

## DRAFT AGENDA

### *4th Meeting of Chairs and Secretariats of Commission and Agency Scientific Committees/Panels involved in Risk Assessment*

*4-5 November 2008, EFSA, Parma*

<b>TUESDAY, 4 NOVEMBER 2008</b> <b>Chairs: Catherine Geslain-Lanéelle &amp; Robert Madelin</b>	
<b>13:00</b> <b>PLENARY SESSION 1: <i>WELCOME, OPENING, INTRODUCTION</i></b>	
13:00	➤ Welcome of the participants and introduction to EFSA - Catherine Geslain-Lanéelle, EFSA Executive Director
13:20	➤ Summary of conclusions, the results and progress with follow up activities from previous meetings - Robert Madelin, Director-General DG SANCO
13:40	➤ Introduction to the objectives and topics for the 4 <sup>th</sup> Chairs meeting - Catherine Geslain-Lanéelle, EFSA Executive Director
<b>14:00</b> <b>PLENARY SESSION 2: <i>CHALLENGES AND COLLABORATION IN RISK ASSESSMENT</i></b>	
14:00	1. Transparency in risk assessment - Vittorio Silano, EFSA Scientific Committee <i>The objective is to present and discuss approaches to ensure transparency in the scientific aspects of a risk assessment</i>
14:15	Discussion
14:45	2. Evaluating Evidence: some aspects of Transparency and Terminology - David Gee, EEA & Tony Hardy, EFSA PPR Panel <sup>1</sup> <i>The objective is to highlight and discuss the issues of common interest resulting from the EEA workshop held in May 2008 and to identify areas and topics for further collaboration activities</i>
15:00	Discussion
15:30	3. Nanotechnology - James W. Bridges, SCENIHR, EC/SANCO <i>The objective is to review progress and recent results on risk assessment of nanotech and to identify and discuss aspects of common interest</i>
15:45	Discussion
16:15	<i>Coffee / Tea</i>
16:30	4. Risk-benefit assessment - Josef R. Schlatter, EFSA CONTAM Panel <i>The objective is to examine the experience with risk-benefit assessment and to discuss how to develop a consistent and systematic approach in this area</i>
16:45	Discussion
17:15	5. International Risk Assessment Dialogue - Bernardo Delogu, DG SANCO <i>The objective is to present the current developments with the Transatlantic and International Risk Assessment Dialogues and to discuss the EU objectives and priorities in this area as well as the practical co-ordination</i>
17:30	Discussion
18:00	Briefing of participants for the break out sessions on the 2 <sup>nd</sup> Day and Adjourn
<b>20:00</b> <b><i>Dinner at the Palazzo Ducale</i></b>	

<sup>1</sup> Report back from the EEA workshop on terminology and weight of evidence held in Copenhagen on 28-29 May 2008

**WEDNESDAY, 5 NOVEMBER 2008**  
**Chairs: Catherine Geslain-Lanéelle & Robert Madelin**

<b>09:00</b> <b>PLENARY SESSION 3: <i>GOOD RISK ASSESSMENT PRACTICES</i></b>	
09:00	➤ Handling opinions on subjects of common interest: some examples - Gerard Moulin, EMEA/CVMP
09:15	➤ Best practices in the case of rapid advice - Riitta Majjala, EFSA
09:30	➤ Sharing information among the Scientific Committees and Panels (Katja Bromen, DG SANCO)
09:45	➤ Discussion: possible options for further cooperation in risk assessment (Floor open for proposals and discussion)
10:15	<i>Coffee / Tea</i>
<b>10:30</b> <b>BREAK OUT SESSION 4A: <i>DATA COLLECTION (SESSION CHAIR: HUBERT DELUYKER)</i></b>	
10:30	1. Data collection in support of EFSA's Scientific Evaluations - Stefan Fabiansson & Pia Makela, EFSA
10:45	2. Discussion (e.g. methodologies used, progress made, what can be shared, what can be linked)
<b>10:30</b> <b>BREAK OUT SESSION 4B: <i>EMERGING RISKS (SESSION CHAIR: VITTORIO SILANO)</i></b>	
10:30	1. Emerging risks - Vittorio Silano, EFSA Scientific Committee and SANCO WG on Emerging Risks & Ralf Reintjes, EFSA
10:45	2. Discussion (e.g. methodologies used, progress made, what can be shared, what can be linked)
<b>11:30</b> <b>PLENARY SESSION 5: <i>REPORT BACK FROM THE PARALLEL SESSIONS</i></b>	
11:30	1. 4A: "Data Collection"
11:45	2. 4B: "Emerging Risks"
12:00	3. Discussion
<b>12:30</b> <b>PLENARY SESSION 6: <i>RECOMMENDATIONS, CONCLUSIONS AND NEXT STEPS</i></b>	
12:30	Session chaired by Robert Madelin, Director-General of DG SANCO, about: 1. Practical implications of the items discussed during the 4 <sup>th</sup> Chairs meeting 2. Conclusions and recommendations of the 4 <sup>th</sup> Chairs meeting (including action points) 3. Arrangements for the 5 <sup>th</sup> meeting of Commission and Agency Scientific Committees/Panels 4. Any other business
13:15	Closing remarks by Catherine Geslain-Lanéelle and Robert Madelin
<b>13:30</b> <b><i>CLOSURE OF THE 4TH CHAIRS MEETING &amp; LUNCH FOR ALL PARTICIPANTS</i></b>	