

**University of Dundee**

**GENETIC MODIFICATION AND BIOLOGICAL SAFETY COMMITTEE (CITY CAMPUS)**

A meeting of the Committee was held on 25 Aug 2010 at 11am in JBC-2L3-206. The meeting closed at 11.20.

Present: Prof D van Aalten (Convener), Dr A-C Declais, Ms E Emslie, Dr I Ellis, Dr A Knebel, Dr A Javelle, Prof I Nathke, Dr L Newman, Dr P Robertson, Dr I Scragg, Dr P Taylor and Dr J Zomerdijk

**MINUTE**

<b>Item</b>	<b>Action</b>
<b>1. Welcome</b> Prof van Aalten opened the meeting	
<b>2. Apologies</b> Received from Dr N Helps and Dr S Wyllie.	
<b>3. Minute of previous meeting</b> Approved.	
<b>4. Matters Arising</b>	
4.1 Training DVD. Ian Scragg updated members on progress.	Dr Scragg to progress
4.2 Annual review of risk assessments. Dr Scragg reported that he had compiled the inventory of PI's from the School's web pages and from the School's gm database.  Dr Taylor confirmed that Keith Baar has left and that Sandy Harper does not work with GMO.  Prof vanAlten confirmed that Iva Navratilova and Kevin Read do not work with GMO, and that David Gray is a new member of staff taking forward Julie Frearson's work.  Dr Zomerdijk reported that Sonia Rocha had been in contact with Ms Grayson regarding risk assessments.  Dr Declais reported that she had been in contact with Ms Grayson.  Dr Knebel reported that ScILLS risk assessments are up to date.  Dr Scragg asked about Geoffrey Gadd's risk assessment. Dr Javelle agreed to ask him to submit	Dr Scragg to meet Ms Grayson to update gm database.

<p>risk assessment. <b>Note:</b> after the meeting Dr Scragg confirmed that Prof Gadd had submitted a risk assessment for wild type fungi: therefore a gm risk assessment is not required.</p> <p>Dr Scragg asked about Arno Muller's work. Members were unsure if he had submitted a risk assessment. <b>Note:</b> after the meeting Dr Scragg confirmed with Ms Grayson that he has submitted a risk assessment.</p> <p>Dr Scragg confirmed that with this additional information he would be in a position to evidence to the HSE if required that a management system is in place to ensure risk assessments for work with GMO are reviewed regularly.</p>	
<p><b>5. Update on new Biological Agents Regulations.</b></p> <p>Dr Scragg reported that the new Coalition Government has plans to reduce regulatory burdens. This includes fundamentally reviewing all regulations scheduled for introduction over the coming year and any proposed regulations will not be implemented until the Reducing Regulation Committee have reviewed and re-agreed them. This review includes the proposed new Biological Agents Regulations. Therefore, it is very unlikely that they will be implemented by 6 April 2011 as planned.</p>	
<p><b>6. Date of next meeting</b></p> <p>11am, Weds 23 Feb 2011.</p>	