



**MINUTES OF THE 18TH PLENARY MEETING
OF THE SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON PLANT HEALTH, PLANT PROTECTION PRODUCTS AND
THEIR RESIDUES**

HELD IN PARMA ON 17-18 MAY 2006

(Adopted by written procedure on 2 June 2006)

Agenda

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6.	Adoption of the opinion on the summary opinion in environment	Chair
7.	Feedback from the Scientific Committee and WGs WG exposure: Opinion on uncertainties in dietary exposure assessment	Chair A. Hart
8.	Miscellaneous: Information on the new PPR panel, calendar of plenary meetings Information on the new PLH Panel	Chair E. Ceglarska

PARTICIPANTS

Members of the PPR Panel: Mr. A. HARDY (chairman), Mr. D. BARCELÒ-CULLERES, Mr. R. BLACK, Mr. J. BOESTEN, Mr. A. BOOBIS, Mr. A. HART, Mr. H. KOEPP, Mr. R. LUTTIK, Mr. D. MC GREGOR, Mr. M. MARONI, Mr. A. MORETTO, Ms E. PAPADOPOLOU-MOURKIDOU*, Mr. E. PETZINGER, Mr. A. SCHAEFFER, Mr. W. STEURBAUT, Ms D. TSIPI-STEFANITSI, and Ms C. VLEMINCKX.

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EFSA: PPR Secretariat: Ms. M. DUNIER-THOMANN, Ms. C. FUELL, Ms. A. DE BLOCK, Ms. G. BOSCHETTO, Ms C. PERCIVALDI, Ms. J. KLEINER*, Ms. A. FRIEL (PRAPER Unit only 17 May) and Mr. B. BERGER.

European Commission: Ms. F. ARENA, (DG SANCO, D3).

1. WELCOME, APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

The chairman, Mr. A. HARDY, welcomed the participants. Apologies had been received from Mr. J. STENSTRÖM, Mr. K. SAVOLAINEN, Mr. O. MEYER, and Ms. K. MACHERA,

No additional interests were declared.

EFSA's new Executive Director, Ms. C. GESLAIN-LANEELLE (FR), has been appointed and will take up her post on 1 July 2006.

The chairman thanked EFSA's PPR secretariat, the Panel members and all *ad hoc* experts on behalf of the Panel for their work done during this 3 years Panel's mandate. The chairman announced that he will write a letter to all *ad hoc* experts thanking them for their work.

2. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

The sequence of the agenda items was modified and a new agenda item (information on an EFSA colloquium to take place) was added.

3. ADOPTION OF THE OPINION ON THE SUMMARY OF OPINIONS IN ENVIRONMENTAL FATE, EXPOSURE, ECOTOXICOLOGY AND RESIDUES

With this opinion the PPR Panel aims to present the key scientific refinements from the Panel's 15 opinions in the areas of environmental fate, exposure, ecotoxicology, and residues in a more concise and general way, free of the detail that inevitably attends a specific example, so that readers can see more clearly how it could be applied to other examples, and the competent authorities could consider whether to use or adapt this material for future revisions of guidance documents. It is a summary of new assessment approaches and important principles that the PPR Panel wishes to highlight.

An advanced version of the opinion had been sent to all Panel members on 05 May 2006 and the received comments had been included. The opinion was further amended and finalised during a preceding Working Group meeting (16 May 2006). The main changes with regard to the final version are the elaboration of the conclusions and the summary. One of the rapporteurs introduced the opinion and highlighted the changes compared to the last version and explained in detail the scientific issues dealt with and recommendations made. After a general discussion, and inclusion of some further comments the opinion was adopted by the PPR Panel. The EFSA Secretariat will do the final editorial check and circulate the opinion among the Panel members for approval by 26 May 2006. The opinion will then be published on the EFSA web as soon as possible.

The EFSA Secretariat and communication department intend to make press releases with regard to both summary opinions (in toxicology already adopted and the present one). This activity was very much encouraged by the chairman.

4. ADOPTION OF THE OPINION ON THE REVISION OF ANNEXES II AND III TO DIR. 91/414/EEC- PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

In this opinion the PPR Panel evaluated the draft revision of Annex II and III to Directive 91/414/EEC on Physical and Chemical Properties, primarily for their relevance to the Risk Assessment process but also for completeness, clarity and the state of the art in the relevant scientific fields. The rapporteur thanked the *ad hoc* experts for their very valuable contributions to the drafting of this opinion. A final version of the opinion had been sent to all Panel members on 11 May 2006 for final commenting. No further comments had been received. The rapporteur introduced the opinion and highlighted the main suggested changes to the Annex II and III (phys-chem) and their reasoning. After a thorough discussion and inclusion of some further modifications and clarifications the opinion was officially adopted by the PPR Panel. The EFSA Secretariat will do the final editorial check and circulate the opinion among the Panel members for approval. The opinion will then be published on the EFSA web as soon as possible.

5. ADOPTION OF THE OPINION ON THE REVISION OF ANNEXES II AND III TO DIR. 91/414/EEC- ANALYTICAL METHODS

In this opinion the PPR Panel evaluated the draft revision of Annex II and III to Directive 91/414/EEC on Analytical Methods. The rapporteur thanked the *ad hoc* experts for their contributions and presented the draft opinion, which has been circulated previously to all PPR Panel members. The PPR Panel decided to include a general comment on streamlining the general structure of the document to avoid repetitions.

The Panel then also discussed the more specific comments of the WG, decided some modifications/deletions, and asked for some terms to be included in the common glossary. The Panel also suggested to include a more general comment on the importance of validation if less specific detection methods are used. The rapporteur – together with the PPR Panel secretariat – will amend the text accordingly, including in a smaller font for the original text where modifications are proposed.

The Panel adopted the opinion. A revised version will be circulated early next week for final check and approval by PPR Panel members. The opinion will then be published on the EFSA web as soon as possible.

With regard to the **common glossary to the 3 opinions**, it was suggested to identify clearly: (1) accepted existing definitions, (2) modified definitions and (3) new definitions proposed by the Panel to be done by footnotes.

6. ADOPTION OF THE OPINION ON THE REVISION OF ANNEXES II AND III TO DIR. 91/414/EEC-RESIDUES

In this opinion the PPR Panel evaluated the draft revision of Annex II and III to Directive 91/414/EEC on Residues. The rapporteur presented the draft opinion which had been circulated to all panel members previously. The PPR Panel discussed the different comments proposed by the WG. It again pointed out in this context that consistency of use of terminology is needed over the different documents (e.g. between different SANCO Working Documents and between Annexes).

The Panel adopted the opinion. The secretariat will do editorial changes by the end of the week, and the document will then be sent to the rapporteur. The opinion will then be circulated to Panel members for final check and approval. The opinion will then be published on the EFSA web as soon as possible.

7. FEEDBACK FROM THE SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE AND WGS

The chairman reported from the discussion within the Scientific Committee on the outcome of the last Management Board on the indemnity for experts, where the decision was taken not to increase the daily per diem. A paper from the secretariat on this issue will be made available to everybody.

- WG exposure: Opinion on uncertainties in dietary exposure assessment

Many comments have been received on the draft opinion and Mr. A. HART will include the comments. The opinion is scheduled for adoption at the end of May in the last Plenary Meeting of the Scientific Committee.

8. MISCELLANEOUS

- The new PPR Panel

The name of the PPR Panel will change (Plant Protection Products and their Residues), but the acronym will stay unchanged as published on 7 April 2006 in the Commission Regulation n° 575/2006 (O.J.L100/3), amending regulation n° 178/2002 of EFSA's scientific Panels. This regulation creates the new Plant Health (PLH) Panel.

The chairman informed the PPR Panel that the Management Board has agreed the lists of members of the new EFSA Panels. The announcement of the names of the new Panel members will be done on the 2 June after the Scientific Committee, an official letter will be sent to the new members in June.

The inauguration meeting of the new PPR Panel will take place on **21/22 June 2006** (mid-day to mid-day). It will be followed by two Working Groups in parallel in the afternoon, as questions for the new Panel have already been received (e.g. from the Commission).

- Workshop and EFSA colloquium

- Ms. J. KLEINER (EFSA's SES department) presented the EFSA colloquium on risk benefit analysis of food: methods and approaches to take place on 13 and 14 July 2006 near Parma, and asked the PPR Panel members if they are interested to participate. From the PPR Panel, two members have already been invited to chair working groups in the colloquium; two other Panel members expressed their interest.
- Several members of the Panel and EFSA's Panel secretariat will attend the Ag.Chem. Forum in Amsterdam in September to present a number of opinions, in particular the two summary opinions.

- EFSA CD on published opinions

All Panel members will receive by summer a CD with the 24 opinions published on the EFSA webpage during the mandate of the PPR Panel (2003-2006).

- New PLH Panel

The lack of time did not allow E. Ceglarska to present the new PLH Panel; the first plenary meeting of the PLH Panel will be on 13-14th June in Parma.

- End of the current PPR Panel

This was the last meeting of the current PPR panel. The chairman thanked the members of the PPR Panel. Reflecting on the experiences of the current mandate and looking to the future, the PPR Panel:

- emphasised the importance of precisely agreeing the questions (terms of reference),

- considers its initial discussions in the preparation of the opinions should identify a clear framework for the necessary information and work to be done to prepare the opinion.
- recommends that the successor PPR Panel should get regular feed back from the institution asking the question (whether from the Commission or from within EFSA) after adoption of an opinion,
- highlights the importance of the interaction of the different disciplines represented on the PPR Panel and encourages as much cross discipline interaction as possible.
- recommends that the new Panel should look for wider interaction with other Panels/ Scientific Committee.
- encourages members of the PPR Panel to identify areas of work which the new PPR panel might take up and discuss (e.g. Revision of the Guidance Document on RA on birds and mammals, QSAR, aggregate and cumulative risk assessment, probabilistic approaches in toxicology, advances in toxicological sciences and their role in risk assessment (-omics, biomarkers,), guidelines for higher-tier approaches in environmental risk assessment, etc.).

The Scientific Co-ordinator of the PPR panel, Ms. M. DUNIER-THOMANN, thanked all members of the Panel on behalf of EFSA for the huge work done and the friendly atmosphere of the meetings.