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## NEWS

- ☐ The STOA Workplan 1996 was adopted at a special Panel meeting held in Brussels on 28 February.
- ☐ A Workshop on Transportation was organised by the European Council of Applied Sciences and Engineering (Euro-CASE) on 1 March in Milan. The theme of the Workshop was 'Competitiveness factors from a trans-European and a regional perspective: the role of logistics and transportation'. For STOA, it was attended by Dick HOLDSWORTH, Head of Unit. Euro-CASE is the European body which groups the national academies of engineering. It is called on to advise the European Commission on important technology matters. This was the first time STOA had participated in a Euro-CASE Workshop.

## WORKING DOCUMENTS, REPORTS, PAPERS, BRIEFS

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

- ☐ **'Nanotechnology'**, Working documents for the Project Steering Group:
  - Part 1: 'Social map and state of the art'**, by Ineke MALSCH; STOA Scholar;
  - Part 3: 'Nanotechnology'**, by Van der Meer en Van Tilburg Innovatie-adviesbureau, Enschede, the Netherlands.
- ☐ **'The Information Society'**, Working documents for the Project Steering Group:
  - 'Participation of disabled and elderly in the information society'** by Dr Christian BUEHLER, Forschungsinstitut Technologie-Behindertenhilfe (FTB),
  - 'Information and communication technologies for sustainable technical development'**, by Dr Stephen OWEN and Dr Hugh WILLIAMS, Ecotec Research and Consulting Ltd.
- ☐ **'Telematics applications in urban and public transport: An assessment of the field trials'**, Working document for the STOA Panel, by ETTS Ltd., Dublin.

**The following reports are in preparation for publication:**

- ☐ The interim reports on the project **'Aquaculture'** by Stirling Institute of Aquaculture will be available at the April meeting of the STOA Panel. A presentation of the project is foreseen at the same date. 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. The three parts of the final Working document will be presented and discussed. The meeting will be chaired by Mrs McNALLY, Vice-Chairman of the Committee on Research, Technological Development and Energy. In view of the widespread interest this project is causing, a number of outside experts have been invited to take part in the meeting.

The following Project Steering Group (PSG) meetings have taken place:

- ☐ **'The development and design of software/IT to monitor the implementation of EU funds, so as to collect data for an econometric model of their impact', Project A.LP.1 of Workplan 1996**

**Date/Place:** 27 February 1996, Brussels

**Participants:** Mrs Fiorella GHILARDOTTI, MEP; Mr Ismael OLIVARES MARTÍNEZ, EP/DGIV; Mr Anthony COMFORT, EP/DGIV; Mr Thomas BOEHNE, EP/DGIV; Mr Dick HOLDSWORTH, EP STOA Head of Unit.

**Main outcomes of the meeting:** After a discussion of the aims and scope of the project, it was decided that the work would be carried out in cooperation between STOA and other relevant Divisions of DGIV, and that an internal Project Team meeting would take place in Luxembourg before the second Project Steering Group (PSG) meeting. The internal Project Team meeting took place on 7 March, at which a general outline and division of labour was agreed. A date for the second PSG meeting will be set soon. At this meeting there will be a proposal to change the title to the following: 'Electronic data management as a tool for EU expenditure evaluation: An assessment of current best practice and future trends'.

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

- ☐ **'Comparison of different technological approaches towards the improvement of legislation concerning emissions by cars and other types of vehicles', Project C.P.1 of Workplan 1996**

**Date/Place:** 6 March 1996, Brussels

**Participants:** Mr Bernd LANGE, MEP; Ms Petra HERRMANN, Assistant to Mr Lange; Mr Hans-Hermann KRAUS, EP/DGIV; Mr Dick HOLDSWORTH, EP STOA Head of Unit.

**Main outcomes of the meeting:** Mr LANGE explained the objectives behind the project request from the Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Consumer Protection. STOA will draw up a project outline for the next meeting.  
**For more information please contact the following STOA member(s):** Dick HOLDSWORTH.

## FORTHCOMING CONFERENCES OF SPECIAL INTEREST

- ☐ A Conference on 'Renewable energy sources in the single European market' will take place in Milan from 17-19 June. It is being organised at the initiative of EUFORES, chaired by Mr ROBLES PIQUER, MEP, with the cooperation of the Italian Presidency of the EU, the European Commission and the European Parliament. The STOA Panel will be represented by Mrs Eryl McNALLY, and the opportunity exists for other STOA Members to participate. The objective of this second conference is to look for practical applications of the conference held in Madrid last year and to include the largest number of political representatives at different levels. For more information, please contact the office of Mr Robles Piquer or the STOA secretariat.
- ☐ A Conference on 'Nanotechnology' will be held in Copenhagen in April. It will present the European Nanotechnology Initiative (ENI). More precise details are available from BIOSOFT, who are organising the Conference (tel. +45-3917.9827 or 28 - fax +45-3927-9011). The contact person is Mr Bent HUNDRUP.

## OTHER STOA INFORMATION

- ☐ STOA is delighted ☺ to welcome:
  - ☛ Rosa RUGGERI CANNATA, an Italian mathematician, who has started work as a STOA Visitor, on the 1996 project 'Multimedia in schools'.
- ☐ STOA is however sad ☹ to announce the following departures:
  - ☛ Adam HEDGECOE, Scholar, who is now working for POST, the parliamentary assessment body at the House of Commons, London.
  - ☛ Ineke MALSCH, Scholar, who worked on the projects on 'Information Society', 'Nanotechnology' and 'Spin-off from fusion research'.

☛ Javier FERNÁNDEZ CORTÉS, Scholar, who worked on the projects on 'Technological innovation in the electricity sector' and 'Sustainable development in the Mediterranean region', as well as 'Environmental costing'.

☛ Pedro PASTOR, Visitor, who has returned to the information technology sector.

STOA wishes them all good luck for the future.

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