



EUROPEAN COMMISSION FOR THE CONTROL OF FOOT-AND-MOUTH DISEASE

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of the

MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

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The following members were present:

Dr. Chr. Werdelin, Chairman (Denmark)

Dr. R.P. Gaier, Vice-Chairman (Austria)

Dr. J.M. van den Born (Netherlands)

Dr. A. Nabholz (Switzerland)

Dr. Th. Analytis (Greece)

Mr. J. Reid (United Kingdom) was delayed and unable to attend.

Dr. G.M. Boldrini acted as Secretary to the meeting, Dr. Peter R. Ellis as Rapporteur, assisted by Miss D. Guarino.

The restricted report AN:EUFGMD/X/68/7 of the Executive Commission's Meeting in Copenhagen was discussed and approved.

It was noted that under item 4, the Agenda for the meeting of the Research Group of the Standing Technical Committee had been changed so as not to duplicate that of the OIE Permanent Commission. The dates of the meeting were also clarified. It will be held at the State Veterinary Virus Research Institute, Lindholm, Denmark, from 16-19 September 1968.

In connection with item 5 (a), a memorandum from the FAO Administration explaining the auditing procedures was considered. It was explained that the accounts approved by the Commission each year would be considered as provisional until subjected to the final audit by FAO's external auditors in accordance with the Organization's practices.

With respect to item 5 (b), the position regarding the increase in contributions to the Commission was discussed and the procedure proposed in document AN:EUFGMD/15/68/7 was agreed.

Also under item 5, the position of the Secretary was reviewed. With regret, the Chairman reported that he had failed to persuade the Italian authorities to prolong the release of Dr. Boldrini. It was agreed that he should request the Director-General of FAO to appoint Dr. Ervin A. Eichhorn as Acting Secretary while the recruitment procedures for a new Secretary could be completed.

The working documents for the XVth Session of the European Commission for the Control of Foot-and-Mouth Disease were reviewed and approved with the exception of the following minor changes:

EUFMD:15/68/4 The dates of the Research Group Meeting require corrections and it should be clearly understood that the Executive Committee expected the Group to prepare a report on its deliberations and findings in the usual manner. A correction is also required on page 6 with respect to Switzerland.

EUFMD:15/68/5 Item 5 requires adjustments to take into account the new document 7 in reference to increased contributions.

It was agreed that the Secretary or Acting Secretary would consult the FAO Administration regarding the completion of the list of contributions applicable to all European countries eligible for membership in the Commission.

The position with regard to the campaign against exotic viruses was discussed. It was reported that FAO expects to receive a further contribution from the E.E.C. in the very near future. A provisional order has been placed for 600,000 doses of bivalent vaccine from the French unit at Teheran to supplement the vaccine already delivered by the U.K. for the Spring campaign. Sufficient funds should remain to provide limited additional equipment for Turkey and a continuation of technical assistance until the end of 1969. A reserve may also be available for emergencies.