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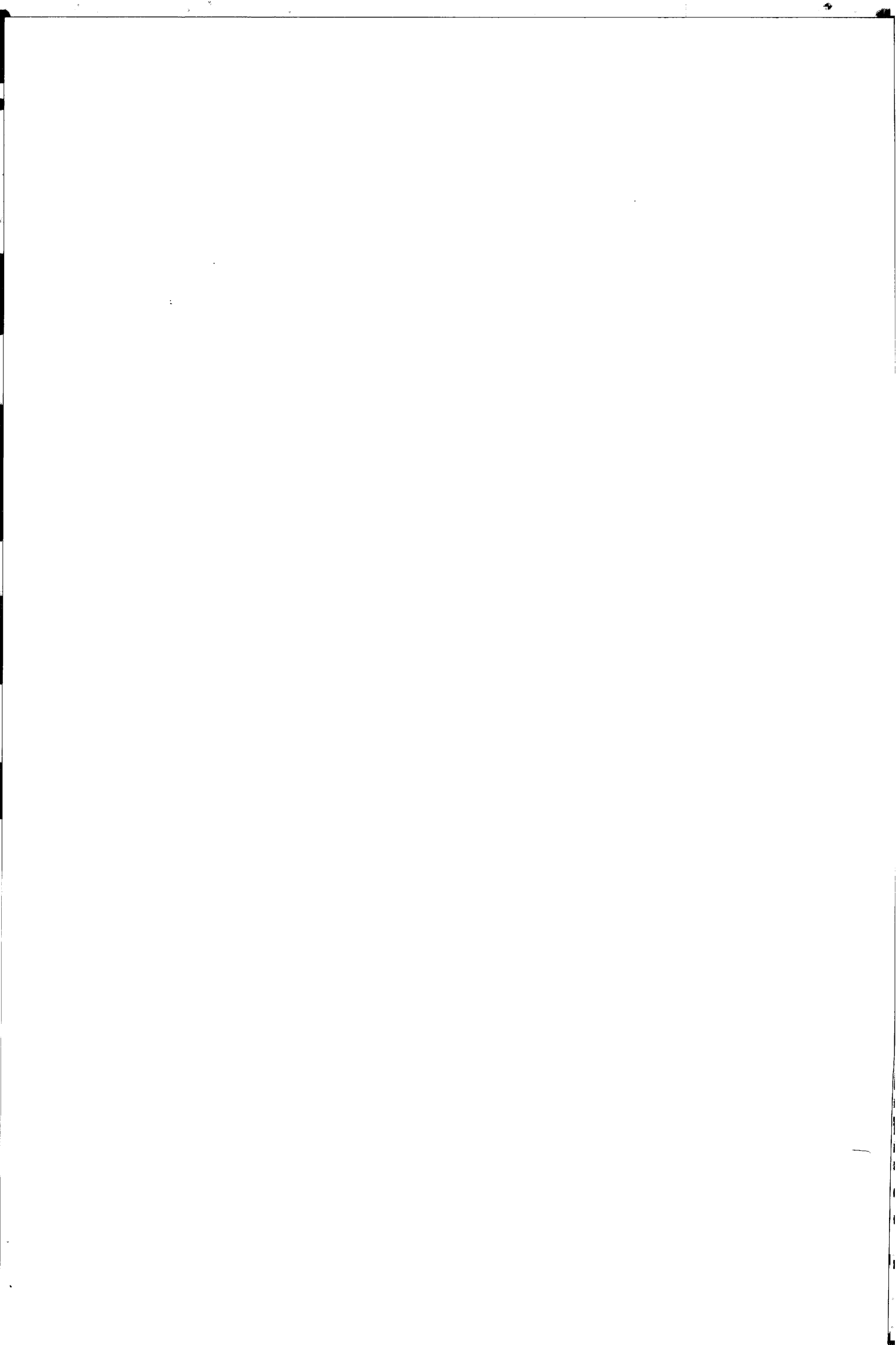
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NEWS

- A second discussion and, probably, the adoption of the STOA Workplan 1996 will take place at the Panel meeting on 15 February in Strasbourg.
- STOA has been invited by the European Council of Applied Sciences and Engineering (Euro-CASE) to participate in a Workshop on Transportation, which will be held in Milan on 1 March. The theme of the Workshop is 'Competitiveness factors from a trans-European and a regional perspective: the role of logistics and transportation'.

WORKING DOCUMENTS, REPORTS, PAPERS, BRIEFS

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

- **'Sustainable development in the Mediterranean region: The challenges and the policy instruments'**, Working documents for the Project Steering Group:
 - . Volume 1A: 'Human activities and their effects on the Mediterranean environment', by Integrated Environmental Management (IEM), Greece, and Giorgos KALLIS, STOA Scholar;
 - . Volume 1B: 'State of the environment in the Mediterranean region', by Integrated Environmental Management (IEM), Greece, and Giorgos KALLIS, STOA Scholar;
 - . Volume 2: 'Assessment of the EU policy instruments for environmental protection in the Mediterranean region', by ADAGE Environment, France;
 - . Volume 3: 'Analysis of the economic situation of EU-Mediterranean countries', by Paula JUARISTI, Spain;
 - . Volume 4: 'Assesment of EU policy instruments for development in the EU-Mediterranean region', by the Department of Economics, University of Oviedo, Spain.

For more information, please contact Giorgos KALLIS.

- **'Nanotechnology'**, part 2: 'Small is bountiful: Prospects for nanotechnology', Working document for the Project Steering Group, by Dr Stephen KEITH and Dr Fred STEWART, Aston University, UK. For more information, please contact Ineke MALSCH.

- 'The Information Society: The competitiveness of Europe in information society industries'**, Working document for the Project Steering Group, by Dr Rémi BARRÉ of the Observatoire des Sciences et des Techniques, and Dr Dominique DELMAS of Futurs, France. For more information, please contact Ineke MALSCH.
- A 2-page summary of the Workshop on the **'Economic and ethical aspects of new biomedical technologies'** held on 9 February in Brussels will be available at the STOA Panel meeting of 15 February. For more information, please contact Adam HEDGECOE.

The following reports are in preparation for publication:

- 'The Information Society: Information and communication technologies for sustainable technical development'**, Working document for the Project Steering Group, by Dr Stephen OWEN and Dr Hugh WILLIAMS, ECOTEC Ltd, UK, will be available soon. For more information, please contact Ineke MALSCH.
- The final reports on the project **'Environmental costing and taxation'** by the external contractors Université de Versailles-St.-Quentin, Paris, and ECOTEC, Birmingham, should be available at the March STOA Panel meeting. For more information, please contact Javier FERNÁNDEZ CORTÉS.
- The final report on the project **'Technological innovation and the electricity sector'** will be available at the March STOA Panel meeting. For more information, please contact Javier FERNÁNDEZ CORTÉS.
- The interim reports on the project **'Aquaculture'** by Stirling Institute of Aquaculture, have been delivered. For more information, please contact Tarja TIAINEN.
- The next issue of the EPTA Newsletter will cover the special theme **'Sustainability'**. For more information, please contact Tarja TIAINEN.

PROJECT STEERING GROUPS

The following Project Steering Group (PSG) meeting will take place:

- Research**

Nanotechnology. The final PSG meeting of this project is planned for Monday, 22 April 1996, from 10.00 to 12.00, in Brussels, room BEL 71. Three parts of the final Working document will be presented and discussed. Contact person: Ineke MALSCH.

The following Project Steering Group (PSG) meeting has taken place:

Life Sciences

Aquaculture: Development, environmental impact, product quality improvements.

Date/Place: 23 January 1996, Brussels

Participants: Mr James PROVAN, MEP; Mr Robin TEVERSON, MEP; Mr KAISER, Assistant to Mr Baldarelli; Mr John BOSTOCK and Mr MUIR, Stirling Institute of Aquaculture, STOA contractor; Mr Lambert KRAEWINKELS, EP/DGII/Committee on Fisheries; Mr David STEEL, EP/PPE, Mr Dick HOLDSWORTH, EP STOA Head of Unit; Ms Tarja TIAINEN, STOA Visitor.

Main outcomes of the meeting: The project outline proposed by Messrs Bostock and Muir was accepted by all participants subject to a small number of modifications.

Any other information: The draft report is to be delivered to the involved MEPs for their comments; thereafter the final report will be discussed at a meeting of the Committee on Fisheries.

For more information please contact the following STOA member(s): Dick HOLDSWORTH.

WORKSHOPS

Life Sciences

New biomedical technologies: A prospective assessment

The Workshop on 'Economic and Ethical Aspects of New Biomedical Technologies', chaired by Prof. Alain POMPIDOU, took place on Friday, 9 February 1996, in Brussels. A 2-page summary will be available at the Panel meeting of 15 February. The full report is in preparation. For further information, please contact Adam HEDGE COE.

OTHER STOA INFORMATION

- As previously announced the STOA office in Luxembourg has now also acquired an E-mail address as follows:

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- STOA is delighted ☺ to welcome:

- ☛ Esther FABRÉ ALONSO, a Spanish geologist, who has started work, as a STOA Visitor, on the 1995 project 'Floods in the EU'.

- STOA is however sad ☹ to announce the following departures:

- ☛ Juan MASARNAU, Senior Fellow, who has returned to his post at the Politechnic University of Catalonia, Barcelona.

- ☛ Christine WENNRICH, Scholar and EPTA Coordinator, who is now working for TAB, the parliamentary assessment body at the Bundestag, Bonn.

STOA wishes them both good luck for the future.

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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