

MB Away Day – 26 March 2007

Improving the efficient working of our
advisory scientists

ACTION PLAN

(draft)

ad hoc Working Group of the MB

- Examines issues and identify solutions
- Has identified 3 main areas of concern:

- **work load**
- **work conditions**
- **recognition**

⇒ 7 recommendations have been addressed

WORK LOAD

(recommendations 1,2,3,4,6)

ACTIONS:

- Increase staff support: increase support to literature search, draft reports on opinions
- Clarify EFSA policy on Art. 29 (panel), Art. 31 (advice) and other requests in close cooperation with DG SANCO
- Cooperation with MSs
- Enhance planning of panel activities (forecast)
- Create new panels, reconsider mandates
- Consider outsourcing

WORK CONDITIONS (recommendation 5)

ACTIONS:

- Identify meeting facilities in convenient locations (airports capitals, etc.)
- Increase number of meetings outside Parma
- Optimise traveling

RECOGNITION

(recommendation 7)

ACTIONS:

- Publish in scientific peer reviewed journals
- Develop EFSA journal
- Provide information to Experts employers on their contribution to EFSA
- Provide more feedback to Experts and panel secretariat on AF information and discussion
- Boost EFSA science presence on the world wide web
- Ensure EFSA participation at key scientific meetings