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NEWS

- The mandate of STOA was confirmed by the Bureau of the European Parliament on Monday, 17 February 1997 when it adopted the report by Mr Antoni GUTIERREZ DIAZ, Vice-President, on STOA's role in the European Parliament.
- The STOA Workplan 1997 was adopted at an extraordinary Panel meeting in Brussels on 8 January 1997. The part-session week of January 1997 was dedicated to the reconstitution of Committees and Delegations. It was therefore decided not to hold a STOA Panel meeting that week. For this reason, there was no issue of the STOA Newsletter in January.
- All (new) Committee Chairmen were asked to (re)nominate their Members and Substitute Members on the STOA Panel. The constituent meeting will take place at the meeting of 20 February in Strasbourg. The election of the Bureau is foreseen for the meeting of 13 March (cf. page 6 - list of Panel being completed).
- STOA celebrates its 10th anniversary in March 1997. More details in next month's Newsletter.
- On Monday, 16 December 1996, under the auspices of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe, a Conference on 'Technological assessment, research evaluation and foresight studies' took place in Strasbourg. There were presentations derived from the work of 8 leading research organisations in this field from around Europe, including BETA, of the Université Louis Pasteur, Strasbourg. Mr POMPIDOU and Mr HOLDSWORTH were among the speakers. Mr LAKE of the Research Committee secretariat took part in the round-table discussion.
- A presentation of the 1996 project on 'Technological innovation and money' will be made to the Subcommittee on Monetary Affairs at its meeting in Brussels on Tuesday, 25 February in the morning (room LEO 7C50), by the STOA contractor, Prof. Jaume VALLS PASOLA of the University of Girona, Spain.
- A presentation on the project on 'Fertility Awareness and Contraception' (Workplan 1995) foreseen for the meeting on 24-25 February of the Committee on Women's Rights has been postponed to the meeting on 19-20 March.
- A Public Hearing was held by the Committee on Research, Technological Development and Energy (Rapporteur: Plooij-Van Gorsel) on 'Development and application of new information technologies in the next decade' of 6 February in Brussels, for which STOA provided background information (project 96/ALP2(i)).

WORKING DOCUMENTS, REPORTS, PAPERS, BRIEFS

Work in Progress - The following Working documents are being presented to the STOA Panel in February:

Workplan 1996

- 'Technological innovation and money' (AP1)**, Final Report and Executive Summary, Working documents for the STOA Panel, by Prof. Jaume VALLS PASOLA, University of Girona, Spain.
- 'Reducing emissions by cars and other motor vehicles' (CP1)**, Interim Report, Working document for the STOA Panel, by Dr Dimitris PAPAIOANNOU, Integrated Environmental Management (IEM) Ltd., Athens.
- 'The development and application of new information technologies in the next decade' (ALP2(i))**, Scoping paper, Working document for the STOA Panel, by Dr PUAY KHOON-THANG and Dr Nick VON TUNZELMANN of SPRU, University of Sussex, UK and Mr David J. POWELL of EPS Ltd., UK.
- 'The evolution of international markets in telecommunications' (ALP2(ii))**, Scoping paper, Working document for the STOA Panel, by Mr Neil McNAUGHTON, The Data Room, France.
- 'Using multimedia in pre-primary and primary education: The scientific approaches to new learning models for new learning environments' (ALP2(iii)/02))**, Scoping paper, Working document for the STOA Panel, by Dr Stella VOSNIADOU, University of Athens, Greece.
- 'The feasibility of censoring and jamming pornography and racism in informatics' (ALP2(iv))**, Scoping paper, Working document for the STOA Panel, by Mr A.A. PITMAN of Smith System Engineering Ltd, UK.
- 'The ageing of society: progress in medical and pharmaceutical research and technology and its socio-economic consequences' (BLP1)**, Scoping paper, Working document for the STOA Panel, by Dr S.M. THOMAS, Dr J.F. BURKE and Prof. B.R. MARTIN of SPRU, University of Sussex, UK.
- 'Coastal erosion and regional development: the socio-economic impact of erosion on the development of coastal and insular regions of the EU - The case-study of Sylt, Northern Frisia, Germany' (DLP1/03)**, Scoping paper, Working document for the STOA Panel, by Dr Eberhard W. FALCK, Germany.

- **'The scientific and technological applications, development and research and the needs of the fisheries sector' (FP1)**, Scoping paper, Working document for the STOA Panel, by Mr Hans LASSEN, Danish Institute for Fisheries Research, Denmark and Mr Georges MASSART, IFREMER, France.

PROJECT STEERING GROUPS

The following Project Steering Groups (PSG) are holding meetings:

- **97/C05/2 - Appropriate energy storage technologies for the use with distributed, stochastic energy sources.** It is foreseen to hold a PSG meeting in Mr ARGYROS' office in Strasbourg, on Wednesday, 19 February at 3 pm.
- **96/FP1 - Scientific research in the fisheries sector.** Meeting provisionally planned for 5 or 6 March.

The following Project Steering Groups (PSG) have held scoping meetings in the past months:

1996 Workplan

- **96/ALP2(iv) - Technical feasibility of jamming or censoring pornography and racism in informatics**

Date/place: 17 December 1996, Brussels

Participants included: Mr CALOW, Smith System Engineering, UK; Mr HIGHAM, Smith; Mr PITMAN, Smith; Mr SWETENHAM, EC/DGXIII; Mr PYRES, STOA Unit.

Main outcomes of the scoping meeting: Agreement on project scope and timing.

For more information please contact: Dick HOLDSWORTH.

- **96/ALP2(iii) - The application of multimedia technologies in school: their use, effect and implications**

Date/place: 17 December 1996, Brussels

Participants included: Mrs HEINISCH, MEP; Ms STAUDE, Assistant to Mrs Heinisch; Mr SAECKL, Assistant to Mrs Hawlicek; Prof. VOSNIADOU, University of Athens; Mr BATES, pjb Associates; Dr PELGRUM, University of Twente; Mr DE VRIES, CINOP Netherlands; Mr ALISSANDRAKIS, University of Ioannia; Mr PYRES, STOA Unit; Ms SERCU, STOA Unit.

Main outcomes of the scoping meeting: Agreement on project scope and timing.

For more information please contact: Dick HOLDSWORTH.

- **96/ALP1 - Electronic data management as a tool for the evaluation of EU expenditure**

Date/place: 15 January 1997, Strasbourg

Participants included: Mrs GHILARDOTTI, MEP; Mr PEDRELLI, Pragmata, Italy; Mr HOLDSWORTH, Head of the STOA Unit.

Main outcomes of the scoping meeting: Steps were agreed for the future execution of the project.

For more information please contact: Dick HOLDSWORTH.

- **96/ALP2(ii) - Evolution of international markets in telecommunications**

Date/place: 22 January 1997, Brussels

Participants included: Mr MALERBA, MEP; Mr McNAUGHTON, The Data Room; Mr VINSARD, Teuchos Telecom; Mr ARTUS, Teuchos Telecom; Mr HOLDSWORTH, Head of the STOA Unit; Mr PYRES, STOA Unit.

Main outcomes of the scoping meeting: Agreement on project scope and timing.

For more information please contact: Dick HOLDSWORTH.

- **96/DLP1 - The socio-economic impact of erosion on the development of coastal and insular regions of the EU**

Date/place: 23 January 1997, Brussels

Participants included: Mrs OLIKAINEN, DGII/Secretariat of the Regional Policy Committee; Mrs LUCCHESI, DGIV; Dr FALCK, Environmental consultant, Germany; Mr KALLIS, European Research Network, Greece; Mr PRIVITERA, University of Catania; Mr HOLDSWORTH, Head of the STOA Unit; Mr FERLIN, STOA Scholar; Ms FIGUEIRA, STOA Scholar; Ms MÜLLER, former STOA Scholar; Ms PRENNING, former STOA Scholar.

Main outcomes of the scoping meeting: Definition of priorities and calendar.

For more information please contact: Dick HOLDSWORTH.

FORTHCOMING CONFERENCES OF SPECIAL INTEREST

- A Conference on **WOMEN IN THE INFORMATION SOCIETY** is being organised by the 'Beratungs- und Informationsstelle Forschungsförderung (BIF)' of the Ruhr-Universität Bochum. It will be held on 17 March 1997 in the Mediapark in Köln. Mrs Erika MANN, MEP, Member of the Committee on External Economic Relations, will be a key speaker. It is planned that the Bochum team will be invited to STOA's forthcoming Workshop on 'Women and the Net'.

OTHER STOA INFORMATION

- STOA is happy to announce the following new arrivals in the Team:

Ms Vanessa BIAVA, Visitor, a Belgian secretarial student, who is doing a stage at the STOA secretariat in the framework of her studies (27 January to 11 April 1997).

Ms Catarina FIGUEIRA, Robert Schuman Scholar, a Portuguese economist, who will be working on the 1997 project on 'Scientific and technological assessment of the consequences of the information society for the development of the least-favoured regions of the EU'.

Ms Nadine SMYKATZ-KLOSS, Robert Schuman Scholar, a German environmental biologist, who will be working on the 1997 project on 'Appropriate energy storage technologies for the use with distributed, stochastic energy sources'.

Ms Ilona TINUS, a Dutch student of European political studies at the university of Den Haag, who will be working on the 1997 project on 'The use of the Internet for the promotion and protection of human rights in third countries'.

- Ms Rebecca WILLIS, UK, is on a Robert Schuman Scholarship in the Division of Mr Lieven VAN DER PERRE. Although not actually in the STOA Unit she has been working on the preparation of the 1997 project on 'Deliberate release of genetically modified organisms', i.e. another example of the good cooperation between other services of DGIV and STOA.

- STOA is sad to announce the following departures:

Ms Anna-Maria MÜLLER, Robert Schuman Scholar, left the Team at the end of December 1996.

Mr Norman PYRES, an English national expert on secondment to the EP/STOA, left the Team at the end of January 1997 and has now joined the European Commission.

Please address your requests for any of the documents listed above to Mr Frans SCHAERLAEKEN by fax (for details see list at the end).

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*[Situation as of 19 February 1997, with further nominations still to be received
(1996 Members in italics)]*

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