

Meeting of Heads of European Medicinal Products Agencies

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29th May 2002, Segovia, Spain

Press Release

The second Heads of Agency meeting under the Spanish Presidency was held in Segovia last 29th May 2002. All European Agencies were represented (except Ireland, Italy and Luxembourg). The Commission and the EMEA were also represented as well as Iceland, Norway and an observer from CADREAC (Hungary).

Concerning Pharmacovigilance, HoA decided to create a Working Group with not more than five members (ES, DK, UK, FR and DE) and to prepare a common position document to be sent to the EMEA's Management Board. The actions to be taken will be discussed in the next HoA meeting to be held in DK in July.

Noël Wathion from the EMEA explained the current situation about Thalidomide-EU Risk Management Programme together with the tables reflecting the answers of all MS, Norway and Iceland to the questions on the feasibility of implementing a RMP.

As per Parallel import and the proposal to exchange practical experience on problem cases, it was agreed to send information about these cases to the contact point in Belgium. This information should be sent once a year. The goal is to exchange practical experience to know if people are facing these cases in the same way.

The MRFG Chairperson gave a brief summary to inform about the activities of MRFG since the last HoA meeting (Barcelona 12th-13th February 2002).