



Opening meeting of the ACP held on 14 November at York

Brief report from the Chairman of the Amenity Forum

I attended this meeting. Both Danny Hayward and Mark Dempsey, members of the Forum, also attended.

The main items included a presentation and discussion on the response made to government by ACP regarding the impact of climate change. This encompassed issues of the impact of cold winters, of the migration of vectors for disease and the increasing need for research and development of pesticides to meet the new challenges.

There was also a presentation and discussion on bees and pesticides given by the principal scientist at CRD. He gave an update and referred to the introduction of further trigger values restricting the use of certain pesticides. Further information can be found on the SETAC website

The substantive item was the presentation of a draft report from the pesticide adverse health working group. This group, initiated by ACP, is to be presented to government for consideration. As the report is at a draft stage, it is inappropriate to widely circulate the recommendations.

In the discussions, Danny Hayward made a valuable point that the report seemed to focus on the negatives rather than the positives of pesticide use. .

We were informed that the draft will now be finalised and as copy becomes available I will seek to identify the link for members to view it.

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