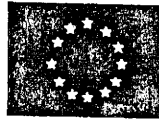


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NEWS

- The execution of the 1996 Workplan has advanced to the point where, by the end of the July part-session of the European Parliament, STOA will have issued Restricted Calls for Tenders to identify contractors in respect of all the projects in the Workplan. Additional restricted calls for tenders may follow if considered necessary. The calls are sent to organisations or persons who replied to the Call for Expressions of Interest which was published in autumn 1995 in the Official Journal, in newspapers in the Member States, and electronically. It is planned to hold a Call for Expressions of Interest in 1997 projects before the end of 1996.
- Mr POMPIDOU, Chairman of the STOA Panel, chaired the second evaluation meeting on the 1995 project 'New biomedical technologies: A prospective assessment', which was undertaken partly by the Institute for Prospective Technological Studies (IPTS), European Commission, JRC, Seville. The first meeting evaluating the work done by the different subcontractors so far took place in Seville on 26-26 June. This second meeting was entitled 'A prospective analysis of European pharmaceutical research, development and innovation; assessment of the socio-economic impact of new drugs' and was held on Friday, 12 July at the Institut de France in Paris. The third meeting is planned to be held at the European Agency for Drug Evaluation (?) in London on 19-20 September.
- A Workshop on 'Risk Assessment and Governance' at the Forward Studies Unit of the European Commission on 24 June 1996 in Brussels was attended by Dick HOLDSWORTH, Head of the STOA Unit.

WORKING DOCUMENTS, REPORTS, PAPERS, BRIEFS

Work in Progress - The following Working document is being presented to the STOA Panel in July:

- 'The information society: Competitvity and employment'**, Working document for the STOA Panel, by Mr Peter J. BATES, pjb Associates, UK

PROJECT STEERING GROUPS

The following Project Steering Group (PSG) meetings have taken place in the past month:

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- Fertility awareness and contraception.** The final PSG meeting on this 1995 was held on Monday, 15 July 1996 (16.30 to 17.30), in Strasbourg, to discuss the publication of the study. The matter was referred to the STOA Panel meeting on 18 July.

1996 Workplan

- Coastal erosion and regional development, Project D.LP.1 / First PSG meeting**

Date/Place: 19 June 1996, Strasbourg

Participants included: Mrs Leena SARVARANTA, EP/DGII/Regional Policy; Mrs Mairead CRANFIELD, DGIV/B; Mr Dick HOLDSWORTH, EP STOA Head of Unit; Ms Camilla PRENNING, STOA Visitor.

Main outcomes of the meeting: An outline for the project was discussed.

For more information please contact the following STOA member(s): Camilla PRENNING.

- Development and application of new information technologies in the next decade, Project A.LP.2(i) / Second PSG meeting**

Date/Place: 4 July 1996, Brussels

Participants included: Mrs Elly PLOOIJ-VAN GORSEL, MEP; Ms Paula WESTHOVEN, Assistant to Mrs Plooi; Mr Claude OUANNES, EC/DGIII.F; Mr Thierry VAN DER PIJL, EC/DGIII.F5; Mr Yves LETERME, EP/DGII/Research; Mr Dick HOLDSWORTH, EP STOA Head of Unit.

Main outcomes of the meeting: Mrs Plooij-Van Gorsel reported on her fact-finding mission to Washington and California. Guidelines for the project specification were discussed.

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

- **The ageing of society: Progress in medical and pharmaceutical research and technology and its socio-economic consequences**, Project B.LP.1 / First PSG meeting

Date/Place: 9 July 1996, Brussels

Participants included: Mr Umberto SCAPAGNINI, Chairman of the Committee on Research, Technological Development and Energy; Mr Alain POMPIDOU, Chairman of the STOA Panel; Mrs Renate HEINISCH, Vice-Chairman of the STOA Panel; Mr Nikolaos PAPAKYRIAZIS, Member of the Committee on Social Affairs and Employment; Mr Paolo TORRELLI, Advisor to Mr Scapagnini; Mrs Paola di PIETROGIACOMO, EC/DG-JRC/IPTS; Mr Christian HUBER, EP/DGII/Research; Mr Gordon LAKE, EP/DGII/Research; Mr Dick HOLDSWORTH, EP STOA Head of Unit.

Main outcomes of the meeting: A division of labour between STOA and IPTS was agreed. STOA would concentrate on the ageing brain. Members gave guidance on topics to be examined in neuroscience, neuromedicine and neuropharmacology.

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

- **Women and the Net: Work, leisure, lifelong learning**, Project A.LP.2(iv) / Second PSG meeting

Date/Place: 10 July 1996, Brussels

Participants included: Mrs Nel van DIJK, Chairman of the Committee on Women's Rights; Mrs Birgitta AHLQVIST, Member of the Committee on Women's Rights; Mrs Irene CREPAZ, Member of the Committee on Women's Rights; Mrs María SORNOSA MARTÍNEZ, Member of the Committee on Women's Rights; Ms Inger-Lise ØSTREM, Assistant to Mrs Ahlqvist; Ms Alegría ROYO, Assistant to Mrs Sornosa; Ms Ulrike WEISSENBACHER, Assistant to Mrs Crepaz; Mr Francisco FERNÁNDEZ, EC/DGXIII.D; Mr Simon DUFFIN, EP/DGII/Women's Rights; Mrs Gabriella MERLO, external expert from Milano; Mr Alfonso MOREIRA, University of Valencia; Mrs Katarina MOSTRÖM, Jämställdhetsutveckling, Stockholm; Dr Margit POHL, Institut für Gestaltungs- und Wirkungsforschung, Vienna; Mr CARSTENS, stagiaire; Mr WHITLEY, stagiaire; Mr Dick HOLDSWORTH, EP STOA Head of Unit.

Main outcomes of the meeting: Guidelines for the content of the study were discussed. The idea of a European Awareness Scenario Workshop was agreed.

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- **Assessment of dual technologies in the context of European security and defence**, Project G.P.1 / First PSG meeting

Date/Place: 10 July 1996, Brussels

Participants included: Mr Gary TITLEY, Member of the Committee on Foreign Affairs; Mr Jonathan STEARNS, Assistant to Mr Argyros; Mr Dick HOLDSWORTH, EP STOA Head of Unit.

Main outcomes of the meeting: Guidelines were discussed for the content of the study specification.

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

FORTHCOMING CONFERENCES OF SPECIAL INTEREST

- 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 STOA Panel will be represented by its Vice-Chairman, Mrs HEINISCH.
- GERONTECHNOLOGY:** The Second International Conference will take place in Helsinki on 15-17 October 1996 at the Mariner Congress Centre. It is organised by the National Research and Development Centre and Health (STAKES). 'Gerontechnology', they say, seeks to enhance the interaction between elderly people and their environment in order to maintain the maximum level of sustained functional autonomy and independence'. STAKES compiled STOA's 1995 information society report on information technology in health care. The October Conference will be relevant to the work on 'Ageing in society' which STOA and IPTS have been asked to do for the Committee on Research, Technological Development and Energy.
- Mr POMPIDOU has been invited to attend the **3RD EUROPEAN CONFERENCE ON VACCINOLOGY: BUILDING LIFELONG IMMUNITY** organised by the specialised group EVM (European Vaccines Manufacturers) within EFPIA (European Federation of Pharmaceutical Industries' Associations). This conference will be held in Berlin, from 16-18 October.
- A PROSPECTIVE ANALYSIS OF EUROPEAN PHARMACEUTICAL RESEARCH:** For information about the Sevilla, Paris and London meetings, see under 'NEWS' above -'New biomedical technologies'.

OTHER STOA INFORMATION

- STOA says good-bye and good luck to Mrs Esther FABRÉ-ALONSO, Visitor, who worked on the 1995 project on 'Floods'.
- The new E-mail address for the STOA offices in Luxembourg is as follows:

stoa@gw.europarl.org

- ☺ ★ ☺ We wish all our readers a long, hot summer and excellent holidays!! We also inform them that there will be no August issue of the Newsletter. ☺ ★ ☺

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