

Scientific Panel on Biological Hazards

Minutes of the 4th meeting of the Working Group on Zoonotic potential scrapie

Held on 23 June 2015, Parma (Italy)

(Agreed on 30 June 2015)

Participants

- **Working Group Members:**

Christine Fast
Romolo Nonno
Giuseppe Ru
Marion M. Simmons
John Spiropoulos
Robert Will

- **Hearing Experts:**

Not Applicable

- **European Commission and/or Member States representatives:**

Not Applicable

- **EFSA:**

BIOCONTAM Unit: Angel Ortiz Pelaez, Pietro Stella

- **Others:**

Not Applicable

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 of Working Groups members

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence and Scientific Decision-Making Processes¹ and the Decision of the Executive Director on Declarations of Interest², EFSA screened the Annual Declaration of Interest and the Specific Declaration of Interest filled in by the working group members invited for the present meeting. No Conflicts of Interest 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 2nd Working Group meeting held on 15 May 2015, WEB-conference.

The minutes of the of the 3rd Working Group meeting held on 13 May 2015 were agreed by written procedure on 26 May 2015.³

5. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

5.1. Draft opinion Zoonotic potential scrapie⁴

The Working Group (WG) reviewed the draft opinion and the contributions received from WG members since the last meeting. The draft conclusions and recommendations of the opinion were discussed in detail. Further tasks were assigned to WG members to finalise the document.

6. Next meeting

No additional meetings of the WG are scheduled.

¹ <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/independencypolicy.pdf>

² <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/independencerules2014.pdf>

³ <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/biohazwgs/docs/zoonoticscrapie.pdf>

⁴ <http://registerofquestions.efsa.europa.eu/roqFrontend/questionLoader?question=EFSA-Q-2015-00048>

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Minutes of the 3rd meeting of the Working Group on Zoonotic potential scrapie

Held on 13 May 2015, Parma (Italy)

(Agreed on 26 May 2015)

Participants

- **Working Group Members:**

Christine Fast
Romolo Nonno
Giuseppe Ru
Marion M. Simmons
John Spiropoulos
Robert Will

- **Hearing Experts:**

Not Applicable

- **European Commission and/or Member States representatives:**

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- **Others:**

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The minutes of the of the 2nd Working Group meeting held on 15 April 2015 were agreed by written procedure on 22 April 2015.³

5. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

5.1. Draft opinion Zoonotic potential scrapie⁴

The Working Group (WG) reviewed the structure of the draft opinion and the contributions received from WG members since the last meeting. A first draft of the main conclusions of the various sections of the draft opinion was discussed. Further tasks were assigned to WG members to finalise the document.

6. Next meeting

Fourth WG meeting: 23 June 2015 (physical meeting, Parma).

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Biological hazards and contaminants Unit (BIOCONTAM UNIT)

Scientific Panel on Biological Hazards

Minutes of the 2nd Meeting of the Working Group on Zoonotic potential scrapie

Held by WEB/TELE-conference, 15 April 2015

(Agreed on 22 April 2015)

Participants

- **Working Group Members:**
 - Christine Fast
 - Romolo Nonno
 - Giuseppe Ru
 - Marion M. Simmons
 - John Spiropoulos
 - Robert Will

- **EFSA:**
 - BIOCONTAM Unit: Angel Ortiz Pelaez, Pietro Stella

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants.

2. Adoption of agenda

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3. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members

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4. Scientific topic for discussion

4.1 Draft opinion Zoonotic potential scrapie³

The interpretation of the ToRs preceded the discussion on the structure and contents of the Scientific Opinion following the contributions received by the WG members. The most relevant scientific aspects for the elaboration of the answers to the ToRs were also addressed during the meeting with tasks and timelines assigned to WG members.

5. Next meeting

Third WG meeting: 13 May 2015, physical meeting in Parma.

³ <http://registerofquestions.efsa.europa.eu/roqFrontend/login>

Scientific Panel on Biological Hazards
Minutes of the 1st Meeting of the Working Group on Zoonotic potential scrapie
Held on 3 March 2015, Parma (Italy)
(Agreed on 11 March 2015)

Participants

- **Working Group Members:**
 - Marion M. Simmons
 - Christine Fast
 - Giuseppe Ru
 - John Spiropoulos
 - Robert Will
 - Romolo Nonno

- **Hearing Experts¹:**
 - Olivier Andreoletti

- **European Commission and/or Member States representatives:**
 - Martial Plantady (DG SANTE G4)
 - Lucie Carrouée-Pook (DG SANTE G4)

- **EFSA:**
 - BIOCONTAM Unit: Pietro Stella, Angel Ortiz Pelaez

- **Others:**
 - Not Applicable

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants.

¹ As defined in Article 17 of the Decision of the Executive Director on the selection of external experts:
<http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/expertselection.pdf>.

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes

3. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members

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4. Hearing Expert

Dr Olivier Andreoletti was invited to present the results of his publication, object of this mandate, to the present meeting.

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence and Scientific Decision-Making Processes and the Decision of the Executive Director on Declarations of Interest, EFSA invited Dr Olivier Andreoletti to submit an ADol. His participation was limited to providing testimony, without the possibility to take on any role undertaken by members of the Panel, in accordance with the applicable legal framework⁴.

5. Scientific topic for discussion

5.1 Draft opinion Zoonotic potential scrapie⁵

The study published in the paper under appraisal was presented by the hearing expert. A set of questions prepared by the WG members in advance were addressed to the hearing expert. The hearing expert was invited to leave the meeting room and discussions continued on the approaches to conduct the scientific appraisal of the publication and the methodology and data to be used. A draft of the table of contents of the Scientific Opinion was presented and a number of modifications were agreed by the WG members.

6. Any Other Business

It was proposed not to use the selected meeting room again for this purpose.

7. Next meeting

Second WG meeting: w/c 13 April 2015 web-meeting (to be decided)

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⁴ Decision of the Executive Director on Declarations of Interest:

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