

SETAC EUROPE 24th Annual meeting

Plants Advisory Group – Steering Committee

Meeting Minutes

Time and Location: May 13, 2014 10h30-12h00; Room RIO, Basel Congress Centre

1. Opening

Welcome by Gertie Arts

2. Introduction of members of the SC

Members present: Gertie Arts, Jo Davies, Margit Dollinger, Elisabeth Gross, Udo Hommen, Eva Kohlschmid, Hank Krueger, Stefania Loutseti, Silvia Mohr, Véronique Poulsen.

Members with apologies: Mark Hanson and David Olszyk

The AMEG group has evolved into the Plants Advisory Group.

3. Election of 2 chairs of the Plants Advisory Group: who is stepping forward ?

The new group will be chaired by Mark Hanson (North America) and Gertie Arts (Europe). A discussion and decision on new chairs will be made in about 6 month; possible candidates: Hank Krueger, Silvia Mohr (as co-chair), Stefania Loutseti.

4. Update from the working groups (*Myriophyllum*, Terrestrial Plants, *Glyceria*)

4a) Report from the *Myriophyllum* working group (Jo Davies)

The test guideline submitted for the sediment-based test has been approved with modifications at April 14, 2014 by the OECD. Currently the draft version can be found at the OECD site; the updated version will be uploaded soon.

Further information: In parallel, the sediment-free axenic test system proposed by the Federal Environment Agency, Germany, has also been approved with modifications.

There are still open questions, also from regulatory site. It remains to be determined which test should be used for which purpose.

Stefania proposes to set up a forum on the Plants Advisory Group webpage for questions on the guideline(s), and a list of FAQ.

4b) Terrestrial Plants (Margit Dollinger)

This will be a new working group on terrestrial plants elaborating on new test systems and risk assessment. Margit reports from the SETAC stakeholder workshop held April 1-3, 2014 at Wageningen. Aim is to develop guidance for terrestrial plant testing, risk assessment and risk management tools. Recommendations will be presented during the open meeting in the

afternoon. There remain some difficulties in e.g., defining plant protection goals or in-crop protection goals, if tests should run for 21 days, which endpoints to be used (growth; reproduction endpoint ?). It was discussed what is currently available as possible test systems, and what is needed for risk assessment and different exposure pathways.

A further discussion focussed on possible overlap to studies already prepared or in progress by EFSA, and how to retrieve this information.

For the workshop results, a publication in IEAM is scheduled.

4c) *Glyceria* working group (Jo Davies)

The protocol for a new guideline on *Glyceria* will be based on the sediment-test system approved for *Myriophyllum* and some prior work. Collaborators who already have some experience with this plant system are searched to participate in a ring test.

5. Website update

A new person is searched to keep the Plants Advisory Group website updated; this has been done so far by Chris Wilson, who is acknowledged for having done a great job on this. Help by the SETAC office for this job will be provided. Silvia Mohr will take over this responsibility and will compile all information from the working group chairs and upload the new information on the website.

6. Advertising session in Vancouver

A combined session covering aquatic and terrestrial studies is proposed, abstract submission is still open until 28 May, 2014.

7. Other topics?

The agenda of the open meeting in the afternoon is presented by Gertie Arts.

Thank everyone for his / her contributions.

Closing of the meeting at 12.00 h.