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1. Introduction

The third meeting of the Global Collaboration for Development of Pesticides for Public Health (GCDPP) was held at the World Health Organization Headquarters in Geneva, 30-31 May 2002. The reports of the first two meetings (documents CTD/WHOPES/GCDPP/98.1 and WHO/CTD/WHOPES/GCDPP/2000.4) held 14-15 October 1998 and 6-7 April 2000 at WHO/HQ, Geneva, are available from the WHO Pesticide Evaluation Scheme (WHOPES) and on the Internet at <http://www.who.int/ctd/whopes>.

The GCDPP represents a unique collaboration of the commercial and public sectors brought together under the auspices of WHOPES to address the increasing challenges of vector-borne disease control. This third meeting of the GCDPP included commercial sector representatives from the major manufacturers of pesticides and application equipment, as well as marketers of consumer household insect control products (14). From the public sector, the participants included representatives from academic research institutions (4), national and government supported agencies (9), and regional and international organizations (6) concerned with vector-borne disease control programmes and the rational use of pesticides. One WHO Regional Office was also represented at the meeting (see list of participants, Annex 2).

The meeting was opened by Dr M.P. Neira, Director, Communicable Disease Control, Prevention and Eradication (CPE), who highlighted the importance of a strong pesticide management infrastructure at the national level. Dr Neira stressed that this GCDPP meeting facilitates the vital process of bringing together the public and private sectors in order to develop and make more accessible the tools for vector control. In addition, she stressed the importance of the GCDPP being an appropriate mix of representatives from different sectors and addressed its very large responsibility in international vector control. The meeting has a crucial role, she added, to identify specific areas of public health pesticide management that need strengthening at the national level. She

thanked the participants for committing their own travel budgets to this cause and commented on the limited funds available for this important WHOPES function.

Dr L. Savioli, Coordinator, Strategy Development and Monitoring for Parasitic Diseases and Vector Control (PVC) welcomed and introduced the participants.

During the opening addresses the focus was directed to fulfilment of vector control responsibilities at the national level by Member States, which set the stage for in-depth discussions on the current status of these functions.

The meeting was convened in plenary sessions (see Annex 1, Agenda). Dr M. Mulla was appointed as Chairman, Dr David Dame as Rapporteur, and Drs D. Kanungo and D. Kelili as co-rapporteurs.

2. Activity reports

2.1 WHO Pesticide Evaluation Scheme (WHOPES)

Dr M. Zaim, Scientist in charge of the WHO Pesticide Evaluation Scheme (WHOPES), and the Secretary of GCDPP, presented an overview of WHOPES and its main objectives: to facilitate the search for alternative pesticides and application methodologies which are safe and cost-effective; and to develop and promote guidelines and strategies for the use of pesticides in public health

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