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## Organisational matters

### CHMP meeting 23-26 February 2015

The main organisational topics addressed during the February meeting related to:

- The nomination of Catherine Milne as an additional EDQM representative at Biologics Working Party.
- The nomination of Louise Bisset from UK as the new alternate to the Biologics Working Party, replacing Adrian Thomas in this role.
- Update on activities related to revised RMP Assessment process in 2015.
- Information about Benefit/Risk workshop and proposed action plan for the next half year.
- Information on abolition of handwritten signatures of committees' opinions. As of March 1st, the chairs of the Agency's scientific committees and coordination groups will no longer have to physically sign opinion documents. These signatures are not required by law. This change will remove an unnecessary administrative activity from committee chairs and positively impact the workload of assistants across the Agency. This process improvement involves opinion documents including recommendations, positions and agreements. Divergent positions, if any, will continue to be signed as per current practice.
- Information and highlights from PROTECT Symposium, which was held 18-20 February 2015. CHMP members had the opportunity to follow live broadcast.
- Information on the new weekly-start timetables for the assessment of type II variations and worksharing variation applications to start on 1st March 2015. The aim is to offer more flexibility to applicants and streamline the assessment of applications by allowing certain variations to conclude outside of the plenary meetings. The new weekly-start timetables have been published on the Agency's website.
- Information about proposed topics for CHMP/CAT meeting under Latvian Presidency. The Presidency meeting will be held in Ljubljana, Slovenia, 26-28 May 2015.

