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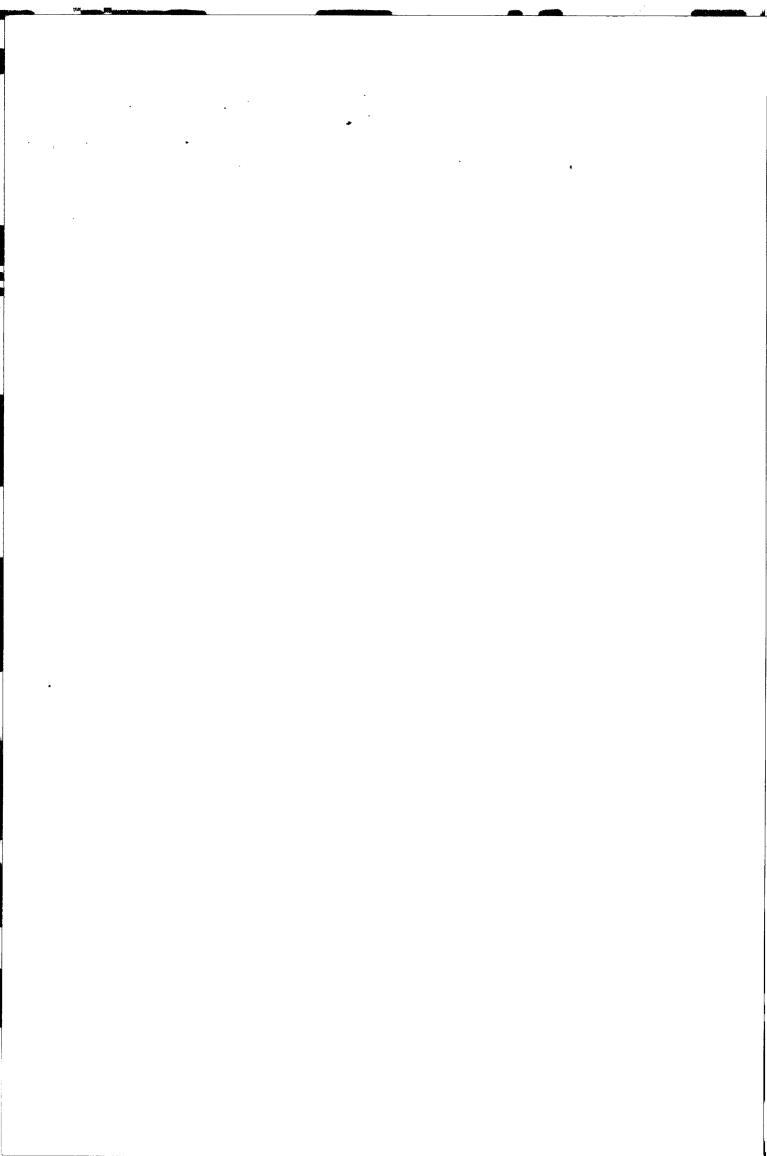
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	A presentation of the 1995 project on 'Telematics in transport' will be made to the Committee on Transport and Tourism at its meeting in Brussels on 3 June, by the STOA contractor, Mr Brendan FINN of ETTS in Dublin. ETTS produced the study for STOA on 'Telematics applications in urban and public transport: An assessment of the field trials'.
	A presentation of the 1995 STOA project on 'Aquaculture' was given by the contractor, Mr Jim MUIR, from Stirling Aquaculture Ltd. of the University of Stirling, Scotland, at the meeting of the Committee on Fisheries of 24 April. Following questions by interested MEPs a discussion developed. Mr ARÍAS CAÑETE, Chairman of the Fisheries Committee, expressed his appreciation in a letter to Prof. POMPIDOU.
	For the part of the 1995 project 'New biomedical technologies: A prospective assessment' undertaken by the Institute for Prospective Technological Studies (IPTS), European Commission, JRC, Seville: 'A prospective analysis of European pharmaceutical research', a working meeting will be held on 26-27 June, at the IPTS. The aim of this first meeting is to assess the subreport by the London School of Economics (LSE). Further meetings are planned for 12 July (Paris) and London (19-20 September).
	The EPTA Directors meeting took place on 22 April at the European Parliament in Brussels to discuss plans for the conference and annual meeting of the European Parliamentary Technology Assessment network in London on 26-27 September.
WC	ORKING DOCUMENTS, REPORTS, PAPERS, BRIEFS
	k in Progress - The following Working documents or reports are being presented to TOA Panel in May:
	'Costing environmental damage: A critical survey of current theory and practice and recommendations for policy implementations', Working document for the Project Steering Group, by Alan HOLLAND, Martin O'CONNOR and John O'NEILL, Centre d'Economie et d'Ethique pour l'Environnement et le Développement (C3ED), Université de Versailles Saint-Quentin-en-Yvelines, Paris, France, and Department of Philosophy, Centre for the Study of Environmental Change, Lancaster University, UK
	'Effectiveness of EU environmental legislation based on limit levels', Working document for the STOA Panel, by Dimitris PAPAIOANNOU, Dr Maria CAPARIS, IEM, Athens, Greece

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	'Nuclear safeguards and nuclear safety in the East', Draft Working document for the STOA Panel, by Mycle SCHNEIDER, PERLINE, Mathieu PAVAGEAU of WISE, Paris.
	'Nuclear safeguards and nuclear safety in the East; Safety of nuclear installations in the Eastern Bloc': Status of radioactive waste management in Central and Eastern European countries', Draft Working document for the STOA Panel, by Roberta d'ARRIGO and Dick HOLDSWORTH
	'Aquaculture: Development, Environmental impact, Product quality improvements' - Volume I: 'Executive summaries and Options Briefs', by Stirling Aquaculture Ltd, Institute of Aquaculture, University of Stirling, is now available in French, German and Italian.
PR	OJECT STEERING GROUPS
The 1	following Project Steering Group (PSG) meeting will take place:
	Pollution damage to monuments. A first PSG meeting on this 1995 project is planned for Wednesday 29 May 1996, in Brussels (date subject to confirmation).
The f	following Project Steering Group (PSG) meetings have taken place in the past month:
1995	Workplan
	Nanotechnology
	Date/Place: 22 April 1996, Brussels

Participants included: As well as Mrs Eryl McNALLY, MEP; Mr Dick HOLDSWORTH, EP STOA Head of Unit; Ms Ineke MALSCH, STOA Scholar, the participants included high-level experts from the Member States, including STOA's contractors from the University of Aston, UK, and Rick GARRELFS of the Dutch consultancy Van der Meer en Van Tilburg Innovatie-adviesbureau, Enschede, plus seven Commission officials from DGsIII and XII and also including Dr Johan NAEGELE of the Institute for Prospective Technological Studies, Joint Research Centre, Sevilla.

Main outcomes of the meeting: This was the final PSG meeting for this project. The three parts of the final Working document were presented and discussed.

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

1996 Workplan

☐ Technical feasibility of jamming or censoring pornography and racism in informatics, Project A.LP.2(iv) / First PSG meeting

Date/Place: 17 April 1996, Strasbourg

Participants included: Mr Glyn FORD, MEP; Mr Florus WIJSENBEEK, MEP; Mr Rinse VAN ARUM, EP/DGII; Mr Dick HOLDSWORTH, EP STOA Head of Unit.

Main outcomes of the meeting: Guidelines were agreed for the definition of the project.

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

Assessment of technologies for the control of persons and materials at the external borders of the EU, Project E.P.1 / First PSG meeting

Date/Place: 17 April 1996, Strasbourg

Participants included: Mr Glyn FORD, MEP; Mr Florus WIJSENBEEK, MEP; Mr Rinse VAN ARUM, EP/DGII; Mr Dick HOLDSWORTH, EP STOA Head of Unit.

Main outcomes of the meeting: Guidelines were agreed for the definition of the project.

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

□ Electronic data management as a tool for the evaluation of expenditure by the European Union, Project A.LP.1 / Second PSG meeting

Date/Place: 22 April 1996, Brussels

Participants included: Mrs Fiorella GHILARDOTTI, MEP; Ms Carlotta BESOZZI, Assistant to Mrs Ghilardotti; Mr Jean DARRAS, EP/DGII, Head of Secretariat, Committee on Budgetary Control; Mr Ismaël OLIVARES MARTINEZ, EP/DGIV Director; Mr Thomas BOEHNE, EP/DGIV; Mr COMFORT, EP/DGIV; Mrs Anna LUCCHESE, EP/DGIV; Mr Dick HOLDSWORTH, EP STOA Head of Unit.

Main outcomes of the meeting: Guidelines were agreed for the definition of the project. For more information please contact the following STOA member(s): Dick HOLDSWORTH.

☐ Technological innovation and money, Project A.P.1 / First PSG meeting

Date/Place: 23 April 1996, Brussels

Participants included: Mrs Christa RANDZIO-PLATH, Chairman of the Subcommittee on Monetary Affairs; Mr Fernand HERMAN, MEP; Mr John STEVENS, MEP; Mr Luis MARTIN OAR, Head of the Task Force on the Single Currency; Mr Heinz-Hermann ELTING, EP/DGII; Mr Georges PATTERSON, EP/DGIV; Mr Dick HOLDSWORTH, EP STOA Head of Unit.

Main outcomes of the meeting: Guidelines were agreed for the definition of the project. For more information please contact the following STOA member(s): Dick HOLDSWORTH.

Scientific research in the fisheries sector, Project F.P.1 / First PSG meeting

Date/Place: 24 April 1996, Brussels

Participants included: Mr Robin TEVERSON, MEP; Mr Herwig KAISER, Socialist Group Secretariat (for Mr Baldarelli, MEP); Mr David STEEL, EPP Group Secretariat; Mr Lambert KRAEWINKELS, EP/DGII; Mr Norman PYRES, EP/DGIV; Mr Dick HOLDSWORTH, EP STOA Head of Unit; Ms Tarja TIAINEN, STOA Visitor.

Main outcomes of the meeting: Guidelines were agreed for the definition of the project. For more information please contact the following STOA member(s): Dick HOLDSWORTH.

☐ The application of multimedia technologies in school: their use, effect and implications, Project A.LP.2(iii) / Second PSG meeting

Date/Place: 8 May 1996, Brussels

Participants: Mrs Renate HEINISCH, MEP; Mr Sebastian ROHDE, Assistant to Mrs Heinisch; Mr Martin SAECKL, Assistant to Mrs Hawlicek; Mrs Lynne CHARLES, EP/DGII/Culture; Mr Yves LETERME¹, EP/DGII/Research; Mrs Nicoletta GARDINI, EP/DGII; Mr Lewis FOLKMANIS, EC/DGIII; Mrs Corinne HERMANT-de CALLATAŸ, EC/DGXXII/Socrates; Mr Pierpaolo MALINVERNI, EC/DGIII.F.2; Mr Erhard SCHULTE, EC/DGXII.H.2; Mr Hans PELGRIM, University of Twente (NL); Mr Dick HOLDSWORTH, EP STOA Head of Unit; Mrs Rosa RUGGERI, STOA Visiting Scholar.

Main outcomes of the meeting: An outline structure of the project was agreed. For more information please contact the following STOA member(s): Dick HOLDSWORTH.

□ Women and the Net: Work, leisure, lifelong learning, Project A.LP.2(v) / First PSG meeting

Date/Place: 15 May 1996, Brussels

Participants: Mrs Irene CREPAZ, MEP; Ms Ulrike WEISSENBACHER, Assistant to Mrs Crepaz; Mr Royo BELTRÁN ALEGRÍA, Assistant to Mrs Sornosa Martínez; Mr Bernd HALLING, Assistant to Mr Schäfer; Ms Laura TALIKA, Assistant to Mr Wolf; Mr Stefano TOMAT, Assistant to Mrs Colombo Svevo; Mr Francisco FERNÁNDEZ, EC/DGXIII; Mr Dick HOLDSWORTH, EP STOA Head of Unit; Ms Camilla PRENNING, STOA Visitor.

Main outcomes of the meeting: Guidelines were agreed for the definition of the project. For more information please contact the following STOA member(s): Dick HOLDSWORTH.

STOA apologizes for omitting by mistake in the April Newsletter Mr Leterme's name as a participant in the first PSG meeting for the project 'Multimedia in schools', held in Brussels on 27 March 1996.

FORTHCOMING CONFERENCES OF SPECIAL INTEREST

A Colloquium on 'Technology, Ethics and Society' is being organised by Prof. POMPIDOU, Chairman of the STOA Panel, on 4 June in Paris.
As already announced in the March Newsletter, 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.
The Rockefeller Foundation (USA) is sponsoring a conference on the comparative aspects of laws that affect pharmaceutical products. This conference will be a follow-up to an earlier one that explored the question of why there is so little research on methods of contraception, especially in the USA. The conference will be held at the Foundation's Conference Centre in Bellagio (Italy) in the week of 16 October 1996. The issues to be discussed include liability laws, patents and intellectual property rights, regulatory approval of pharmaceutical products, government efforts to encourage socially beneficial products.
The European Commission and the Russian Federation are organising the second Euratom-Russian Federation Conference on safeguards (nuclear materials accountancy and control) from 3 to 7 June 1996 in Novosibirsk. The first conference was held in StPetersburg in April 1994. The aim of this conference is to exchange experience between Western and Russian experts in view of a further development of a revised control system installed in Russia. For more information, please contact DGXVII of the European Commission

OTHER STOA INFORMATION

STOA is sad to announce the following departure:
. Tarja TIAINEN, Visitor, who worked on the 1995 project 'Aquaculture', has taken up a post at the Danish National Veterinary Council, Arhus
and wishes her good luck for the future.
STOA is happy to announce the following new arrival:
. Camilla PRENNING, Visitor, a Swedish Civil Engineer, who will work on the 1996 project 'Coastal erosion'.

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