE
SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON DIETETIC PRODUCTS, NUTRITION AND ALLERGIES
HELD ON 6 DECEMBER 2005

PARTICIPANTS

Panel members:

- Wulf Becker
- Jean-Louis Bresson
- Albert Flynn
- Pagona Lagiou
- Martinus Løvik
- Geltrude Mingrone
- Bevan Moseley
- Andreu Palou
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1. WELCOME TO MEMBERS, APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

The Chair welcomes all participants to the first NDA plenary meeting in Parma. Apologies for absence were received from Francesco Branca, Daniel Brasseur, Alan Jackson Seppo Salminen, and Hildegard Przyrembel.

2. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

The agenda was adopted.

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were made in relation to the items on the agenda.

4. CO-ORDINATION WITH EFSA SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE AND OTHER EFSA PANELS

The scientific co-ordinator briefed the Panel on a meeting of the Chairs of all Community's Scientific Committees involved in risk assessment that takes place on 7-8 December 2005 in Brussels. The EU bodies involved are: European Commission, EFSA, EMEA (European Medicines Agency), ECDC (European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control), EEA (European Environment Agency) and EMCDDA (European Monitoring Centre for Drugs and Drug Addiction). The objective of the meeting is to discuss how to improve cooperation between different scientific bodies established under Community law and European Commission services, which issue scientific opinions and carry out similar tasks, and to exchange view.

5. GENERAL INFORMATION BY EFSA ON MATTERS RELATED TO THE PANEL

In relation to the renewal of the membership for the EFSA's Scientific Committee and Scientific Panels which takes place in 2006, the Panel was informed about the procedure and timetable of the Call for expressions of interest in membership which is now published in the official journal and the EFSA website. The deadline of application is 7 January 2006. Panel members were asked to assist in disseminating the call to expert who may be interested.

Post-meeting notes: The deadline for expression of interest has now been extended until Friday 17th February 2006 (the closing date was previously 7 January 2006) due to problems with on-line applications, in particular during the final week of the application period.

6. NOVEL FOODS

6.1 Draft opinion on maize-germ oil high in unsaponifiable matter

The draft opinion prepared by the Working Group on Novel Foods was introduced and discussed. The opinion was adopted subject to the incorporation of modifications agreed upon by the Panel.

The text of the full opinion appears on the EFSA web site, available at: http://www.efsa.eu.int/science/nda/nda_opinions/catindex_en.html.

6.2 Draft opinion on rapeseed oil high in unsaponifiable matter

The draft opinion prepared by the Working Group on Novel Foods was introduced and discussed. The opinion was adopted subject to the incorporation of modifications agreed upon by the Panel.

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7. FOOD ALLERGY: UPDATE OF ANNEX IIIA OF DIRECTIVE 2000/13/EC

7.1 Draft opinion on the evaluation of lupin for labelling purposes

The draft opinion prepared by the Working Group on Food Allergy was introduced and discussed. The opinion was adopted subject to the incorporation of modifications agreed upon by the Panel.

The text of the full opinion appears on the EFSA web site, available at: http://www.efsa.eu.int/science/nda/nda_opinions/catindex_en.html.

8. INFANT FORMULAE

8.1 Minutes' Statement replying to applicant's comment on the Panel's Opinion relating to the evaluation of goats' milk protein as a protein source for infant formulae and follow-on formulae

The draft statement prepared by the Working Group on Infant Formulae was introduced and discussed. The statement was adopted subject to the incorporation of modifications agreed upon by the Panel.

The text of the full statement appears on the EFSA web site, available at: http://www.efsa.eu.int/science/nda/nda_opinions/catindex_en.html.

9. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business.

10. ADOPTION OF THESE MINUTES

These minutes were adopted by written procedure on 9 January 2006.