

SPONGIFORM ENCEPHALOPATHY ADVISORY COMMITTEE



Committee Members x 3

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Spongiform Encephalopathy Advisory Committee (SEAC) is appointed by Ministers and sponsored jointly by the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, the Department of Health and the Food Standards Agency. SEAC is an Advisory Non-Departmental Public Body whose role is to provide independent expert scientific advice to the Government on spongiform encephalopathy such as, Creutzfeldt-Jakob Disease, scrapie and bovine spongiform encephalopathies. SEAC's remit is wide ranging, covering public health, food safety and animal health issues. SEAC is committed to making as much of its work open to public scrutiny as possible. For more information please visit www.seac.gov.uk 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> As a committee member you will represent relevant medical, veterinary and scientific fields and the public interest. Members have collective responsibility for the operation of the committee. <p>As part of its membership review the Ministers wish to appoint three new members to the committee:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A clinical neurologist A quantitative epidemiologist A public health expert
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Members of SEAC are required to be independent and leading experts within their fields, and are selected for their personal knowledge and experience. Successful candidates will also be strong team players and will have strong presentational, interpersonal and committee skills. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The time commitment for the committee is 8 – 10 days including preparation time outside meetings. The remuneration for this role is £133 per meeting plus £34 for one day or less preparation time and £68 for 2 days or more. Reasonable expenses will also be met.

The UK Ministers and devolved administrations are committed to improving the diversity of the boards of their public bodies and welcome in particular applications from members of currently under-represented groups, including women, people from ethnic minority backgrounds and disabled people. All public appointments are based on the principle of merit, and in accordance with the Commissioner for Public Appointments' guidance on appointments to public bodies.

For an application pack, please contact Public Appointments at Defra by e-mail at publicappts@defra.gsi.gov.uk or by telephone 01905 768841. The application forms are also available from www.defra.gov.uk/corporate/appointments/index.htm
The closing date for applications is 09/02/2007.

