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Note to readers

The Commission has now tabled its proposal for a revised **RTD Framework Programme**, to cover the period from 1990 to 1994. Following discussion by the Council of Ministers on 18 September and 17 October 1989, a number of supplementary working documents were drawn up to explain the many implications of the proposed new approach — for budgetary and decision-making procedures, the continuation of ongoing programmes and management structures — and to give more detail about the six lines of action (see page 2). The Commission aims to strike a balance between flexibility (adaptation to future needs) and clearly-defined actions.

It may interest our readers that in this context many Member States have stressed their increasing interest in the dissemination of knowledge and the exploitation of results gained from Community RTD.

The rising general interest in information about Community actions related to RTD and innovation is also reflected, we believe, in the growing demand for our **I&TT** Newsletter — we have had to increase its circulation from 8 000 copies in July 1988 to nearly 40 000 copies for this issue.

We take this as an indication that **I&TT** is fulfilling a real need in informing our readers of the latest developments on Community RTD and innovation work. Improvements are always possible, however, and we would welcome your comments and suggestions.

A.S. Strub
 Director for Exploitation of Research, Technological Development, Technology Transfer and Innovation

R&D FRAMEWORK PROGRAMME 1990-94

VICE-PRESIDENT PANDOLFI PROPOSES SIX MAIN R&D ACTIVITIES FOR THE NINETIES

Vice-President Pandolfi has presented the proposal of the Commission for a revised Framework Programme for 1990-94. It shall provide for six R&D activities grouped as follows:

	(in million ECU)
I. Enabling or diffusing technologies	
1. Information and communications technologies	3 000
2. Industrial and materials technologies	1 200
II. Management of natural resources	
3. Environment	700
4. Life sciences and technologies	1 000
5. Energy	1 100
III. Management of intellectual resources	
6. Human capital and mobility	700

The overall budget deemed necessary for the revised Framework Programme is estimated at ECU 7 700 Million.

Below we summarize the content of the proposal (the complete version is published in Official Journal C 243 of 23.9.1989):

A. Information and communications technologies

This activity envisages R&D projects in three fields:

1. Information technologies (IT)

Apart from the research produced within the ESPRIT Programme, reoriented towards the new generation of technologies and laying more stress on prototypes etc., new activities will receive priority in the following areas: microelectronics, peripherals, software and IT applied to industrial engineering.

2. Communications technologies

In parallel to the continued development of an integrated broadband network, the aim is to develop intelligent, reliable and secure networks and new value-added and profitable services adapted to developing user needs. Priority must also be given to the growing demand for mobile telephone services and the integration of these services into networks.

3. Development of telematic systems in areas of general interest

Additional Community effort is needed to meet new requirements set by the large internal market. This will involve the development of telematics systems combining information technologies, communications and audio-visual techniques.

B. Industrial and materials technologies

The objective is to contribute to the rejuvenation of the European manufacturing industry by developing its science basis and the advanced technologies required. The following fields are concerned: materials, design, manufacturing, measurement and testing.

C. Environment

The new activities are concerned with the following four areas:

- Participation in the Global Change Programme
- Technologies and engineering for the environment
- Large integrated research projects
- Research on economic and social aspects.

D. Life science and technologies

The long-term strategic objective is to contribute, in a selective and integrated way, to the development of Europe's potential for understanding and using the properties and structures of living matter or in the following fields:

- Basic biotechnology
- Agricultural and agro-industrial research
- Biomedical and health research
- Life sciences and technologies for developing countries.

E. Energy

The central issue of Community action in this field has shifted towards the development of clean and safe energy technologies. This is pursued in the following three areas:

- Fossil, renewable energy sources, energy utilization, Nuclear fission safety, Controlled nuclear fusion.

F. Human capital and mobility

The aim is to provide the European research system with the trained human resources on which it is critically dependent and which are likely to become increasingly scarce in the years to come.

*R & D PROGRAMMES: CALLS FOR PROPOSALS***STEP: SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY FOR ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION**

The Commission has submitted to the Council a proposal for a four-year R&D programme STEP (Science and technology for environmental protection; see I&TT 1/89, page 3). The main objective of STEP is the provision of scientific and technical support for the environmental policy of the Community. The present call covers nine broad research areas:

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| 1. environment and human health; | 6. ecosystem research; |
| 2. assessment of risks associated with chemicals; | 7. protection and conservation of the European cultural heritage; |
| 3. atmospheric processes and air quality; | 8. technologies for environmental protection; |
| 4. water quality; | 9. major technological hazards. |
| 5. soil and groundwater protection; | |

In response to this call for proposals, the Commission of the European Communities wishes to receive proposals for participation in the research by means of shared-cost contracts concerning research areas 3, 4, 5 and 6 only. Further calls for proposals concerning research in areas 1, 2, 7, 8 and 9 will be published at later dates.

Proposals must reach the Commission at the address given below by 5 p.m. on 29 December 1989. Further details about the programme and how to apply are given in the STEP information file. It can be obtained on written request from: STEP Programme, Commission of the European Communities, DG XII/E/1, 75, rue Montoyer, B-1040 Brussels, Tlx: 21877 COMEUR B, Fax: (32) 2 236.30.24.

EPOCH - RESEARCH IN THE FIELD OF CLIMATOLOGY AND NATURAL HAZARDS

The Council of Ministers adopted a common position on the proposal for the EPOCH Programme on 20 June 1989, the aim of which is to contribute to our understanding of the climatic system and its changes resulting from both natural and human factors ('greenhouse effect'). The Commission wishes to receive proposals concerning the following research areas:

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| 1. Past climates and climatic change | 3. Climatic impacts and climate-related hazards |
| 2. Climatic processes and models | 4. Seismic hazards. |

Proposals must reach the Commission by 30 November 1989 at 5 p.m. The EPOCH information file can be obtained from: CEC, DG XII/E/2, 200, rue de la Loi, B-1049 Brussels, Tlx: 21877 COMEUR B, Fax: (32) 2 236.30.24.

PRIMARY RAW MATERIALS AND RECYCLING OF NON-FERROUS METALS

The Council of Ministers, at its meeting of 20 June 1989, adopted a common position on the raw materials and recycling research and development programme proposal made by the Commission. This call for proposals concerns the subprogrammes:

- 1. primary raw materials and 2. recycling of non-ferrous and strategic metals.**

1. The first subprogramme covers three main research areas:

a. Exploration (ore genesis, geochemical methods, geophysical methods, remote sensing and multidata correlation, drilling technology); b. Mining technology (new mining methods, rock fracturing, support systems, load and transportation systems, simulations in mining operations, small mines); c. Ore processing and extractive metallurgy.

2. The second subprogramme covers the following research areas:

a. characterization and classification of secondary materials and physical separation and concentration, b. advanced pyrometallurgical processes, c. advanced hydrometallurgical processes, d. refining technologies and instrumentation for control of the processes.

The final date for submission of proposals is 30 November 1989. An information package containing full details of the programmes and how to apply is available from: Commission of the European Communities, DG XII/C/5, 200, rue de la Loi, B-1049 Brussels, Tel.: (32) 2 235.39.55, Tlx: 21877 COMEUR B, Fax: (32) 2 235.80.46 (see also OJ C 205 of 10.8.1989).

RENEWABLE RAW MATERIALS: FOREST

The Council of Ministers, on 20 June 1989, adopted a common position on a proposal made by the Commission for a R&D programme in the field of renewable raw materials, with a budget of ECU 12 million. The current call for proposals covers three sectors, each with a number of subsectors:

Sector 1: Forest resources (tree improvement, tree physiology, tree breeding, silvicultural planning and management, forest protection).

Sector 2: Wood technology (quality assessment, testing methods, relation between silvicultural practices and wood or cork properties, processing technology, improvement of processing techniques, quality improvement, improving and/or developing composite wood or cork products).

Sector 3: Pulp and paper manufacturing (improvement in pulping and bleaching, economic and quality improvements, chemicals derived from pulping processes, improvement in paper manufacture and coating, process management, improvement of product quality).

Proposal must reach the Commission before 5 p.m. on 15 December 1989. Detailed information on requirements to be fulfilled can be obtained on request from the following address: Commission of the European Communities, DG XII/F/5, 200, rue de la Loi, B-1049 Brussels, Tlx: 21877 COMEUR B, Fax: (32) 2 235.01.45 (see also OJ C 205 of 10.8.1989).

DELTA PROGRAMME: DEVELOPMENT OF EUROPEAN LEARNING THROUGH TECHNOLOGICAL ADVANCE

DELTA's aim is to organise European cooperation in the field of R&D between industry, broadcasters, producers of **educational material and universities**. The devices and techniques to be addressed include: more powerful processors including image processing; larger and cheaper storage, with new techniques of data organisation; direct broadcasting by Satellite; the Integrated Services Digital Network (ISDN); artificial intelligence; access by near-natural language and, in the more distant future, switched broad-band communications and 'fifth generation' systems with access by voice.

Further information on DELTA can be obtained from: Mr M. Rogers, Commission of the European Communities, DG XIII/F/4, TR 61 3-S/2, 200, rue de la Loi, B-1049 Brussels, Tel.: (32) 2 236.35.05, Tlx: 21877 COMEUR B, Fax: (32) 2 235.06.54.

The **DELTA NEWS** newsletter provides regular information on the progress of this programme. It can be ordered from: Coventry Polytechnic, INTERMAPS, Priory Street, UK-Coventry CV1 5FB.

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ELTA — THE COMPREHENSIVE ASSOCIATION ON EUROPEAN LEARNING TECHNOLOGY



In a few months a new Association on European Learning Technology, ELTA, will start its activities. It aims at bringing together all people involved in European Learning Technology. ELTA will be the place where practitioners and researchers can meet and take advantage of each other's experiences. ELTA was founded on the initiative of participants in the DELTA Programme.

ELTA will provide the means for information exchange between researchers and practitioners, people working in the private and public sectors, learning technology experts, educators and human resource developers, and the learning technology community and international policy makers to promote and encourage the appropriate use of learning technologies in order to improve the quality of education and training.

For more information, please contact: European Learning Technology Association (ELTA), Educational Computing Consortium (ECC), P.O. Box 217, NL-7500 AE Enschede.

DRIVE - DEDICATED ROAD INFRASTRUCTURE FOR VEHICLE SAFETY IN EUROPE

The objectives of DRIVE are the **improvement of road safety, transport efficiency and environmental quality**. By now about 70 research projects set up within the framework of the Drive Programme have started their work. These research projects have been selected out of a total of some 190 proposals submitted to the EC Commission in response to a public call for proposals.

They will be dealing with issues such as:

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| speed and distance keeping; | providing information to drivers; |
| hazard warning; | route guidance and planning; |
| monitoring the alertness of drivers; | vehicle location; |
| protection of vulnerable road users (pedestrians, cyclists); | regulation of traffic flow by intelligent signalling systems; |
| recording accident data through 'black box' technology; | demand management, including automatic toll payment. |

For further information please contact: Mr F. Karamitsos, Commission of the European Communities, DG XIII/F/5, TR 61, 200, rue de la Loi, B-1049 Brussels, Tel.: (32) 2 236.34.61, Fax: (32) 2 235.06.54, Tlx: 22045 RACE B / 25946 JEPE B.

CONFERENCE ON THE SINGLE MARKET AND THE ENVIRONMENT: MARKETS, STANDARDS, PROSPECTS IN THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY

The Environmental Protection industry in Europe is undergoing major change in the run-up to 1992. The world market for goods and services has been estimated at 75 thousand million ECU per annum, with 40% of the expenditure in Western Europe. Growth rates in most regions will exceed 4% and in some reach 10% p.a. How will the EC's 5,000 firms in the sector respond? Some 10,000 companies in Europe are expected to change hands in the next few years. How many will be in the environmental sector?

Acquisitions, strategic alliances and joint ventures are on the agendas of most dynamic companies. The **first NETT conference** will be concerned with these issues and bring together European experts in:

- Market Prospects
- Environmental Policy
- Mergers and Acquisitions
- Buyouts and Joint Ventures
- Legal and Financial Aspects

NETT: NETWORK FOR ENVIRONMENTAL TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER

NETT (Network for Environmental Technology Transfer), is a major new initiative established with the support of the Commission of the European Community **to stimulate the wider adoption of clean and environmental technologies**. Launched in 1988 at the end of the European Year of the Environment, the aims of establishing such a network are to help the exchange of knowhow between companies and organisations and speed up the transfer of technologies throughout Europe by providing detailed information on markets, standards, technologies, finding partners and collaborating with advisory services, consultants, manufacturers and trade associations, university research departments and chambers of commerce to take full advantage of the opportunities offered by the new 'Single European Act'.

FOR FURTHER DETAILS CONTACT THE NETT Secretariat, 25 Square de Meeus, B-1040 BRUSSELS, Telephone: (32 2) 511 2462, Telefax: (32 2) 511 2522



CALL FOR DEMONSTRATION PROJECTS IN THE FIELD OF THE ENVIRONMENT

Invitation to submit proposals on the following subjects:

1. demonstration projects aimed at developing techniques for **locating and restoring sites contaminated by hazardous wastes and/or substances**,
2. demonstration projects aimed at developing techniques and methods for **measuring and monitoring the quality of the natural environment**.

Proposals should reach the Commission by 14 November 1989. Application forms, questionnaires and further information on this programme may be obtained from Mr E. Murillo-Matilla, Commission of the European Communities, DG XI/A/3, 200, rue de la Loi, B-1049 Brussels, Tel.: (32) 2 236.13.88, Tlx: 21877 COMEUR B, Fax: (32) 2 236.27.26.

CATALOGUE OF RESEARCH PROGRAMMES WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK PROGRAMME OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY



This catalogue provides a summary of the specific R&D programmes within the Framework Programme for Community activities in the field of research and technological development 1987-1991.

The entry for each programme gives a brief description of its objectives, its duration, the name of the programme manager, and the amount allocated to it from the Community budget. The reference documents will be found in the Official Journal (OJ) of the European Communities, which may be consulted at any of Commission's Information Offices or European Documentation Centres (see page 40) in the Member States.

The catalogue shows the status of programmes as at 1 September 1989.

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CALL FOR PROPOSALS UNDER THE EUROPEAN STRATEGIC PROGRAMME FOR RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT IN INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY: ESPRIT

Proposals are hereby invited:

- for collaborative precompetitive industrial research and development work in the technological sectors:
 - information processing systems,
 - office and business systems,
 - computer integrated manufacturing;
- addressing the projects and topics described in the 1989 Esprit Work programme for the abovementioned sectors;
- according to the rules specified in the information package published in September 1989.

The required content and form of the proposals is described in the information package. The closing date for proposals is 10 January 1990 at 5 p.m., by which time proposals must have arrived at the Commission.

The information package can be obtained from: Commission of the European Communities, DG XIII, Esprit Proposals Office, A25, 200, rue de la Loi, B-1049 Brussels (the full text of the call is published in OJ C 240 of 20.9.1989).

6th ESPRIT CONFERENCE — 1989

BRUSSELS

27 NOVEMBER - 1 DECEMBER

This year's ESPRIT conference will be devoted to the results, achievements and industrial take-up of Esprit and also address the increasingly important topic of technology transfer.

During the first three days (27-29 November), project results will be presented in plenary and parallel sessions.

During the **Information Technology Forum** on Thursday, 30 November, a number of prominent speakers from industry, politics and science will address the Conference.

The Conference and IT Forum will be complemented by an **exhibition** in which more than 80 projects will demonstrate their results.

Since the number of participants is limited, you are kindly requested to complete and return the enclosed Registration Form together with the registration fee by the deadline of 27 October to give us the opportunity to confirm your invitation.

Registration fee: BFR 11,000 (including three lunches) or BFR 9,000.

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MR CARPENTIER, DIRECTOR-GENERAL OF DG XIII, CONFIRMS THE COMMISSION'S INTENTION TO CONTINUE THE TEDIS PROGRAMME ON ELECTRONIC DATA INTERCHANGE (EDI)

Over two hundred participants attended a Conference to review the progress of the Commission's TEDIS Programme (Trade Electronic Data Interchange Systems) and to listen to representatives from the automobile, banking, chemical, insurance, retail and transport industries explain how the use of Electronic Data Interchange (EDI) was expanding in their industry.

In the opening speech **Mr Carpentier**, Director-General for Telecommunications, Information Industries and Innovation (DG XIII) of the European Communities, gave his assurance that the Commission would be proposing the continuation of the TEDIS Programme beyond the end of 1989 and that it would continue its support for UN/EDIFACT standardisation of EDI messages. He also stressed the importance of the modified directive on open network provision (ONP) and the directive under Article 90 of the Treaty of Rome, which will allow independent undertakings to compete with the Member States' telecommunications monopolies in offering news services such as EDI on the telecommunications network.

Mr Etienne Dreyfous, Chairman of the UN working party responsible for UN/EDIFACT said that European industry, commerce and public administrations needed secure and transparent telecommunications services, and he asked the Commission to support projects which were transnational and broke down the barriers to EDI between different industries and between the public and private sectors.

NEW EDI/ELECTRONIC DATA INTERCHANGE BOOKLET PUBLISHED

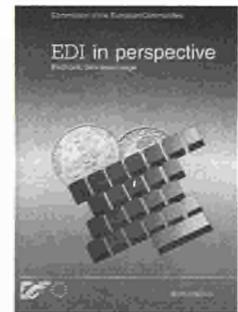
This booklet '**EDI IN PERSPECTIVE**' is one of a series of documents which the TEDIS Programme is publishing to promote wider awareness of EDI.

In addition to explaining EDI and its benefits in the exchange of business data between computers, 'EDI in perspective' emphasizes three main points:

- the development of EDI standards, and in particular specific message formats at an international level through UN-Edifact and in Western Europe through the Edifact Board under the auspices of a United Nations working party on trade facilitation;
- the need for the participation of representatives of all industry sectors in the message development effort;
- the commitment of the European Commission to the coordinated development and implementation of EDI in the Member States, through the TEDIS Programme.

This document is aimed at organizations which have not yet been involved in EDI and especially at small and medium-sized enterprises which may not have the resources to follow developments in EDI.

Further information on TEDIS and the booklet (please indicate language) can be obtained from: Mr H. Wakeling or Mr E. Peeters, Commission of the European Communities, DG XIII/D/5, ART 3/20, 200, rue de la Loi, B-1049 Brussels, Tel.: (32) 2 235.50.27 or 235.573.30, Tlx: 21877 COMEUR B, Fax: (32) 2 235.02.99.



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The formation of the **Open Systems Testing Consortium** is a significant move in Information Technology with an eye to 1992. OSTC enables data communications products to be independently tested in an open and harmonised way throughout Europe. This strategy will enable progress towards **Open Systems Interconnection (OSI)**.

OSTC comprises European public network providers, commercial organisations and research establishments. These bodies are recognised authorities in data communications and have experience in technical harmonisation through the **European Commission's Conformance Testing Services project** (see I&TT 3/89, page 10). Their goal is to ensure conformance of computer and network products to International and European standards.

The members of OSTC are committed to a policy of openness. Innovation and competition in test tool technology and services is encouraged. Open agreements on how products are to be tested has led to consistency of testing by OSTC participants. In particular, these agreements provide the technical basis for mutual recognition throughout Europe and beyond. The OSTC charter aims to make this harmonised testing available to all on equal terms. Future moves will aim to extend this recognition to achieve global Open Systems Interconnection.

The work of OSTC will assist the interconnection of multivendor environments. OSTC test services give manufacturers and users confidence in the interoperability of products. Open harmonised conformance testing is the economic way forward to true open systems.

For further information, contact: Ms M. Smith, OSTC Secretariat, NCC Ltd, Oxford Road, UK-M1 7ED Manchester, Tel.: (44) 61 228.63.33, Fax: (44) 61 228.25.79, Tlx: 668.962 G or Mr V. Toft, Chairman, OSTC, PTT-DK, Telecom Denmark, Telecommunications Laboratory, Telegade 2, DK-2630 Taastrup, Tel.: (45) 42 52.91.11, Fax: (45) 42 52.80.76, Tlx: 15.840 tellab dk, Teletex: 2381-127.317 TELLAB.

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— SET OF INFORMATION BROCHURES JUST PUBLISHED —

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The **main aims** of ECHO are as follows:

- promoting the use of and demand for **advanced information services**;
- increasing **market transparency** for the user through **multilingual electronic directories** and other information sources;
- **facilitating access to information services** by providing a multilingual online training facility;
- providing a **test bed for data-bases** and information services in an experimental phase;
- acting as a **help desk** and sounding board for users of information services in Europe.

ECHO is a non-commercial organisation offering access to unique databases and databanks either wholly or partly sponsored by the CEC which are not available from any other online host service.

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DATABANKS OF INTEREST TO SMEs

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This brochure is aimed at the entrepreneur and is intended to help him with his information problem through the use of data banks. Using the keyboard of your terminal, you can have immediate access to a vast amount of information made available to you by the Community data banks.

You can order your guide on data banks (please indicate language) at the Community's press and information offices (see page 40) or from Mr R. Schneider, Commission of the European Communities, DG XXIII, ARLN 05/30, 200, rue de la Loi, B-1049 Brussels, Tel.: (32) 2 235.63.22, Fax: (32) 2 236.12.41, Tlx: 21877 COMEUR B.



COMETT II WELL UNDER WAY

- CALL FOR PROPOSALS EXPECTED SOON -

The Commission is now paving the way for COMETT II, which will be a greatly expanded version of the first programme. The new programme will have a number of innovative features. For instance, it will fit in better with the RTD Framework Programme and involvement will be through national agencies. It primarily seeks to develop cooperation between the academic and industrial sectors by creating an infrastructure for this sort of cooperative relationship. COMETT II will also seek to pay more attention to the training requirements of small and medium-sized businesses, and there will be efforts to redress the problems of peripheral regions.

The first call for tenders will probably be in November this year, with the deadline for involvement in the programme being February of next year. Proposals for the following schemes will be invited:

- the development and reinforcement of **university-enterprise training partnerships** and related activities;
- **transnational exchange** through the allocation of grants for students, persons who have completed their initial training and personnel seconded from university and industry;
- **joint projects for further training**, particularly in advanced technology, and multimedia distance training.

For further information please contact: COMETT, Technical Assistance Unit, 71, av. de Cortenberg, B-1040 Brussels, Tel.: (32) 2 733.97.55, Fax: (32) 2 734.56.41.

COMMISSION PROPOSES 'EUROTECNET II' (1990-1994)
FOR VOCATIONAL TRAINING IN NEW TECHNOLOGY

The Commission of the European Communities has adopted its proposal for a new enlarged EUROTECNET Programme for the next five years (1990-1994). With a budget of 24 million ECU EUROTECNET II will have two principal objectives:

- a. **to improve the capacity of training systems** in the Community to take account of technological changes and their effect on jobs, work and qualifications;
- b. **to develop training systems geared to the future**, in such a way as to adapt them to the repercussions of technological developments on present and future professions and so as to provide the new capacities and qualifications needed.

The basic scheme of Eurotecnet I has been maintained: a network of demonstration projects will be set up with the aim of improving training to take account of technological change. It will concern various groups such as women, young unskilled workers and semi-skilled unemployed persons. The new programme is part of efforts undertaken at Community level to improve dialogue between the two sides of industry on the subject of training and motivation of manpower in the face of technological changes, notably with an eye to the Single Market.

The full text of EUROTECNET II is published in Official Journal C 242 of 22.9.1989. Further information can be obtained from Mr T. Mawson, Commission of the European Communities, Task Force Human Resources, Education, Training and Youth, A-1 08/48, 200, rue de la Loi, B-1049 Brussels, Tel.: (32) 2 235.50.00, Tlx: 21877 COMEUR B, Fax: (32) 2 235.65.07 and 235.01.29.

GUIDE ON ERASMUS PROGRAMME NOW AVAILABLE

In issue 3/89 of I&TT (page 8) we reported on the Commission's proposals regarding the second phase of the ERASMUS Programme for student mobility in the Community. The ERASMUS bureau has just published a **guide for applications** under this programme. This brochure presents the ERASMUS financial aid available for activities to be undertaken during the period 1 July 1990 to 30 June 1991.

This guide can be obtained from the ERASMUS bureau, 15, rue d'Arlon, B-1040 Brussels, Tel.: (32) 2 233.01.11, Tlx: 63528, Fax: (32) 2 233.01.50 (please see also page 15, Calls for proposals).

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COMMISSION TACKLES LANGUAGE BARRIERS - LINGUA PROGRAMME ADOPTED -

The Council has adopted the LINGUA Programme, the principal objective of which is to **promote a quantitative and qualitative improvement in foreign language competence** with a view to developing communication skills within the Community. To that end, it intends, by means of Community-wide measures, to provide opportunities for supporting and complementing Member States' policies. The programme will run for five years with a total budget of ECU 200 million. It covers four areas:

1. Grants of max. ECU 1 500 for the **training of foreign language teachers**. Further-training institutions wishing to take part in **transfrontier cooperation** and **exchange programmes** may apply for subsidies of up to ECU 25 000 p.a.
2. Promotion of foreign **language teaching at universities** and improving the standards training for language teachers. Grants may be made to support **cooperation between European universities** and for **visits of students and teachers** abroad.
3. Extended foreign **language teaching in industry and commerce**: foreign languages should become an integral part of the training of employees and trainees. This applies above all to small and medium enterprises.
4. Promotion of the **exchange of young people** between 16 and 25 as part of their vocational training; the Member States may themselves decide whether the grants made available by the EC should be awarded to all young people over the age of 16 or only to young school-leavers.

The full text of the LINGUA Programme is published in the Official Journal L 239 of 16.8.1989. For further information please contact: Mr D. Coyne, Commission of the European Communities, Task Force Human Resources, Education, Training and Youth, A-1 08/48, 200, rue de la Loi, B-1049 Brussels, Tlx: 21877 COMEUR B, Fax: (32) 2 235.01.29.

THE COMMISSION'S SYSTRAN TRANSLATION SYSTEM

USE OF MACHINE TRANSLATION WITHIN THE COMMISSION INCREASED

Since 1976, the Commission has been developing Systran for its internal use, a machine translation system to facilitate and accelerate the enormous volume of translation, which is inevitable in any transnational organisation.

Systran is available for several European language pairs. Perhaps not surprisingly, experience has shown that the Latin languages and English generally cause fewer problems in machine translation development than the Germanic ones. As a result, the quality of English-French or French-Italian translations, for example, is considerably better than those from German into French or French into Dutch. Nevertheless, encouraging progress is being made on all the above language pairs.

At the Commission, Systran runs on an Amdahl mainframe (IBM compatible) under the MVS operating system. **Translations are processed at a rate of up to 400 000 words per hour**. Systran has thus successfully contributed to new forms of translation. The average number of translation requests per month has now reached over 250 documents of about 12 pages.

For further information on SYSTRAN please contact: Mr I. Pigott or Ms Delfina Campanella, Commission of the European Communities, DG XIII-B, B4/24a, Jean Monnet Building, L-2920 Luxembourg, Tel.: (352) 4301-2903/2092, Tlx: 2423 / 3446 COMEUR LU, Fax: (352) 4301-2847.

In the next issue of I&TT we will report on the EUROTRA R&D project which aims at the completion of a machine translation system of advanced design and to the benefit of all concerned within the Community (see also page 12: Texts of R&D programmes).

GUIDELINES FOR IMPROVING THE SYNERGY BETWEEN THE PUBLIC AND PRIVATE SECTORS IN THE INFORMATION MARKET



To promote **optimal synergy between public sector support and private sector initiatives**, the Commission undertook a series of consultations and discussions with representatives of the public and private sectors of the European information market in all Member States. As a result, the Commission has now produced 'Guidelines for improving the synergy between the public and private sectors in the information market', which are advisory only and have been endorsed by the representatives of the Member States meeting within the Senior Officials Advisory Committee (SOAC).

A copy of the guidelines (please indicate language) can be obtained from Mr D. Buckley, Commission of the European Communities, DG XIII-B, JMO B4/036, Tel.: (352) 4301-2898, Fax: (352) 4301-2847, Tlx: 3423/3446 COMEUR LU.

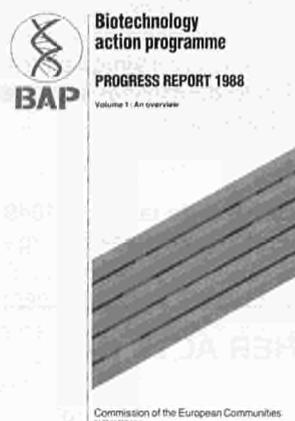
CALL FOR PROPOSALS IN THE FIELD OF RADIATION PROTECTION

The CEC calls for research proposals in the following subject areas: A. Human exposure to radiation and radioactivity, B. Consequences of radiation exposure to man; assessment, prevention and treatment, and C. Risks and management of radiation exposure.

Research proposals may be submitted up to 31 January 1990. Details of the programme and the forms by which an application may be made can be obtained on written request from: Commission of the European Communities, DG XII/D/3, Radiation Protection Programme, 200, rue de la Loi, B-1049 Brussels, Tlx: 21877 COMEUR B, Fax: (32) 2 236.20.06.

BRIDGE - RESEARCH IN THE FIELD OF BIOTECHNOLOGY

Call for proposals under way



BRIDGE is a Community proposal for pre-competitive research in the field of biotechnology, geared to medium and long-term objectives essential for the strategic strength of European industry. It should, in particular, foster transnational research and promote its catalytic effects for accelerating the production of biological data, materials and methods necessary for the optimal exploitation of useful organisms.

The **present call invites proposals for two types** of transnational projects:

- 'N' projects, for the integration in appropriate Community structures (European Laboratories Without Walls: ELWW) of research efforts in sectors where the main bottlenecks result from gaps in basic knowledge.
- 'T' projects, for the removal, through a significant investment of skills and resources, of major bottlenecks resulting from structural and scale constraints.

Details on these two types of project are contained in an information package, which can be obtained from Mr D. de Nettancourt, Commission of the European Communities, DG XII/F/2, SDME 03/67, 200, rue de la Loi, B-1049 Brussels, Tel.: (32) 2 235.40.44, Tlx: 21877 COMEUR B, Fax: (32) 2 236.33.08.



RESEARCH IN THE FIELD OF COMPETITIVENESS IN AGRICULTURE

— Call for proposals pending —

The Commission has proposed a Community **research programme on competitiveness in agriculture and management of agricultural resources**. The proposed Community contribution to this programme is 55 million ECU.

It is expected that the Council of Ministers will soon adopt a common position on the modified proposal made by the Commission. Pending this decision, a call for proposals for the programme is to be published in the near future.

The research activities under the call have been divided into four sectors:

1. Conversion, diversification, including extension of production, reduction of costs and protection of the rural environment.
2. Product quality, new uses for traditional products, and aspects of plant and animal health.
3. Socio-economic aspects and specific actions for regions lagging behind in development.
4. Methods and services to disseminate agricultural research information.

This call for proposals will be valid until 31 December 1991.

Further information on the programme and the call for proposals can be obtained from: Mrs Dumoulin, Commission of the European Communities, DG VI/F/II-3, 200, rue de la Loi, B-1049 Brussels, Tlx: 22037 AGREC B, Tel.: (32) 2 235.89.39, Fax: (32) 2 236.30.29.

CALL FOR PROPOSALS UNDER THE FISHERIES R&D PROGRAMME

This R&D programme covers the fields of fishery management, fishing methods, aquaculture and upgrading of fishery products. The Commission will launch a call for proposals by the end of October 1989. Application forms can be obtained from: Mr J.-P. Repussard, Commission of the European Communities, DG XIV, 200, rue de la Loi, B-1049 Brussels, Tel.: (32) 2 235.93.02, Tlx: 21877 COMEUR B, Fax: (32) 2 236.30.33 / 235.25.69.

DOSES PROGRAMME ON STATISTICAL EXPERT SYSTEMS



The brochure on DOSES and the information package can be obtained from: Statistical Office of the European Communities, Programme DOSES, Jean Monnet Building, L-2920 Luxembourg, Tlx: 3423 / 3446 COMEUR LU, Fax: (352) 4301-3015.

COUNCIL DECIDES ON A NEW SUPPORT PROGRAMME FOR SMEs

The European Community's industry ministers adopted a decision on 21 June aimed at **improving the environment in which businesses, especially small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs), operate in the Community**. The programme adopted will cover the period from 1990 to 1993 having a budget of ECU 135 million.

It seeks to encourage the creation and development of businesses by introducing measures at Community level aimed at: the elimination of unnecessary administrative, financial and legal constraints; the supply of information to businesses and the encouragement of inter-company cooperation, especially among SMEs in different regions of the Community.

The full text of this decision is given in Official Journal L 239 of 16.8 1989.

Contact: Mr R. Schneider, Commission of the European Communities, DG XXIII, ARLN 05/30, 200, rue de la Loi, B-1049 Brussels, Tel.: (32) 2 235.63.22, Tlx: 21877 COMEUR B, Fax: (32) 2 236.12.41. From this address you can also order free of charge **EUROINFO**, which provides regular information on important European policy issues for SMEs.

REPERTORY OF COMMUNITY LEGISLATION IN FORCE AND OTHER ACTS OF COMMUNITY INSTITUTIONS (Special issue of the Official Journal)

This 13th edition updates acts in force as of 1 June 1989. The repertory notably includes law derived from the Treaties instituting the European Communities, supplementary law and agreements between the EC and third countries. References are classified according to subject.

Volume I: Analytical Repertory. 794 pp. Volume II: Chronological and Alphabetical Index. 187 pp. 13th edition. Reference date: 1 June 1989. Price for Volumes I and II: 75 ECU. Orders: Office for Official Publications, 2, rue Mercier, L-2920 Luxembourg.

ENERGY IN EUROPE: MAJOR THEMES IN ENERGY Special issue, September 1989

In this document the Commission analyses **the future of European energy**. After a brief review of current developments in energy policy at Community level and the challenges of the Single Market in this field, the Commission gives a long-term view of the evolution of energy between now and the year 2010.

'Energy in Europe' is published three times a year (in EN, FR, DE, ES) and can be ordered at the Office for Official Publications, 2, rue Mercier, L-2985 Luxembourg (price 12.70 ECU per issue).

Full texts of new R&D programmes published in the Official Journal

Official Journal L 200 of 13 July 1989 contains the full texts of the following new R&D programmes:

EUROTRA (Specific programme for the completion of a machine translation system of advanced design)

FLAIR (Specific RTD programme in the field of food science and technology)

VALUE (Specific programme for the dissemination and utilization of scientific and technological research results)

MAST (Specific RTD programme in the field of marine science and technology - MAST)

MONITOR (Community programme in the field of strategic analysis, forecasting and evaluation in matters of research and technology)

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Radiation Protection (Specific research and training programme for the European Atomic Energy Community in the field of radiation protection).

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R&D NEWS:

TELEMAN PROGRAMME ADOPTED - CALL FOR PROPOSALS UNDER WAY

At its meeting of 18.7.1989 the Council adopted the TELEMAN Programme on remote handling in hazardous or disordered nuclear environments (see I&TT, 3/89, page 8). A call inviting proposals for various Research projects is under way (for details see OJ C 242 of 22.9.1989). Contact: Commission of the European Communities, DG XII/D/1, ARTS 3/38, 200, rue de la Loi, B-1049 Brussels, Tlx: 21877 COMEUR B, Fax: (32) 2 236.20.06.

EUROPEAN COMMUNITY CONTEST FOR YOUNG SCIENTISTS

The Commission is organizing a European Community contest for young scientists, to be held in Brussels on 18 and 19 October 1989, bringing together the top finalists from national contests. Each project will be exhibited on a display stand. There will be a ceremony at which six awards of ECU 5 000 and six awards of ECU 3 000 will be made (see I&TT, 3/89, page 5).

PANTHAREI NEWSLETTER FOR 'TRAINING IN HYDROLOGY AND WATER MANAGEMENT'

This new newsletter published in the framework of the ERASMUS and COMETT Programmes is intended as a communication and interaction bulletin for all those interested in the field of hydrology, water management and water resources technology. Contact: Mr van der Beken, Laboratory of Hydrology, Free University of Brussels, Pleinlaan 2, B-1050 Brussels, Tel.: (32) 2 641.30.21, Fax: (32) 2 641.22.82.

ESRA — THE EUROPEAN SAFETY AND RELIABILITY ASSOCIATION

The European Safety and Reliability Association (ESRA) is an association of European organizations aiming at the **advancement and harmonization of safety and reliability techniques in all branches of technology** and across many different sectors. ESRA was launched by the CEC in 1986 to support these aims and to offer the opportunity to produce joint compatible solutions. For further information please contact: ESRA General Secretariat, Mr B. Tolley, Commission of the European Communities, DG XII, 200, rue de la Loi, Tel.: (32) 2 235.11.11, Tlx: 21877 COMEUR B or Mr G. Volta, Commission of the European Communities, Joint Research Centre, I-21020 Ispra (Varese), Tel.: (39) 332 78.91.11, Tlx: 380058 EUR I.

**'MATINÉE EUROPÉENNE' IN THE CITÉ DES SCIENCES, PARIS**

The Commission of the European Communities and the Cité des Sciences intend to hold a conference '**Matinée Européenne**' on the **general state of culture, science and technologies in Europe** (Paris, Cité des Sciences et de l'Industrie de la Villette, 6 December 1989). Leading representatives from the world of science will participate. Further information can be obtained from Mr M. André, Commission of the European Communities, DG XII, SDME 01/38, 200, rue de la Loi, B-1049 Brussels, Tel.: (32) 2 236.07.81, Tlx: 21877 COMEUR B, Fax: (32) 2 235.88.65.

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JOINT RESEARCH CENTRE ANNUAL REPORT 1988**Work for external bodies for the first time****First year of new four year programme successfully completed**

The Joint Research Centre (JRC) has just published its 1988 annual report, which stresses the enormous progress of its activities. The report gives a detailed overview on the progress of the individual initiatives. 1988 was characterized by decisions which constitute a thorough reform of the JRC. In 1988 it launched for the first time a policy towards the commercialisation of its services to attract contracts with European industry. Some highly interesting R&D projects in the field of advanced materials, environmental protection, safety technology, system engineering, etc. were successfully initiated.

The JRC annual report 1988 can be obtained from: Mr G. Pellegrini, JRC, I-21020 Ispra (Varese), Tel.: (39) 332 78.98.19, Fax: (39) 332 78.98.39, Tlx: 380042 / 380058 EUR I.



NEW VIDEO FILMS ON COMMUNITY RESEARCH PROGRAMMES

1. The RTD Community

This film shows different aspects of European Community activities in the field of Research and Technological Development illustrated by 15 examples of R&D projects in programmes such as ESPRIT, BRITE and SCIENCE.

Length: 17 minutes; available in ES, DA, DE, GR, EN, FR, IT, NL, PT.

2. BRITE-EURAM

This film shows the various aspects of the activities and objectives of the BRITE-EURAM Programme (industrial technologies and advanced materials).

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SOON TO BE PUBLISHED: GUIDE TO EUROPEAN COMMUNITY RESEARCH

A Manual for Applicants

The Commission of the European Communities intends to publish **the first comprehensive manual containing information on both the legal, administrative and technical aspects and the contents of all R&D programmes**. At a time of ever increasing interest in the technological elements of the European Single Market, the Commission will fill an information gap often expressed by interested parties, particularly SMEs and research institutions.

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COMMUNITY RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMMES

DEADLINES FOR THE NEXT CALLS FOR PROPOSALS

Programme	Directorate-General responsible	Deadline
VALUE (see I&TT 3/89 page 2 and Official Journal C 229 of 6.9.1989)	XIII	20.10.1989
LINGUA (see page 10)	TFHR	30.10.1989
ERASMUS — interuniversity cooperation programme (ICP); (see page 9)	TFHR	31.10.1989
— grants for students not participating in an ICP (see page 9)		01.01.1990
DEMONSTRATION PROJECTS IN THE FIELD OF ENVIRONMENT (see page 5)	XI	14.11.1989
EPOCH — Climatology and natural hazards (see page 3)	XII	30.11.1989
SPRINT 1. Conferences to be held later than 31.8.1990 (see page 33)	XIII	30.08.1990 30.11.1989
2. Specific Projects (see page 34)		27.10.1989
Primary raw materials and recycling of non-ferrous metals and strategic metals (see page 3)	XII	30.11.1989
TELEMAN — Remote handling in hazardous and disordered nuclear environments (see page 13)	XII	30.11.1989
BRIDGE — Biotechnology research for innovation (see page 11)	XII	15.12.1989
Renewal raw materials: FOREST (see page 3)	XII	15.12.1989
STD — SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY FOR DEVELOPMENT	XII	31.12.1989
ESPRIT (see page 6)	XIII	10.01.1990
RADIATION PROTECTION (see page 10)	XII	31.01.1990
COMETT (see page 9)	TFHR	28.02.1990
BCR (Metrology and Reference Materials)	XII	no deadline
SCIENCE: Plan to stimulate the international cooperation and interchange needed by European researchers	XII	no deadline
SPES — A plan to stimulate cooperation in economic sciences	XII	no deadline
MONITOR: Expression of interest	XII	no deadline

Application forms can be obtained from the Directorate-Generals concerned (Commission of the European Communities, DG ..., 200, rue de la Loi, B-1049 Brussels); TFHR stands for Task Force Human Resources (see article 'EUROTECNET' on page 9).

FORTHCOMING CALLS

Programme	Call expected
BRITE/EURAM	First half of 1990
RADIOACTIVE WASTE	Early 1990

The information above is a sort of early warning system. The dates indicated may change and are not definitive. I&TT declines all responsibility for any changes. Proposals should be prepared well in advance of this deadline in order to avoid last-minute problems. Proposers should consult the programme managers for advice on questions of presentation.

INNOVATIONS FROM COMMUNITY R&D

Under this section 'Innovation and Technology Transfer' reports regularly on recent innovations stemming from Community-funded research.

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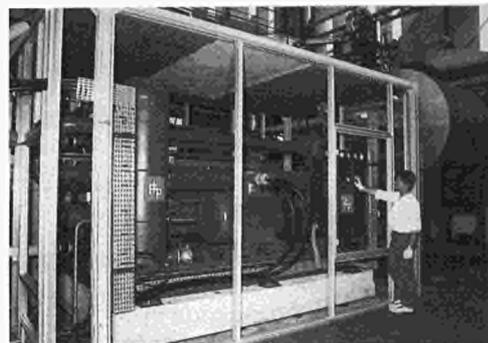
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The successful development of this product by IFP and its manufacture and distribution, particularly in France, by Atochem and Dehon SA show that it is possible to achieve the fast industrial development of replacements for fluids which are considered harmful for the environment.

The work was carried out with the support of the Commission of the European Communities (DG XII) and has resulted in a range of more efficient and environment-friendly products.

Further information may be obtained from: Institut Français du Pétrole (IFP), 1-4, avenue des Bois-Préau, BP 311, F-92506 Rueil Malmaison Cedex, Tel. 47 49 02 14



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The flue gases pass from the boiler to a mixing chamber, into which an aqueous calcium hydroxide solution or dry calcium hydroxide and water are blown to dehalogenate the waste gases. A fabric filter is then used to extract dust from these gases.

Further information may be obtained from: PWE, Anlagenbaugesellschaft für Wärme- und Umwelttechnik mbH, Bahnhofstraße 15, D-3360 Osterode-Harz 1, Tel. (05522) 3035/3036



DIRECTORY OF COLLECTIVE INDUSTRIAL RESEARCH CENTRES IN EUROPE

A directory containing the coordinates of about 400 collective industrial research centres in Europe - often called 'industrial research associations' in the United Kingdom, 'centres techniques' in France and 'Forschungsgemeinschaften' in Germany - has been compiled on a country-by-country basis as a part of the SPRINT action to promote transnational cooperation between these centres.

Further information on this SPRINT scheme can be obtained from Mr D. Janssens, Commission of the European Communities, DG XIII/C/1, B4/101, Jean Monnet Building, L-2920 Luxembourg, Tel.: (352) 4301-4407, Tlx: 2423 / 3446 COMEUR LU, Fax: (352) 4301-4129. A copy of this directory can be obtained on written request from Mrs S. Dria (same address).

IMPROVING THE UTILISATION OF PUBLICLY FUNDED RESEARCH

FIRST COMPREHENSIVE REPORT ON THE STATE OF TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER IN THE COMMUNITY NOW AVAILABLE

— STUDIES ON THE SITUATION IN THE MEMBER STATES PUBLISHED —

There has been growing concern in recent years that the **results of publicly funded research and development should be fully exploited** and that society should derive maximum benefit from them.

First of all, there has been a **lack of information on the actual measures adopted throughout the Community** and on their effectiveness. In order to fill this gap and to identify measures which might have general utility, the Commission initiated a series of studies to be made under the SPRINT Programme by groups of experts from university or the economy (See list of authors below). The objectives of these studies were to examine the procedures adopted in each Member State **to promote the effective utilisation of publicly funded R&D**, and to suggest measures which, in the opinion of the consultants, would be useful at both national and Community level. These studies have now been published:

Title: **Utilisation of the results of public research and development** (plus the name of the Member State concerned)
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The photo shows Mr Engels, head of the section responsible for commercialisation within DG XIII/C/2, at the CEC stand at SIDEROMETALURGICA.

The Commission participated actively in the metallurgical industrial fair 'SIDEROMETALURGICA' from 25 to 30 September 1989.

At its stand 17 products from Community research were presented (essentially ECSC — European Coal and Steel Community). It was visited in particular by managers of the Spanish steel industry. Mr Parajon Collada, Deputy Director-General of DG XIII presented the VALUE Programme.



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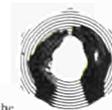
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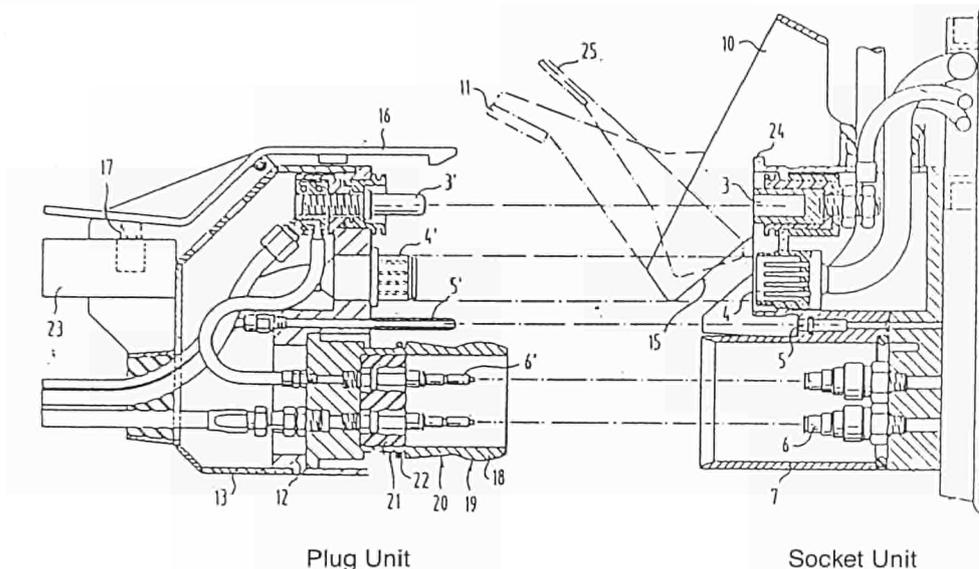
1. MULTICONNECTOR

Inventor: S.F. MILLS

Ref: EUR Pat 2230

This device assembles several individual connectors (welding junctions 3, low power electrical junctions 4, gas supply lines 5, liquid supply lines 6) for a variety of remote handling tools. It is composed of a stationary socket unit with individual connectors and a free plug unit with corresponding complementary connector (3', 4', 5', 6') halves. Prior to any operative engagement of the individual connectors the plug unit has to be aligned with the socket unit. Thereby the spherical portion (19) of the tube (18) protruding from the plug unit's front plate (12) is pressed into the cylindrical chamber (7) of the socket unit. As soon as the following conical portion (20) of the tube penetrates into the cylindrical chamber of the socket unit, the claw (16), pivotably mounted on the plug unit's chassis (13) and extending with its rear end to the spring (17) of the grasping block (23) of a remotely handled gripper, latches behind the shoulder (24) of the socket unit. It pushes down the actuation plate (11) of the engagement lever (10) so that two cam followers mounted on opposite side surfaces of the plug unit enter the lever cam slots (15) and both units are brought into the final operating position. The chamber containing the liquid supply lines is sealed by means of an O-ring (22). The engagement lever is protected by a spring loaded safety lock (25).

The device requires one telemanipulator arm only for the coupling operation.



2. A DEVICE FOR MEASURING THE IMPEDANCE OF A MEDIUM ALONG A MEASUREMENT LINE

Inventors: C. N. MURRAY, T. R. FORTESCUE

Ref: EUR Pat 2222

Exploring the possibility of sub-seabed disposal of waste vitrified in torpedo-shaped containers to be released by gravity into the sea-bed requires thorough research into the geophysical situation of the area through which the container will pass and where it will finally penetrate and stay. Leakage from the container should not cause sea pollution or spontaneous underground nuclear explosions. Therefore, it is fundamental that the hole created by the impact in the bottom sediment closes after impact and that the impedance of the medium through which the container passes (water, sediment, etc.) is known.

The device invented helps to explore the area projected for disposal. Its components are partly housed inside the (test) container (AC generator 17, current meter 18, multiplex switch). The medium's impedance data are transmitted by acoustic signals through an antenna (2) extending along the measurement line to a receiver at water surface.

Design: A plurality of electric wires (9) are wound around the antenna's core and coupled at their lower ends to a multiple connector. The wires are surrounded by an insulating layer through which their cut upper ends contact the corresponding electrodes of a series of braid sections divided into even and odd numbered length portions (10, 11). The medium's impedance is measured each time by two neighbouring electrodes of an even numbered braid section (10, 10') coupled through cyclically

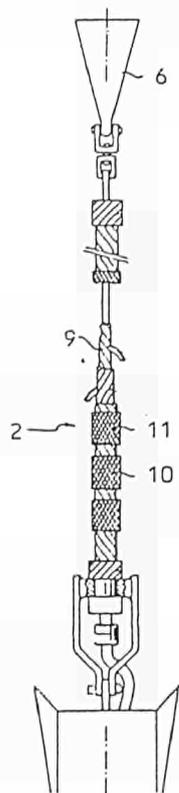


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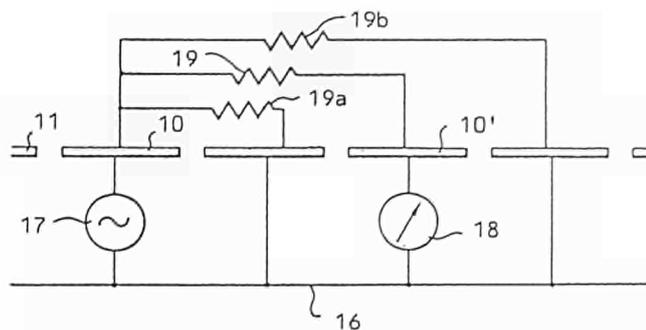


FIG. 2

switched Reed relays to the AC generator and to the current meter respectively. The odd numbered braid sections are connected together by one common wire to a ground line (16). Resistor (19) symbolizes the medium's impedance and resistors (19a and 19b) the parasitic impedances towards the guard electrodes. The float body (6) coupled to the antenna's upper end is intended to remain above the sediment layer.

3. APPARATUS OPERATING WITH CONTACT IONIZATION FOR THE PRODUCTION OF A BEAM OF ACCELERATED IONS

Inventor: H. LIEBL

Ref.: EUR Pat 2235

The apparatus housed in a vacuum container (12) comprises a source of atoms in a reservoir (8) surrounded by a heating jacket (10) and a tubular rod-shaped ionisation electrode (1) tapering in the direction of an annular disc acceleration electrode (3) located at a certain distance (d) in front of the ionisation electrode's tip (2) which has a capillary bore and a small diameter compared to the distance (d).

The atoms pass from the reservoir through the stepwise decreasing tubular duct of the ionisation electrode which is heated by a surrounding thermionic cathode electron source (6) covered by a tubular heat shield. They impinge upon the hot inner wall (in particular the capillary part) of the duct and are vaporised as positive and negative ions. At duct exit, the positive ions emerging from the capillary are accelerated towards the acceleration electrode where a beam (5) of several keV energy emerges through a central opening and can then be focused by an electrostatic lens (11).

Compared to known devices of this kind, the design of this apparatus allows a much lower vapour pressure or, alternatively, gives an appropriate increase in the vapour throughput, whereby a much higher emission current density is achieved before any electrical breakdown occurs.

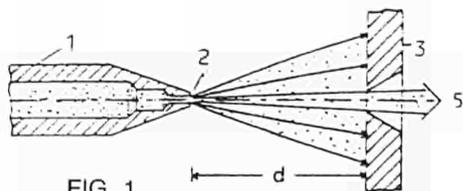


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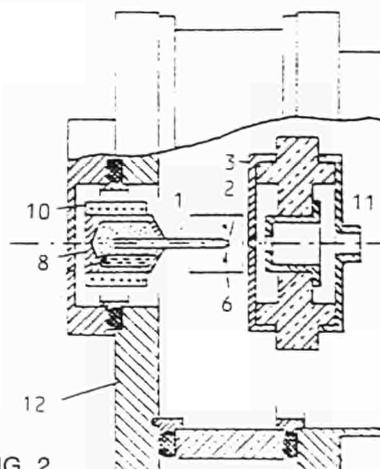


FIG. 2

4. A SUBMARINE VEHICLE INTENDED TO MEASURE DATA AT THE DEEP OCEAN SEA-BOTTOM

Inventor: C. N. MURRAY

Ref: EUR Pat 2231

This vehicle descends by gravity onto the sea-bottom from where it can be recovered together with its measurement instrumentation. Its vertical support structure (2-7) comprises a central tube (7) and four horizontal discs (2, 3, 4, 5), interconnected via bolts (6). Float clusters (8) are spaced out regularly around the central tube. An ultrasound transmitter/receiver (10) and measuring probes (9) are disposed between the tube and the float clusters. At its lower end, the support structure carries a penetrator divided into two cylindrical parts secured to each other along a line (14) by explosive bolts to be released by sound signals. The lower (ballast) part of the penetrator (11) is designed to penetrate into the sediment and to remain there while the upper part (12) equipped with measuring probes and control means can be placed at any given sediment depth according to the position of the support structure's upper disc (2) functioning as an end stop. Upon explosion of the bolt (13) the upper part of the penetrator is pushed upwards to the ocean surface by the float clusters assisting the vehicle's take off.

In the case of strong sediment friction forces, a pyrotechnical device (15) can assist the take off operation by inflating a bag with gas, drawing the vehicle upwards. A set of jet engines (18) mounted on the support structure allows the vehicle to be directed to a desired landing site under the control of a sound navigation system comprising several transmitters (16) and distance measuring probes (17). The vehicle's descent speed predetermining the penetration depth can be controlled by adjusting the weight of the ballast through the vertical impact of jet engines (18).

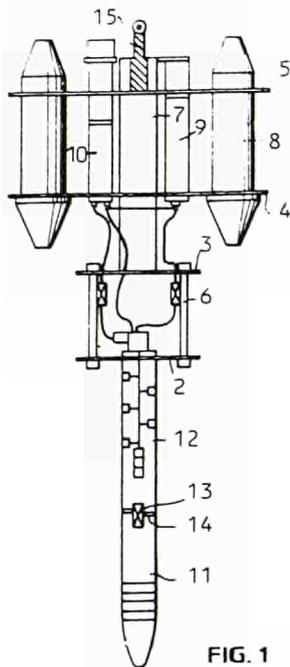


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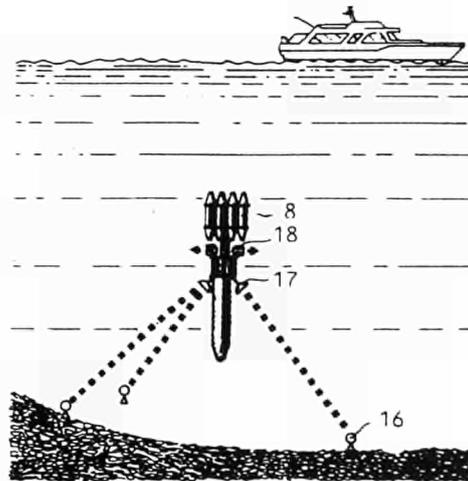


FIG. 2

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Venue: The Conference Centre, Bilbao, Spain, 11-12 December 1989

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Languages of the conference: French, English, German, Italian.

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OPORTO, 6 and 7 November 1989

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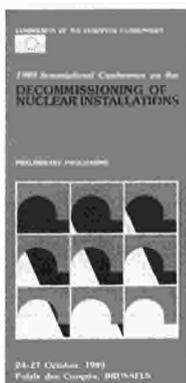
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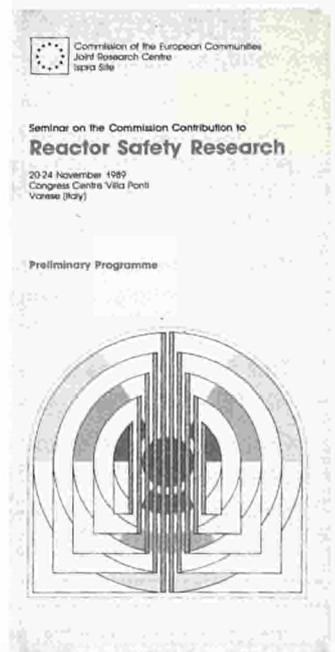
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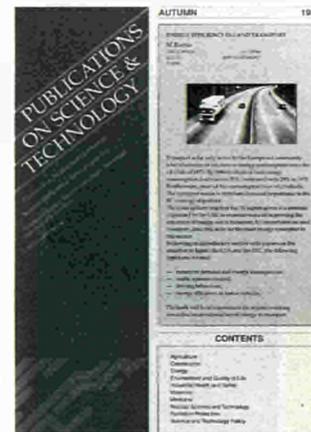
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THE 1 MW WIND TURBINE AT WIERINGERMEER

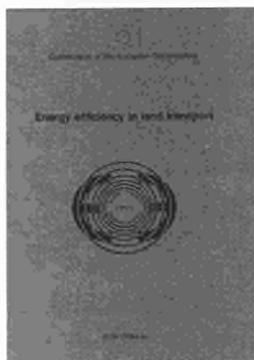
by A. Van der Steen, H. Overbeek

The 1 MW wind turbine in the Netherlands was primarily a technical tour de force of the Dutch wind turbine industry. However, it also distinguished itself as a project in which a comparatively limited number of very enthusiastic and dedicated people made a real step forward in the realization of large-scale wind energy production.

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ENERGY EFFICIENCY IN LAND TRANSPORT



Edited by M. Roma

Where energy is concerned, the transport sector is a very special case compared with other sectors of activity. Firstly, it accounts for an increasing proportion of final consumption compared with other sectors. Secondly, it depends almost entirely on petroleum products.

It is therefore vitally important to take further initiatives in order to:

- improve the energy efficiency of transport systems, and
- encourage the use of alternatives to petroleum products, provided that this has a favourable impact in terms of primary energy (in addition to the possible financial benefits).

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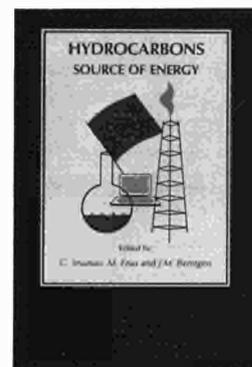
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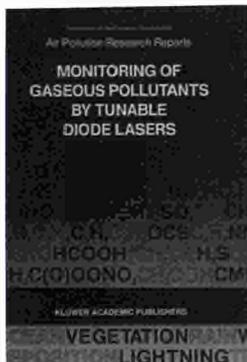
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MONITORING OF GASEOUS POLLUTANTS BY TUNABLE DIODE LASERS



Edited by R. Grisar, G. Schmidtke, M. Tacke, G. Restelli

This volume contains the papers presented at the Second International Symposium on Monitoring of Gaseous Pollutants by Tunable Diode Lasers, held on October 17-18, 1988, in Freiburg, Federal Republic of Germany.

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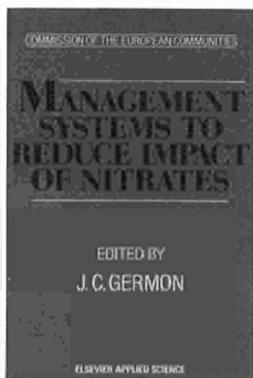
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MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS TO REDUCE THE IMPACT OF NITRATES



Edited by J. C. Germon

Nitrate concentration in water is a topic of pressing concern in many areas of Europe. The CEC has therefore held a meeting entitled 'Management Systems to Reduce the Impact of Nitrates', which was organized within the framework of the Community Programme on Land and Water Use Management (DG VI).

The main aims of the meeting were as follows:

- to provide an overview of the different methods to reduce nitrate pollution due to agriculture;
- to record the main steps of the nitrogen cycle by which it is possible to control nitrate availability in soil and to evaluate recent progress;
- to highlight areas needing more research in order to manage the nitrogen cycle in agriculture more efficiently.

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ENZYME SYSTEMS FOR LIGNOCELLULOSE DEGRADATION

Edited by M. P. Coughlan

Vast quantities of lignocellulosic materials, i.e. biomass, are available for exploitation as potential sources of food, fuels and chemical feedstocks. As the term 'lignocellulose' implies, such materials are comprised, in the main, of cellulose, hemicellulose and lignin. Thus, exploitation of the potential of biomass requires that each of these major polymers be utilized, perhaps by conversion to their simpler constituents and then to more valuable end products.

For a variety of reasons, biological conversion is preferred to chemical conversion procedures. Obviously, such processes must be efficient. Thus, it is clear that one must have a thorough understanding of the enzyme systems required for the hydrolysis of each of the major components in question and of the microorganisms (fungi and bacteria) that produce these enzyme systems.

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AUTOMATION OF CYTOGENETICS

Edited by C. Lundsteen, J. Piper

The multidisciplinary field of automated chromosome analysis is covered in all its aspects by the 20 contributions from users and leading researchers in this book. They include evaluations of complete image-based chromosome analysis systems, current research into new image analysis techniques, the development of systems for chromosome aberration scoring, automatic specimen preparation and the use of flow systems for chromosome measurement and analysis.

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APPLICATION OF NMR TECHNIQUES ON THE BODY COMPOSITION OF LIVE ANIMALS

Edited by E. Kallweit, M. Henning, E. Groeneveld

This volume contains the proceedings of the seminar on 'The application of NMR techniques on the body composition of live animals', held on 14-15 June 1988.

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SPRINT, THE EUROPEAN PROGRAMME FOR INNOVATION AND TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER

THE EUROPEAN DESIGN PRIZE 1990 TO BE AWARDED IN SPRING 1990

The international jury responsible for awarding the European Community Design Prize (ECDP) met on 14/15 September 1989 in Barcelona.

The prize is to be awarded for the second time as part of the design promoting activities of the SPRINT Programme. This time it will be organized by the foundation BCD - Barcelona Design Centre. The jury comprises one representative per Member State participating and its first meeting was opened by Dr A. Strub, Director of DG XIII-C. It appointed Mr Giuliano Molineri (Giugiaro Design, Milan) as its Chairman.

Further to the designations of the eleven participating Member States the jury has nominated 52 enterprises for the ECDP which all contribute to the development of an innovative policy in the field of industrial design.

The ECDP award ceremony will take place in the first quarter of 1990 in Spain. An exhibition of all 52 nominations will be organised, and could also be moved elsewhere subsequently (if interest is expressed).

Contact: Mr E. Faroult, Commission of the European Communities, DG XIII/C/1, B4/075, Jean Monnet Building, L-2920 Luxembourg, Tel.: (352) 4301-4371, Tlx: 2423 / 3446 COMEUR LU, Fax: (352) 4301-4129.



JORNADAS DE TRANSFERENCIA DE TECNOLOGIA IN PAMPLONA

MR PARAJON COLLADA WISHES FOR MORE DIRECT TRANSBORDER CONTACTS BETWEEN THOSE ACTIVE IN THE FIELD OF INNOVATION



The photo shows from left to right Mr Parajón Collada (Deputy Director-General of DG XIII), Mr Julián Balduz (Government of Navarra) and Mrs Oiz (Director of Iniciativas Empresariales de Navarra).

With the support of the Commission, a technology transfer conference was organised in Pamplona on 26/27.6.1989. Its purpose was to allow firms from this area to meet technology transfer agents from other Member States and diversify into new activities. Sixteen representatives from well-known technology transfer institutions (Arist-Aquitaine (F), Arist Midi Pyrénées (F), NESDA (UK), Shekell (UK), Gomov (B), Gom Limburg (B), Jalles consultores (P), CIDEA (P), Team (I) and Hager & Hager (D)) participated and had more than 230 individual meetings with 42 enterprises from the Pamplona area.

Mr Vincente Parajón Collada, Deputy Director-General of DG XIII welcomed the participants and gave a lecture on the Commission's innovation promoting activities under the SPRINT Programme. He said that he was very impressed by the success of this event: 'Direct contacts between those active in the field of innovation seem to be the best way to achieve transborder technology transfer agreements. For this reason the Commission will attach great importance to this issue and encourage further events of this nature under the new SPRINT Programme'.

For further information on the jornadas de transferencia de tecnologia please contact: ASESORIA INDUSTRIAL, Mr J. M. ZABALA, Navas de Tolosa 5-2, E-31002 Pamplona, Tel.: (34) 48 22.89.63, Fax: (34) 48 22.88.82.

THE T.I.I. TECHNOLOGY REQUEST NETWORK (TRN)

In order to make the demand for and supply of technology more transparent, a large number of printed catalogues and, more recently, electronic data-bases of technology opportunities have been introduced.

These have undoubtedly helped many technology partners to meet and do business. In addition to these various initiatives, TII has just launched the TII Technology Request Network (TRN) for a pilot phase of six months. It is a mechanism for circulating technology demand from client companies of TII members. The distinguishing features of the TRN system are: demand-led, quality-oriented, confidential and selective.

Only TII Members will be allowed to enter requests into the TRN. However, after the pilot phase, it is intended to circulate requests outside of the membership (on a subscription basis). This will maximise the probability of a matching supply being found.

For further information, please contact the TII secretariat, 3, rue de Capucins, L-1313 Luxembourg, Tel.: (352) 46.30.35, Fax: (352) 46.21.85, Tlx: 6105111 GMA LU.

1st CONFERENCE OF THE EUROPEAN ASSOCIATION OF CONTRACT RESEARCH ASSOCIATIONS-EACRO

- The Contract Research Organizations (CROs) in Europe will hold their **first congress** in Amsterdam, The Netherlands, on February 25-27, 1990.
- This congress is sponsored and organized jointly by the **SPRINT** Programme of DG XII of the Commission and by **EACRO**, the recently founded European Association of Contract Research Organizations, which has already gathered together a major part of the profession within Europe.
- The first aim of the congress is **to emphasize the role of CROs in improving the competitiveness of European industry**, bringing efficient technologies more cheaply and quickly to their customers, and converting the results of scientific research and large national or European programmes into practical know-how.
- The second aim is to examine better ways of **cooperation among members** of the profession, its clients, governments and the Commission.
- According to a recent survey carried out for the SPRINT Programme CROs in Europe represent more than **100 organizations, 20 000 employees and 1 billion ECUS** in contracts. They thus form a very important tool for technological development in Europe. EACRO and the Commission expect that the congress will form a good basis for the future development of contract research in Europe and for better use of all its potential by the industry and the EC.

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EUROTECH CAPITAL - PILOT SCHEME LAUNCHED BY THE CEC

The Commission has launched a pilot scheme (Eurotech capital), designed to provide financial support for transnational high-technology projects. The **'Eurotech capital'** label will be granted to financial entities that comply with certain specific criteria (investment capacity of at least ECU 50 million, of which at least 20% must be earmarked for financing transnational high-technology projects) and will enable the recipient to make use of various services which will be partially financed by the Commission. A document describing the operating principles of Eurotech capital and any further information required can be obtained from: Unité Études et nouvelles Techniques Financières, Directorate-General XVIII 'Credit and Investments', Commission of the European Communities, rue Alcide de Gasperi, L-2920 Luxembourg.

SPRINT NETWORK PARTNERS MEETING IN LUXEMBOURG

Over 250 members of the SPRINT Transnational Technology Transfer networks met in Luxembourg on July 10-12 for their annual evaluation conference. The theme of the conference was 'Networking across Europe'. Key speakers on this theme were Prof. Juan Carlos Jarrillo of the Instituto de Empresa Madrid and Professor Paula Dubini of Bocconi Business School Milan. Networking between the SPRINT partners and links with other Community-led programmes, schemes and associations was encouraged in a series of networking sessions and parallel working groups. Improving network efficiency was the main subject on day two in the form of a panel discussion and plenary debate. The meeting heard that in 1988 64 inter-Company agreements had been signed as a result of the SPRINT partners' activities. This represented a 50 % increase on the yearly average for the first three years of the programme.

Proceedings of the Conference will be available by the end of 1989. To request a copy please write to Mr I. Traill, Commission of the European Communities, DG XIII/C/1, B4/105, Jean Monnet Building, L-2920 Luxembourg, Tlx: 2423 / 3446 COMEUR LU, Fax: (352) 4301-4129.

VENTURE CAPITAL: SURVEY SHOWS EUROPE OUTPACING THE UNITED STATES

— EVCA YEARBOOK 1989 JUST PUBLISHED —

The growth of venture capital in Europe continues to outpace the United States. The results of the EVCA survey of the European venture capital market in 1988 show that the total pool of venture funds in Europe (16 countries) grew by 18.5 % in 1988 to a total of ECU 18.7 billion compared to an expansion of just 7 % in the United States to a total of ECU 26 billion (\$ 31.14 billion).

The rate of investment of funds accelerated considerably in 1988 leading to a 22.7 % increase in investments made (ECU 3.48 billion). In the U.S., ECU 2.5 billion was invested during the same period. The United Kingdom still continues to dominate Europe's venture industry and grew by 15 % in 1988 to ECU 11.249, representing 60 % of the European total. Impressive rates of growth in funds and in levels of investment are evident in a number of countries. Investment in start-up companies in 1988 increased to represent, by number, 26.6 % of all investments made. In money terms they represented 12 % of investments.

Investments at the 'seed' stage fell back from 1.1 % in 1987 to 0.3 % in 1988. Generally early-stage investments appear to have been underserved in favour of later-stage deals, an issue about which EVCA as an organisation intends to take corrective action. Management buy-outs in 1988 represented 17.6 % of all deals but accounted for 38.1 % of funds invested (1987: 37.5 %). 42.5 % of investments were for business expansions compared to 50 % the previous year.

Industry structure

The survey looked at the structure of the industry and found that 55 % of the funds are independent compared to 85 % in the United States. 27 % are captive, 7 % are semi-captive and 11 % are government funds. The majority of investments continue to be made on a national basis though 8.0 % of investments were syndicated on a transnational basis.

The survey shows a trend towards investment in industrial and consumer companies and away from the high-tech sector. Consumer investment grew substantially in 1988, accounting for 24.1 % against 19.8 % the previous year (partly a reflection of the growth of consumer-oriented management buyouts). Manufacturing accounted for 17.8 % of investments during the year, with the construction sector rising from 0.1 % to 7.8 % in 1988.

(Final statistics are published in the EVCA YEARBOOK for 1989, which is available from the EVCA Secretariat; see address below).



VENTURE CONSORT — INNOVATION FINANCE SCHEME

The venture consort is a catalyst to encourage transnational syndication of VC-companies for innovative projects within the CEC. The VENTURE CONSORT pilot system is aimed at encouraging the growth of European SMEs through the formation of crossborder syndicates of venture capitalists. It was launched by the Commission of the European Communities and the European Venture Capital Association.

THE EVCA INSTITUTE

The EVCA Institute is the Management Development Institute of the European Venture Capital Association. It was set up by the Management Development Committee of EVCA, as a response to the need for training for new Venture Capital Managers and Advisers specialising in the Venture Capital industry. The EVCA Management Development Course was developed by a Working Committee of senior Venture Capital Executives with the support of the European Communities. The Course has been designed in a non-theoretical and VC-practice oriented way. The composition of both teachers and participants is international.

The EVCA Institute Management Development Course is a three day seminar organised for newer members of Venture Capital firms, whether junior managers or senior managers new to the industry. Institute courses are held twice a year. The next course will take place on 20-22 November 1989 in Brussels.

THE TRANSNATIONAL VENTURE MANAGER EXCHANGE SCHEME

The Transnational Venture Manager Exchange Scheme aims to encourage Venture Capital Managers to work one to three months in a Venture Capital company located in another country of the European Community.

The objectives of the Scheme are to give Venture Managers the opportunity to gain first-hand practical information and experience in other European markets and to establish a basis for long-term transnational cooperation between Venture Capital companies and the individuals involved.

The Commission of the European Communities, which supports the scheme under its SPRINT Programme, intends to reimburse the Venture Capital company which sends the Manager to compensate for the (temporary) loss of manpower and the extra costs resulting from the secondment (i.e. travel, subsistence).

Please send your application and Curriculum Vitae to the EVCA Secretariat, stating preferences for the country to which you want to send your Manager(s). EVCA will help you to find a suitable host.

For further information on the above schemes please contact: EVCA, Keibergpark, Minervastraat 6, Box 6, B-1930 Zaventem, Tel.: (32) 2 720.60.10, Fax: (32) 2 725.30.36

SPRINT CALL FOR PROPOSALS FOR THE PROMOTION OF EUROPEAN CONFERENCES OR WORKSHOPS ON TECHNOLOGY AND INNOVATION

This scheme is intended to promote the Community-wide dissemination of information concerning innovation and/or technology transfer. Proposals will be invited from the organizers of conferences on innovation or technology who are prepared to give a European dimension to conferences which would normally be held on a national or regional basis. Proposals may be submitted by any natural or legal person, public or private body, institution or group established in the territory of a Member State by 30. 11. 1989. Only proposals for European conferences etc. which are scheduled to take place after 31 August 1990 will be accepted.

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DIRECTORY OF CONTRACT RESEARCH ORGANIZATIONS IN THE EEC

Edited by R. Miège / I. Traill



This first major survey and Directory of over 150 European Contract Research Organisations (CROs) has been published by DG XIII as part of its innovation promotion activities under the SPRINT Programme.

The report analyses for the **first time the nature and structure of contract research** in each of the EEC Member States and points out the vital role of CROs in technology transfer.

It further recommends strengthening of cooperation between the CROs at the European level.

Following these recommendations, the European Association of Contract Research Organisations has been formed by the associations of CROs in France and Britain in conjunction with major CROs in Germany, the Netherlands and Italy (see page 31).

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Please send a copy of the publication 'Contract Research Organisations in the EEC' EUR 12112, ISBN EN-92-825-9766-0, FR-92-825-9767-9 (price 40 ECU) in English , French to:

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16-17	Nov.	Seminar: Marketing of Innovative Products, Valencia
20-21	Nov.	Group visit to Oporto
27	Nov.-	Intensive Induction Seminar on Technology Transfer and Innovation Advisory Techniques and Methods (for newcomers to the profession), Luxembourg
1	Dec.	
14-15	Dec.	Seminar: Technology Auditing, Brussels

For further information please contact TII, 3 rue des Capucins, L-1313 Luxembourg (Tel. 352.46.30.35)



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Aims of the conference

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SPRINT CALL FOR SPECIFIC PROJECTS

Under the SPRINT Programme the Commission has launched a Call for Proposals to provide financial support for the definition phase of **Specific Projects for Intra-Community Innovation Transfer**.

'Specific Projects' aim to highlight the economic importance of new technologies by demonstrating their impact in selected applications. Their design should allow the broad communication of the results of these projects to those concerned by demonstration the benefits of new technological solutions. Proposals must reach the Commission by 27.10.1989.

This call is published in the Official Journal C 185 of 22.7.1989. The information package and application forms can be obtained on written request from: Mr R. Miège, Commission of the European Communities, DG XIII/C/1, B4/099, Jean Monnet Building, L-2920 Luxembourg, Tel.: (352) 4301-4180/4371, Tlx: 3423/3446 COMEUR LU, Fax: (352) 4301-4129.

2nd LES PAN-EUROPEAN CONFERENCE TURIN

7/8 September 1989

On September 7 and 8 1989, the 2nd Licensing Executives Society's Pan-European Conference, organized by LES - Italia, was held in Turin, Italy, at the premises of Unione Industriale, under the sponsorship of Municipality of Turin and the Commission of the European Communities. The theme of the Conference was 'Licensing towards 1992: challenges and prospects of the European Single Market', and it comprised three working sessions, dealing respectively with:

- 'Licensing strategies with an eye to the European Single Market' (1st session);
- 'The legal framework' (2nd session);
- 'Technology and communication' (3rd session).

Mr Bruce B. Goodman of DG XIII in the European Commission spoke on 'European Community activities in innovation and technology transfer', Mr Edwin P. Rutan, II, of A T&T Europe, reported on 'U.S. views on the European Single Market', Mr Sergio Pininfarina, Chairman of the National Association of Italian Industries (Confindustria) highlighted the present Italian situation and its trends, Mr Aurelio Pappalardo, honorary Director-General in the European Commission, reported on 'Interrelation between national and anti-trust legislations, and David Vaughan, Q.C., lectured on 'The attitude of the Commission and the jurisprudence of the Court of Justice'.



The photograph shows the speakers at the opening session of the LES conference.

The next Pan-European Conference will be organized by LES - France in Bordeaux in September 1990.

Further information on this event can be obtained from: Avv. Stefano Sandri, LES - Italy, Via le B. Buoizzi, 51, I-00197 Roma, Tel.: (39) 6 87.75.95 / 87.02.72, Fax: (39) 6 887.04.30, Tlx: 610539.

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TechTrans Centre '90, which takes place at the same time as the Herning Fair '90, will concentrate on five key areas:

- intelligent products, new technologies, processes and techniques
- new energy technologies and techniques
- new materials
- infrastructure
- bioengineering

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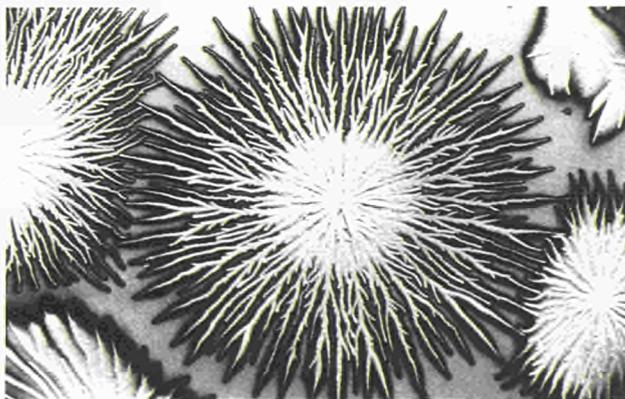
Nuisances d'origine électrostatique dans l'Industrie

L'électricité statique constitue une gêne ou un danger dans un grand nombre d'industries (électronique, chimie, pharmacie, textiles, mines...)

Sous l'égide du programme SPRINT (Strategic Programme for Innovation and Technology) de la Communauté Economique Européenne, la division Matériaux et Instrumentation du LCIE organise un séminaire sur ce thème.

Les représentants des organismes de 5 pays (France, Allemagne, Grande-Bretagne, Espagne, Italie), qui, depuis plus d'un an, coopèrent à ce programme, présenteront en Français des exposés sur chacun des principaux thèmes du séminaire. Des experts français représentant divers domaines de l'industrie y feront part de leur expérience. L'objet de ce séminaire est de mettre en commun les divers types de problèmes rencontrés dans différentes branches de l'industrie, de présenter les solutions actuellement retenues, de discuter leur efficacité, et d'établir la liste des principaux problèmes non résolus ainsi que les remèdes envisagés pour les minimiser.

C'est au cours de la table ronde que pourront être tirées les principales conclusions de ce séminaire.



Avec le parrainage de la
Société des Electriciens et Electroniciens



EXAMPLES OF SUCCESSFUL TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER AGREEMENTS PRODUCED BY THE SPRINT NETWORK

Technological Cooperation between the UK and Italy

In previous issues of I&TT we have reported at various times on the transnational cooperation scheme between innovation advisory bodies. At present the Commission supports about 70 'mini networks'. One of these, comprising three consultancies in various Member States (LAMBRECHT - D, PROGET - F and CIMATEC - I) has informed us of the conclusion of four highly interesting technology transfer projects in the **field of electrochemical gas sensors**.

This case of cooperation between a British company having developed a particular technology and an Italian industrial company looking for ways to replace certain of its products with more modern ones is good example of the many steps required for successful international technology transfer between R&D companies and industrial companies.

City Technology Ltd is a world leader in the manufacture and development of electrochemical gas sensors (trademark CiTicel[®]). Set up by London University in 1977 to exploit a novel oxygen sensor pioneered by the University's Wolfson Unit for Electrochemical Technology, the Company has successfully bridged the gap between the high technology of the laboratory and commercial success.

Through the intermediary of CIMATEC, 4 agreements with Italian firms were concluded:

1. Master, active in the field of thermocouples, is now manufacturing portable instruments for **gas detection** and finalising a deal for **gas monitoring** in tunnels.
2. Silimet, whose main business is meteorology, is now using City Technology's sensors to manufacture instruments (fixed and portable) for **atmospheric monitoring**.
3. Originally Felcom Srl, a small company of 5 people, used to market British (explosive-gas-detection) instruments in Italy. Now with the assistance of Cimatic, Felcom has started its own production of instruments **to detect toxic gas and oxygen**.
4. Inesa Spa, whose main business is the use of electronics in territory management, including pollution monitoring, is using City Technology's sensors in their systems to **monitor industrial pollution in the atmosphere**.



CiTicelR 4-20mA transmitters for gas detection

Further information on these technologies can be obtained from the partners: 1. CIMATEC, Mr M. Caocci, Via Pedemonte 3, I-16149 Genova, Tel.: (39) 10 410.91, Fax: (39) 10 46.85.08, Tlx: 270212, 2. Industrieberatung Lambrecht, Mr J. Lambrecht, Max-Ruetters-Straße 29, D-8021 Irschenhausen/Isartal, Tel.: (49) 8178 41.41, Fax: (49) 8178 80.72 or 3. PROGET, Mr E. Vogel, 2, place d'Estienne d'Orves, F-75009 Paris Cédex 09, Tel.: (3) 1 48.74.92.22, Fax: (33) 1 48.74.54.56, Tlx: 660651 Iavoix.

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II. INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM

ADVANCES IN THE STERILISATION AND ASEPTIC PACKAGING OF FOODS

Valencia

15-17 November 1989

The aim of this conference is the **interchange of technology and information** among scientific centres, equipment manufacturing firms and SMEs.

The firms involved in the Symposium are: Zewathener, Scholle Europe, Robert Bosch, Alfa-Laval, C.M.B. Packaging, Tetra Pak, Stock, Serac France and PKL-Jagenberg Ibérica. Scientists from the I.A.T.A.-C.S.I.C. (Spain) and the D.F.D.R.A. (United Kingdom) will present papers on the technical and scientific basis of these processes.

This symposium is the result of cooperation between the Instituto de Agroquímica y Tecnología de Alimentos (IATA), a Research Centre of the Consejo Superior de Investigaciones Científicas (CSIC) of the Ministry of Science and Education, and the Campden Food and Drink Research Association (C.F.D.R.A.) from Chipping Campden, U.K., which is sponsored by the CEC under its SPRINT Programme.

This cooperation has the following objectives:

- Establishment of a system for the exchange of technologies and information between centres and industries on the preservation of foods.
- State of the art and needs of SMEs in the field of thermal treatment of foods (HTST) specially thermoresistance problems and aseptic processes.
- Dissemination of this new technology between firms member in Spain and U.K.

For further information, contact: Dr M. Rodrigo, IATA-CSIC, Calle Jaime Roig, 11, E-46010 Valencia, Tel.: (34) 6 369.08.00, Fax: (34) 6 393.00.01, Tlx: 64197 AYTVE.

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Five of these, being considered fairly typical, have been selected to feature in a new brochure, which has just been published. The industries concerned are wood, footwear, building, paint and composite materials.

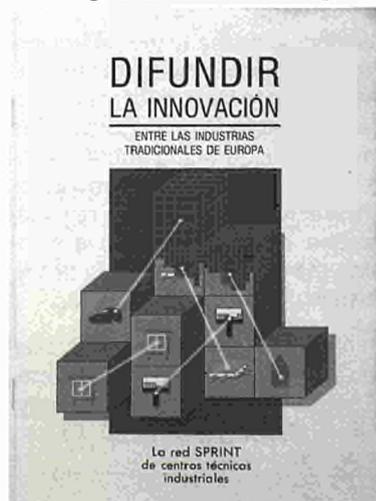
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Further development of the expert system using funding from one or more private companies to bring them to a commercially viable form is planned.

A report describing the project, including the knowledge used in the expert systems, is available from BSRIA for £ 20 + delivery costs. Please contact: John PASCALL, Expert Systems Section, BSRIA, Old Bracknell Lane West, UK-RG12 4AH Bracknell.

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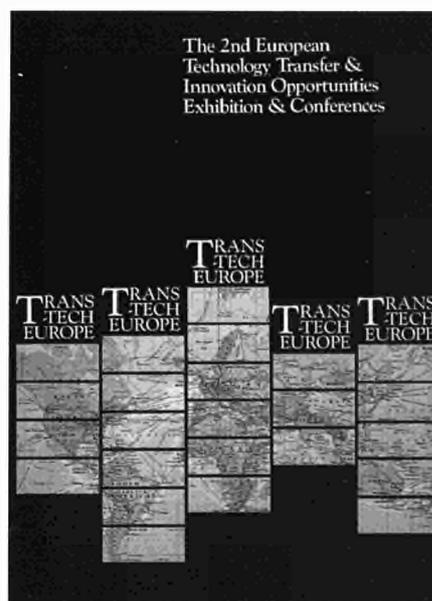
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For further information please contact Ms Renee Browne, Head - Industrial Education Programme, EOLAS - The Irish Science and Technology Agency, Glasnevin, Dublin 9, Ireland, Tel.: (353) 1 37.01.01 ext. 2327, Fax: (353) 1 37.96.20.

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Further information on the SPRINT scheme to promote efforts to give conferences a European dimension can be obtained from: Dr E. Pérez Carbonell, Commission of the European Communities, DG XIII/C/1, B4/092, Jean Monnet Building, L-2920 Luxembourg, Tel.: (352) 4301-4117, Tlx: 3423 / 3446 COMEUR LU, Fax: (352) 4301-4129.

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