

**RESULTS OF THE 12<sup>th</sup> CONSULTATION OF THE GLOBAL SCREENING  
COMMITTEE (GSC) ON WHO COLLABORATING CENTRES MADE BY EMAIL  
SENT ON 15 APRIL 2005**

*Note: the following proposals have been electronically shared with the Global Screening Committee (ADGs and DPMs) for their review. A deadline for receiving comments was fixed, and the failure to provide comments before the deadline was assumed as not having objections to these proposals. Below you can find the comments received before the deadline.*

- (1) **AFRO** the **Unité d'Enseignement et de Recherche en Santé au Travail et Environnement, Faculté des Sciences de la Santé, Université d'Abomey Calavi, Cotonou, Benin** proposed as **Centre collaborateur de l'OMS pour la Formation et la Recherche en Santé au Travail et Environnement.**

*Comments received from GSC's members*

*WPRO: (e-mail: 13.6.2005)*

- has progressed slowly in designation process; RDC in AFRO discussed this 5 Dec. 2003
- review of earlier collaboration with WHO has been dated 12 March 2002; there is no update on possible collaboration with WHO since that (in English documents).
- there is not much pre-designation collaboration with WHO as regards to jointly planned activities, more this is participation in meetings and visits
- TORs and workplan OK
- though not a strong proposal, it is likely that designation of this CC would promote occupational health in Benin and in the francophone Africa.

*Supported.*

*CDS: (e-mail: 12.5.2005)*

*Supported.*

- (2) **AMRO** the **International Section, Department of Psychiatry, Dalhousie University, Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada** proposed as **WHO Collaborating Centre for Mental Health Training and Policy.**

*Comments received from GSC's members*

*AMRO: (e-mail: 12.5.2005)*

*Supported.*

*CDS: (e-mail: 12.5.2005)*

*Supported.*

- (3) **AMRO** the **Food Research Division, Bureau of Chemical Safety, Food Directorate, Health Canada, Ottawa, Canada** proposed as **WHO Collaborating Centre for Food Contamination Monitoring.**

*Comments received from GSC's members*

*AMRO: (e-mail: 12.5.2005)*

*Supported.*

CDS: (e-mail: 12.5.2005)

*Supported - Seems to be an excellent asset for WHO.*

- (4) AMRO the **Instituto de Investigación Nutricional (IIN), Lima, Peru** proposed as **WHO Collaborating Centre for Research and Training in Infant and Child Nutrition.**

*Comments received from GSC's members*

AMRO: (e-mail: 12.5.2005)

*Supported.*

CDS: (e-mail: 12.5.2005)

*Supported - One of the few centers which has been visited by WHO staff Good.*

- (5) EURO the **Unité 1204 - Mét@risk, Institut National de la Recherche Agronomique (INRA), Paris, France** proposed as **WHO Collaborating Centre for Food Contamination Monitoring.**

*Comments received from GSC's members*

AMRO: (e-mail: 12.5.2005)

*The Center has been participating in the "Global Screening Committee/Food Contamination Monitoring and Assessment Program"(GEMS/FOOD). This global program contributes to providing information on the evaluation and management of risks associated to food contamination. AMRO supports this designation.*

WPRO: (e-mail: 13.5.2005)

*Good proposal, supported.*

CDS: (e-mail: 12.5.2005)

*Supported*

*Good to expand the francophone network.*

- (6) EURO the **Federal Office for Radiation Protection (Bundesamt für Strahlenschutz - BfS), Salzgitter, Germany** proposed as **WHO Collaborating Centre for Ionizing and Non-Ionizing Radiation and Health.**

*Comments received from GSC's members*

AMRO: (e-mail: 18.5.2005)

*The Federal Office for Radiation Protection (BfS) has vast experience on the research of the effects of electromagnetic fields and ionizing radiation on health. The described activities cover important WHO objectives, such as the ongoing Residential Radon Risk Project and the International Electromagnetic Field Project.*

WPRO: (e-mail: 13.5.2005)

*- No concrete collaborative activities have been reported from the 2 years pre-designation period in introduction (1.2.), and in the evaluation form for this part (section 3.3) is blank without any mention on collaboration.*

- only page 1 of the 6-page evaluation checklist has been filled, and the form was not signed (and No support is indicated for the proposal).
- Recommend to a) request further clarification as regards to collaborative activities with WHO during the 2 years pre-designation period, and b) request completed and signed evaluation checklist.

CDS: (e-mail: 12.5.2005)

Supported.

- (7) EURO the **Department of Viral Pathogenesis, National Center for Microbiology, Instituto de Salud Carlos III, Majadahonda (Madrid), Spain** proposed as **WHO Collaborating Centre for Research, Reference and Training on Molecular Characterization of HIV.**

Comments received from GSC's members

AMRO: (e-mail: 12.5.2005)

We strongly recommend the designation of "Centro Nacional de Microbiología, ISC III" as a WHO Collaborating Center for Research, Reference and Training on Molecular Characterization of HIV.

- We recommend to include the following activities in the Proposed Activities for the Next Four Years (P. 17 of the document):

- o Strengthening the implementation of the Regional Reference Laboratory for HIV/AIDS in Central America, (Instituto Conmemorativo Gorgas de Estudios de la Salud)
- o Training technical staff from the Regional Reference Laboratory above mentioned and transferring technology on Molecular Epidemiology of HIV (genetic subtypes characterization and HIV strains characterization for HIV vaccine development)
- o Sharing technical materials, guidelines and scientific articles.

WPRO: (e-mail: 13.5.2005)

Supported.

CDS: (e-mail: 12.5.2005)

Supported - If indeed the only CC on HIV vaccine, one may want to encourage WHO to have more...

- (8) EURO the **Swedish Institute for Infectious Disease Control (SMI), Solna, Sweden** proposed as **WHO Collaborating Centre for Biological Safety.**

Comments received from GSC's members

AMRO: (e-mail: 12.5.2005)

Following the recommendations of our colleagues Dr. Brad Kay and Dra. Nicoletta Previsani, we support the designation of the Smittskyddsinstitutet, Swedish Institute for Infectious Disease Control in Stockholm, Sweden as a Collaborating Centre for Biological Safety.

WPRO: (e-mail: 13.5.2005)

- former CC (even annual report 2003 included); the time and reason for discontinuation is not clear from the documents

- EURO RSC supported this in mtg 5 Jan. 2005 with note: "Points 1 and 2 should be more

*concrete". Need to clarify whether this was a conditional support subject to requested changes, and whether any changes have been made since that (all the documents have been signed in 2004). - supported (but the above comment should be responded before submitting to ADO).*

CDS: (e-mail: 12.5.2005)

*Supported - Important center as biological safety is a key area for communicable diseases that needs to be strengthened.*

- (9) EURO the **Radiation Protection Division, Health Protection Agency** (previously **National Radiological Protection Board (NRPB)**, Didcot, UK proposed as **WHO Collaborating Centre for Ionizing and Non-Ionizing Radiation Protection**.

*Comments received from GSC's members*

AMRO: (e-mail: 18.5.2005)

*The National Radiological Protection Board (NRPB) is a very prestigious institution in the field of radiation protection. It has a lot of experience in researches on ionizing and non-ionizing radiation. Its scientific publications have been distributed worldwide and are very useful for the professionals working in this field.*

WPRO: (e-mail: 13.5.2005)

*Supported.*

CDS: (e-mail: 12.5.2005)

*Supported.*