

**Canadian Biotechnology Advisory Committee**  
**Twenty-first Meeting –June 9, 2004**  
**Summary**

**PARTICIPANTS**

**CBAC Members**

Dr. Arnold Naimark (Chair), Pierre Coulombe, Pete Desai, Barry Glickman, Pavel Hamet, Linda Lusby, Mary Alton Mackey, Anne Mitchell, Peter Phillips, David Punter

**CBAC Staff**

Kim Elmslie (Executive Director), Lidia Guerra, Anne Malo, Marnie McCall, Stephanie Wilson

**Regrets**

Gloria Bishop, Timothy Caulfield, Lyne Létourneau, Denny Warner

**BUSINESS**

**Sector and Project Reports and Discussion**

1. The Committee engaged in extensive discussion of possible recommendations for the Biotechnology and Health Innovation report and agreed on a timeline for completing preparation of the report.
2. Dr. Naimark updated the Committee on recruitment efforts for members of the Expert Working Party who will carry out the work entailed in addressing the *Referral on Human Genetic Materials, Intellectual Property Regime and the Health Sector*. He added that CBAC's Executive Committee agreed that he should stand in as interim Chair of the Expert Working Party while the recruitment process unfolds. The first meeting of the Working Party is planned for mid-September.
3. Marnie McCall provided a progress report on the revised workplan and budget for the *Biotechnology, Sustainable Development and the Canadian Economy* project. The workplan has been revised in such a way as to allow for the development of a first product by the end of March 2005, namely a scoping paper. It was noted that when the project was approved in principle at the CBAC January 2004 meeting, it was decided that Arthur Hanson, the originator of the proposal, would serve as the Chair of the Expert Panel that will be set up to carry out the work.

## **Routine Matters**

4. The minutes of the April 26-27, 2004 meeting were approved.
5. Following an intervention by Mary Alton Mackey regarding the *Health Technology Assessment/Health System Adoption Roundtable Report*, it was decided that the document would undergo further editing prior to translation.