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**BIOCONTAM UNIT**

**Scientific Panel on Biological Hazards**

**Minutes of the 11<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Working Group on Scrapie situation in the EU**

**Parma, 19/20 05 2014**

**(Agreed on 30 05 2014)**

**Participants**

- **Working Group Experts:**
  - Pier Luigi Acutis
  - Olivier Andreoletti
  - Antonello Carta
  - Jean-Michel Elsen
  - Thomas Hagens
  - Thomas Hagens
  - Angel Ortiz Pelaez
  - Giuseppe Ru (chair)
  - Marion Simmons
- **EFSA:**
  - BIOCONTAM Unit: Pietro Stella

**1. Welcome and apologies for absence**

The Chair welcomed the participants.

Apologies were received from Christian Ducrot (Working Group expert).

**2. Adoption of agenda**

The agenda was adopted without changes.

**3. Declarations of interest**

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence and Scientific Decision-Making Processes<sup>1</sup> and the Decision of the Executive Director implementing this Policy regarding Declarations of Interests<sup>2</sup>, EFSA screened the Annual Declaration of interest and the Specific Declaration of interest) filled in by the experts invited for the present meeting. No conflicts of

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interests related to the issues discussed in this meeting have been identified during the screening process or at the Oral Declaration of interest at the beginning of this meeting.

**4. Agreement of the minutes of the 10<sup>th</sup> Working Group meeting held on 26/27 01 2014, Parma.**

The minutes were agreed on 09 04 2014 and published on the EFSA website on 11 04 2014.

**5. Scientific topic(s) for discussion**

**5.1 Topic n°1 ([link with question number in RoQ](#))**

The WG discussed the progress made in the draft opinion, with particular focus on the draft conclusions/recommendations of the sections dealing with breeding programmes for resistance to Classical scrapie and additional measures to eradicate Classical scrapie (Terms of Reference 2 and 5 of the mandate). The WG agreed on the tasks to be completed by WG Experts and EFSA's secretariat before the finalisation of the draft opinion and presentation to the BIOHAZ Panel for possible adoption.

**6. Next meeting(s)**

No more meetings of the WG are currently scheduled.

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**BIOCONTAM UNIT**

**Scientific Panel on Biological Hazards**

**Minutes of the 10<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Working Group on Scrapie situation in the EU**

**Parma, 26/27 03 2014**

**(Agreed on 09 04 2014)**

**Participants**

- **Working Group Experts:**
  - Pier Luigi Acutis
  - Olivier Andreoletti
  - Antonello Carta
  - Christian Ducrot
  - Jean-Michel Elsen
  - Thomas Hagenaars (only 27 March)
  - Angel Ortiz Pelaez
  - Giuseppe Ru (chair)
  - Marion Simmons
- **EFSA:**
  - BIOCONTAM Unit: Pietro Stella

**1. Welcome and apologies for absence**

The Chair welcomed the participants.

Apologies were received from Thomas Hagenaars (Working Group expert) for 26 March 2014. No apologies were received for 27 March 2014.

**2. Adoption of agenda**

The agenda was adopted without changes.

**3. Declarations of interest**

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Declaration of interest) filled in by the experts invited for the present meeting. No conflicts of interests related to the issues discussed in this meeting have been identified during the screening process or at the Oral Declaration of interest at the beginning of this meeting.

**4. Agreement of the minutes of the 9<sup>th</sup> Working Group meeting held on 26/27 01 2014, Parma.**

The minutes were agreed on 17 01 2014 and published on the EFSA website on 30 01 2014.

**5. Scientific topic(s) for discussion**

**5.1 Topic n°1 ([link with question number in RoQ](#))**

The WG discussed the progress made in the draft opinion, with particular focus on the assessment of breeding programmes for scrapie resistance and draft replies to Terms of Reference 2 and 5 of the mandate. The WG agreed on the tasks to be completed by WG Experts and EFSA's secretariat before the next WG meeting.

**6. Next meeting(s)**

Next meeting will take place on 19/20 May 2014 in Parma.

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**BIOCONTAM UNIT**

**Scientific Panel on Biological Hazards**  
**Minutes of the 9<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Working Group on Scrapie situation in the EU**  
**Parma, 09/10 01 2014**  
**(Agreed on 17 01 2014)**

**Participants**

- **Working Group Experts:**
  - Pier Luigi Acutis
  - Olivier Andreoletti
  - Antonello Carta
  - Christian Ducrot
  - Thomas Hagens
  - Angel Ortiz Pelaez
  - Giuseppe Ru (chair)
  - Marion Simmons
- **EFSA:**
  - BIOCONTAM Unit: Pietro Stella, Liese Van Gompel, Luis Vivas-Alegre

**1. Welcome and apologies for absence**

The Chair welcomed the participants.

Apologies were received from Jean-Michel Elsen (Working Group Expert).

**2. Adoption of agenda**

The agenda was adopted without changes.

**3. Declarations of interest**

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interests related to the issues discussed in this meeting have been identified during the screening process or at the Oral Declaration of interest at the beginning of this meeting.

**4. Agreement of the minutes of the 8<sup>th</sup> Working Group meeting held on 29 11 2013, WEB-conference.**

The minutes were agreed on 12 12 2013 and published on the EFSA website on 06 01 2014.

**5. Scientific topic(s) for discussion**

**5.1 Topic n°1 ([link with question number in RoQ](#))**

The WG discussed the progress made in the draft opinion, the preliminary analyses carried out by the WG, and some preliminary conclusions on some of the different Terms of Reference. The WG agreed on tasks to be completed by WG Experts and EFSA's secretariat before the next WG meeting.

**6. Next meeting(s)**

Next meeting will take place in March 2014 in Parma. A webconference involving part of the experts of the WG may also take place in February 2014, depending on the need.

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**BIOHAZ UNIT**

**Scientific Panel on Biological Hazards**  
**Minutes of the 8<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Working Group on Scrapie situation in the EU**  
**Parma, 03 12 2013**  
**(Agreed on 12 12 2013)**

**Participants**

- **Working Group Experts:**
  - Pier Luigi Acutis
  - Olivier Andreoletti
  - Antonello Carta
  - Giuseppe Ru (chair)
- **EFSA:**
  - BIOHAZ Unit: Pietro Stella, Liese Van Gompel, Luis Vivas-Alegre

**1. Welcome and apologies for absence**

The Chair welcomed the participants.

Apologies were received from Jean-Michel Elsen and Thomas Hagenaars (Working Group Experts).

The meeting focused on Term of Reference 2 of the mandate and therefore only part of the WG attended this.

**2. Adoption of agenda**

The agenda was adopted without changes.

**3. Declarations of interest**

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**4. Agreement of the minutes of the 7<sup>th</sup> Working Group meeting held on 29 11 2013, WEB-conference.**

The minutes were agreed on 29 11 2013 and published on the EFSA website on 04 12 2013.

**5. Scientific topic(s) for discussion**

**5.1 Topic n°1 ([link with question number in RoQ](#))**

The WG discussed the methodologies and preliminary results of the analysis of the breeding programmes in the EU Member States. The WG agreed on tasks to be completed by WG Experts and EFSA's secretariat before the next WG meeting.

**6. Next meeting(s)**

Next meeting will take place on 9-10 January 2014 in Parma.



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**BIOHAZ UNIT**

**Scientific Panel on Biological Hazards**  
**Minutes of the 7<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Working Group on Scrapie situation in the EU**  
**WEB-conference, 29 11 2013**  
**(Agreed on 29 11 2013)**

**Participants**

- **Working Group Experts:**
  - Olivier Andreoletti
  - Christian Ducrot
  - Angel Ortiz-Pelaez
  - Giuseppe Ru (chair)
  - Marion Simmons
- **European Commission:**
  - Lucie Carroué (DG SANCO)
- **EFSA:**
  - BIOHAZ Unit: Pietro Stella, Liese Van Gompen

**1. Welcome and apologies for absence**

The Chair welcomed the participants.

The meeting focused on Term of Reference 1 of the mandate and therefore only part of the WG attended for WEB-conference.

**2. Adoption of agenda**

The agenda was adopted without changes.

**3. Declarations of interest**

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#### **4. Agreement of the minutes of the 6<sup>th</sup> Working Group meeting held on 25 10 2013, WEB-conference.**

The minutes were agreed by written procedure on 04 11 2013 and published on the EFSA website on 04 11 2013.

#### **5. Scientific topic(s) for discussion**

##### **5.1 Topic n°1 ([link with question number in RoQ](#))**

The WG discussed the analysis of the trends of Classical and Atypical scrapie in sheep and goats in EU Member States during the last ten years. The WG agreed on tasks to be completed by WG Experts before the end of 2013.

#### **6. Next meeting(s)**

Next meetings will take place as follows:

- 3 December 2013 (physical meeting, Parma);
- 9-10 January 2014 (physical meeting, Parma).

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**BIOHAZ UNIT**

**Scientific Panel on Biological Hazards**  
**Minutes of the 6<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Working Group on Scrapie situation in the EU**  
**WEB-conference, 25 10 2013**  
**(Agreed on 04 11 2013)**

**Participants**

- **Working Group Experts:**
  - Olivier Andreoletti
  - Antonello Carta
  - Christian Ducrot
  - Jean Michel Elsen
  - Thomas Hagens
  - Thomas Hagens
  - Angel Ortiz-Pelaez
  - Giuseppe Ru (chair)
  - Marion Simmons
- **EFSA:**
  - BIOHAZ Unit: Pietro Stella, Luis Vivas-Alegre

**1. Welcome and apologies for absence**

The Chair welcomed the participants.

Apologies were received from Pier Luigi Acutis (Working Group Expert).

**2. Adoption of agenda**

The agenda was adopted without changes.

**3. Declarations of interest**

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interests related to the issues discussed in this meeting have been identified during the screening process or at the Oral Declaration of interest at the beginning of this meeting.

#### **4. Agreement of the minutes of the 5<sup>th</sup> Working Group meeting held on 26/27 09 2013, Parma.**

The minutes were agreed by written procedure on 04 10 2013 and published on the EFSA website on 11 10 2013.

#### **5. Scientific topic(s) for discussion**

##### **5.1 Topic n°1 ([link with question number in RoQ](#))**

The WG discussed the analysis of the trends of Classical and Atypical scrapie in sheep and goats in EU Member States during the last ten years and the draft analysis of the information gathered from Member States on the implementation of breeding programmes for the resistance to Classical scrapie. The WG identified tasks to be completed by WG Experts before the end of 2013.

#### **6. Next meeting(s)**

New meetings of the WG were fixed as follows:

- 29 November 2013 (webconference);
- 18 December 2013 (webconference);
- 9-10 January 2014 (physical meeting, Parma).

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**BIOHAZ UNIT**

**Scientific Panel on Biological Hazards**  
**Minutes of the 5<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Working Group on Scrapie situation in the EU**  
**Held on 26/27 09 2013, Parma**  
**(Agreed on 04 10 2013)**

**Participants**

- **Working Group Experts:**
  - Pier Luigi Acutis
  - Olivier Andreoletti
  - Antonello Carta
  - Christian Ducrot
  - Jean Michel Elsen
  - Thomas Hagenaars
  - Angel Ortiz-Pelaez
  - Giuseppe Ru (chair)
  - Marion Simmons
- **EFSA:**
  - BIOHAZ Unit: Pietro Stella, Luis Vivas-Alegre

**1. Welcome and apologies for absence**

The Chair welcomed the participants.

**2. Adoption of agenda**

The agenda was adopted without changes.

**3. Declarations of interest**

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence and Scientific Decision-Making Processes<sup>1</sup> and the Decision of the Executive Director implementing this Policy regarding Declarations of Interests<sup>2</sup>, EFSA screened the Annual Declaration of interest and the Specific Declaration of interest) filled in by the experts invited for the present meeting. No conflicts of

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interests related to the issues discussed in this meeting have been identified during the screening process or at the Oral Declaration of interest at the beginning of this meeting.

#### **4. Agreement of the minutes of the 4<sup>th</sup> Working Group meeting held on 06/07 06 2013, Barcelona.**

The minutes were agreed by written procedure on 14 06 2013 and published on the EFSA website on 18 06 2013.

#### **5. Scientific topic(s) for discussion**

##### **5.1 Topic n°1 ([link with question number in RoQ](#))**

The WG discussed the data and information gathered from Member States in relation to the sampling strategy for TSE in small ruminants, control measures put in place during the last ten years and details on breeding programmes implemented. The WG also reviewed the contributions to the draft opinion by the WG experts and the progress made in replying to Terms of Reference 1,2, 3 and 4 of the mandate. The WG identified tasks to be completed by WG Experts before the end of 2013.

#### **6. Next meeting(s)**

New meetings of the WG were fixed as follows:

- 25 October 2013 (webconference);
- end of November 2013 (webconference, date to be defined);
- mid December 2013 (webconference, date to be defined);
- 9-10 January 2014 (physical meeting, Parma).

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**BIOHAZ UNIT**

**Scientific Panel on Biological Hazards**  
**Minutes of the 4<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Working Group on Scrapie situation in the EU**  
**Held on 06/07 03 2013, Parma**  
**(Agreed on 14 06 2013)**

**Participants**

- **Working Group Experts:**
  - Pier Luigi Acutis
  - Olivier Andreoletti
  - Antonello Carta
  - Christian Ducrot
  - Jean Michel Elsen
  - Thomas Hagenaars
  - Angel Ortiz-Pelaez
  - Giuseppe Ru (chair)
  - Marion Simmons
  
- **European Commission and/or Member States representatives:**
  - DG SANCO: Fabien Schneegans
  
- **EFSA:**
  - BIOHAZ Unit: Pietro Stella

**1. Welcome and apologies for absence**

The Chair welcomed the participants.

**2. Adoption of agenda**

The agenda was adopted without changes.

### 3. Declarations of interest

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence and Scientific Decision-Making Processes<sup>1</sup> and the Decision of the Executive Director implementing this Policy regarding Declarations of Interests<sup>2</sup>, EFSA screened the Annual Declaration of interest and the Specific Declaration of interest) filled in by the experts invited for the present meeting. No conflicts of interests related to the issues discussed in this meeting have been identified during the screening process or at the Oral Declaration of interest at the beginning of this meeting.

### 4. Agreement of the minutes of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Working Group meeting held on 22 01 2013, WEB-conference.

The minutes were agreed on 27 03 2013 and published on the EFSA website 05 04 2013.

### 5. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

#### 5.1 Topic n°1 ([link with question number in RoQ](#))

The WG discussed the work carried out from the experts and discussed in detail the approach to follow when replying to Terms of Reference 1,2, 3 and 4 of the mandate. The WG reviewed the data collected in the EU TSE database and recently updated by MSs. The WG identified tasks to be completed by WG Experts before the next meeting.

### 6. Next meeting(s)

A new meeting of the WG was provisionally fixed for the late September / early October 2013 (date to be confirmed).

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**BIOHAZ UNIT**

**Scientific Panel on Biological Hazards**  
**Minutes of the 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting of the Working Group on Scrapie situation in the EU**  
**Held on 14/15 03 2013, Parma**  
**(Agreed on 27 03 2013)**

**Participants**

- **Working Group Experts:**
  - Pier Luigi Acutis
  - Olivier Andreoletti
  - Antonello Carta
  - Christian Ducrot
  - Jean Michel Elsen
  - Thomas Hagenaars
  - Angel Ortiz-Pelaez
  - Giuseppe Ru (chair)
  - Marion Simmons
  
- **EFSA:**
  - BIOHAZ Unit: Pietro Stella, Luis Vivas-Alegre

**1. Welcome and apologies for absence**

The Chair welcomed the participants.

**2. Adoption of agenda**

The agenda was adopted without changes.

**3. Declarations of interest**

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence and Scientific Decision-Making Processes<sup>1</sup> and the Decision of the Executive Director implementing this Policy regarding Declarations of Interests<sup>2</sup>, EFSA screened the Annual Declaration of interest and the Specific Declaration of interest) filled in by the experts invited for the present meeting. No conflicts of

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interests related to the issues discussed in this meeting have been identified during the screening process or at the Oral Declaration of interest at the beginning of this meeting.

**4. Agreement of the minutes of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Working Group meeting held on 22 01 2013, WEB-conference.**

The minutes were agreed on 22 01 2013 and published on the EFSA website 25 01 2013.

**5. Scientific topic(s) for discussion**

**5.1 Topic n°1 ([link with question number in RoQ](#))**

The WG discussed the work carried out from the experts and discussed in detail the approach to follow when replying to Terms of Reference 1,2 and 3 of the mandate. The WG identified tasks to be completed by WG Experts before the next meeting.

**6. Next meeting(s)**

A new meeting of the WG was provisionally fixed for the beginning of June 2013 (date to be confirmed).

BIOHAZ Unit

Parma, 23 January 2013

**SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON BIOLOGICAL HAZARDS**

**Minutes of the 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting of the Working Group on Scrapie situation in the EU  
Web-conference, 22 January 2013**

**EFSA / Unit / BIOHAZ**

**Agreed by the WG on 22 January 2013**

**Participants**

WG Experts	Pier Luigi Acutis, Olivier Andreoletti, Antonello Carta, Christian Ducrot, Jean Michel Elsen, Thomas Hagenaars, Angel Ortiz-Pelaez, Giuseppe Ru (chair), Marion Simmons
Observers	Fabien Schneegans (European Commission)
EFSA	Pietro Stella, Luis Vivas-Alegre (BIOHAZ)

**1. Welcome and apologies**

The Chair welcomed the participants. No apologies were received.

**2. Adoption of agenda**

The agenda was adopted without changes.

**3. Declarations of interest**

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Declarations of Interests, EFSA screened the Annual Declaration of interest (ADoI) and/or Specific Declaration of interest (SDoI) filled in by the experts invited for the present meeting. No conflicts of interests related to the issues discussed in this meeting have been identified during the screening process or at the beginning of this meeting.

**4. Discussions**

The WG reviewed the data collected after the first WG meeting in relation to epidemiology-surveillance of TSEs in the EU and breeding programmes for resistance to Classical scrapie in sheep in EU Member States. Further data needs and the approach to be followed in the analysis of those data was discussed. Tasks were allocated to experts.

**5. Next meeting date**

The next meeting of the WG will take place in March 2013 in Parma (date to be defined).

BIOHAZ Unit

Parma, 14 November 2012

**SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON BIOLOGICAL HAZARDS**

**Minutes of the 1<sup>st</sup> meeting of the Working Group on Scrapie situation in the EU**

**Parma, 13 November 2012**

**EFSA / Unit / BIOHAZ**

**Agreed by the WG on 13 November 2012**

**Participants**

WG Experts	Pier Luigi Acutis, Olivier Andreoletti, Antonello Carta, Christian Ducrot, Jean Michel Elsen, Thomas Hagenaars, Angel Ortiz-Pelaez, Giuseppe Ru (chair), Marion Simmons
Observers	Fabien Schneegans (European Commission)
EFSA	Romano Mariano Lopez, Pietro Stella, Luis Vivas-Alegre (BIOHAZ)

**1. Welcome and apologies**

The Chair welcomed the participants. No apologies were received.

**2. Adoption of agenda**

The agenda was adopted without changes.

**3. Declarations of interest**

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**4. Discussions**

The WG discussed the mandate received and clarified the terms of reference of the request with the European Commission. The European Commission presented the background to the mandate and the data available in relation to the EU monitoring of TSEs in small ruminants. The approach to answer the terms of reference was discussed by the WG, and tasks were allocated to experts.

**5. Next meeting date**

The next meeting of the WG will take place in January 2013 (web-conference (date to be defined)).