

PROJECT REPORT SUMMARY

Project nr:	ZT(2009)04
Subject:	Meeting of the Private and Public, Scientific , Academic and Consumer Food Policy Committee (PAPSAC) at Harvard University, Boston, USA
Offered to (ZT): Sponsored by (RT): Contracted by (FT):	Not applicable
Start and end-dates:	22-23 November 2009
Experts involved:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Herman Koëter, OHP, Belgium • Ray Goldberg, Harvard University School of Governance, Boston, USA • James Lamb and Mark Cackler, World Bank • 27 individuals from USA (22), Brazil (1), China (2), India (1), Zambia (1) plus a number of interested attendants
Background and Objectives:	<p>PAPSAC is a Harvard University Forum of senior representatives of the public and private food sector, including leading academics, food scientists and leaders of consumer groups. It functions as a think-tank and all discussions, papers and statements remain within the group. The relevance of this forum for OHP is threefold: (i) it provides a platform for OHP to build on its international profile by giving presentations on OHPs activities, (ii) it provides a network of relevant contacts for OHP, and (iii) it provides an opportunity for one-to-one meetings/discussions on specific OHP issues.</p>
Meetings and Missions:	<p><u>22-23 November: PAPSAC meeting</u> Main issues included: biofuel, welfare of food producing animals, industrial vs biological food production, and GM foods. In addition the film “Food, Inc.”(http://foodincmovie.com/) was shown following an introduction of the producer Robert Kenner. The movie triggered a heated debate. Overall, there is a tendency in the PAPSAC group towards reconsidering very large scale animal operations.</p> <p><u>23 November: Meeting with JL and MC of the World Bank</u> Earlier this year HK had discussions at the World Bank in Washington which were not very positive for OHP: the Bank does no longer provide financial support to 3rd parties but, instead, manages (trust) funds provided by 3rd parties, ensuring that the money is solely spend on objectives defined in the trusts. From the follow-up discussion with JL and MC it appeared that there are possibilities for OHP in cases where the Bank, in managing particular funds, identifies activities fitting with OHP’s objectives and which could be outsourced to OHP. Although the World Bank</p>

	<p>applies the rule that contract partners should be in ‘business’ for at least 3 years, both JL and MC felt that by the seniority of OHPs experts, dispensation with this rule could be possible. JL will provide HK with further information.</p> <p><u>Bilateral with Ray Goldberg, Harvard University</u> Considering his advanced age (well over 80) it seems likely that RG will retire from PAPSAC as its leader and organiser in the coming years. This may be an opportunity for OHP to become closer involved in the organisation of the annual meeting of PAPSAC. Being aware that: (i) other US Universities are eager to take over once RG retires and (ii) a US food industry/Harvard foundation sponsors the meetings (paying for hotel expenses and meals, not travels), HK planted the seed of an offer for OHP to co-organise future PAPSAC meetings with RG in order to take some of the work from his shoulders. A response will be forthcoming.</p>
Main Topics and observations:	It seems relevant for OHP to continue the participation in PAPSAC as it strengthens its network and puts OHP on the map of leading individuals in the food-world. Whether OHP could play a more prominent role in PAPSAC remains to be seen but a OHP-Harvard University link seems very useful.
Documentation (to be attached):	Powerpoint on OHP work in China
Date:	3 December 2009
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