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## NEWS

- Committee Chairmen have received a letter from the Chairman of STOA, Mr POMPIDOU, inviting them to send in their proposals for projects to be included in the Workplan for 1998. Committees are currently discussing their plans. The deadline for submitting the proposal forms is 10 December 1997. The Draft Workplan will be discussed by the STOA Panel at its meeting on 18 December.
- We remind readers that a one-day seminar on 'Quality in parliamentary technology assessment (TA): The European dimension', involving researchers and experts from all EU countries, is being organised on 12 December in Marseille. Prof. Jean-Louis ARMAND, STOA's Chief Adviser on Quality Control, is the leader of the project.
- An extraordinary STOA meeting will be held on 4 December, immediately after the European Parliament's mini-session, in Brussels. The aim is to make STOA and its work known through 2 project presentations. These will be focused on the 2 following themes: 'Multimedia technologies in school' and 'The ageing of society'.

On the latter 2 points, further information (and the draft programmes) can be obtained from the STOA Unit.

## WORKING DOCUMENTS, REPORTS, PAPERS, BRIEFS

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

### **Workplan 1997**

- The operational requirements of a commercial fusion reactor (97/C05/3)**, Draft Final Report, by Mr Michael SHARPE, ECOTEC Research and Consulting Ltd., Birmingham, UK
- Virtual libraries and education: A prospective technology assessment (97/C12/1)**, Scoping Meeting Report (FR), by Mr Eric SUTTER, Bureau Van Dijk, Paris, France
- Learning to live in the information society as an older person (97/C12/2)**, Scoping Meeting Report, by Mrs Sharon BECKWITH, Teleport Sachsen-Anhalt GmbH, Germany

- **Synergy between the ecology of the sea and the economy of the land (97/C17/1),** Scoping Meeting Report, by Dr Eberhard FALCK, Berlin, Germany

## PROJECT STEERING GROUPS

**The following Project Steering Groups (PSG) will be holding scoping meetings:**

- **97/C05/5 - Prospects for the application of superconductivity.** A scoping meeting with Mr MALERBA, author of the project, and/or Mr ROSATELLI, Ansaldo Ricerche, Genova, and the contractors, Prof. ARTLEY and Dr CLIFTON of Scientific Generics, UK, is foreseen to be held on Thursday, 20 November, at 11.30 in Strasbourg.
- **97/C05/6 - Survey and evaluation of criticism of basic safety standards for the protection of workers and the public against ionising radiation.** A second scoping meeting with Mr HEALY, of the Green Group, and the contractors, Prof. ASSIMAKOPOULOS and Ms LOPP of the University of Ioannina, Greece, to continue the planning of the Workshop will be held on Wednesday, 26 November, at 11.00 in Brussels.
- **97/C05/4 - Sequencing the human genome: scientific progress, economic and ethical and social aspects.** A scoping meeting with Prof. POMPIDOU, author of the project, and the contractors, Prof. CHADWICK and Mr HEDGECOE, Centre for Professional Ethics, Lancashire, UK, is foreseen to be held on Thursday, 27 November, at 11.00 in Brussels.
- **97/C12/3 - Drug use: scientific and technological policy options.** A scoping meeting with Mrs HEINISCH, author of the project, and the contractors, Mr MAAS and Mr KENNIS, European Centre for Social Welfare Policy and Research, Vienna, is planned to take place on Thursday, 27 November, at 12.15 in Brussels.
- **97/C17/2 - Aquaculture: deployment of an open-sea marine park.** A scoping meeting with Mr d'ABOVILLE, author of the project, and Mr Scott of the Stirling Institute of Aquaculture, is being organised for 2 (Brussels) or 17 December (Strasbourg).
- **97/C05/1 - Transparency and openness in scientific and advisory committees.** A scoping meeting with Mrs McNALLY, author of the project, and Dr STEIN of PREST, UK, is being organised for December (Strasbourg).

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

### **1997 Workplan**

**97/C17/1 - Synergy between the ecology of the sea and the economy of the land**

**Date/place:** 23 October 1997, Strasbourg

**Participants included:** Mr KRAEWINKELS, DGII/Secretariat of the Committee on Fisheries; Dr FALCK, contractor (Berlin); Mr HOLDSWORTH, Head of the STOA Unit.

**Main outcomes:** This was a scoping meeting at which the execution of the study by the contractor was discussed in the light of the requirements of the Committee on Fisheries and of written comments on the Scoping Paper by Mr MACARTNEY, MEP. A Scoping Meeting Report has been delivered.

**For more information please contact:** Dick HOLDSWORTH.

**97/C12/1 - Virtual libraries and education: A prospective technology assessment**

**Date/place:** 5 November 1997, Brussels

**Participants included:** Mrs HEINISCH, MEP; Ms STAUDE, Assistant to Mrs Heinisch; Mr SUTTER, contractor (Bureau Van Dijk, Paris); Mr HOLDSWORTH, Head of the STOA Unit.

**Main outcomes:** This was a scoping meeting at which the execution of the study by the contractor was discussed. A Scoping Meeting Report has been delivered.

**For more information please contact:** Dick HOLDSWORTH.

**97/C12/2 - Learning to live in the information society as an older person**

**Date/place:** 5 November 1997, Brussels

**Participants included:** Mrs HEINISCH, MEP; Ms STAUDE, Assistant to Mrs Heinisch; Mrs BECKWITH and Mrs DREIBER, contractors (Teleport Sachsen-Anhalt); Mr HOLDSWORTH, Head of the STOA Unit.

**Main outcomes:** This was a scoping meeting at which the planning of the Workshop by the contractor was discussed. A Scoping Meeting Report has been delivered.

**For more information please contact:** Dick HOLDSWORTH.

**97/C10/1 - General influence of speed limiters on the traffic flow, road safety, users and other aspects**

**Date/place:** 5 November 1997, Brussels

**Participants included:** Mr WIJSENBECK, MEP; Mr VERVLOET, DGII/Secretariat of the Committee on Transport and Tourism; Mrs BARRIUSO ASTIGARRAGA and Mr ALDAMA JIMENEZ, representing the contractor (Asteco, Bilbao); Mr HOLDSWORTH, Head of the STOA Unit.

**Main outcomes:** This was a scoping meeting at which the execution of the study by the contractor was discussed.

**For more information please contact:** Dick HOLDSWORTH.

## WORKSHOPS

The following STOA Workshops are in preparation:

- 97/C01/1 - The use of Internet for the promotion of human rights**  
Provisional date: 27 January 1998.
- 97/C05/6 - Survey and evaluation of criticisms of basic safety standards for the protection of workers and the public against ionising radiation**  
Provisional dates: 4-5 February 1998.
- 95/ENVI/SP/2 - Environmental Coastguard**  
Provisional dates: 8-9 February 1998.
- 97/C12/2 - Learning to live in the information society as an older person**  
Date in early 1998 to be finalised.
- 97/C12/3 - Drug use: scientific and technological policy options**  
Date in early 1998 to be finalised.
- 97/C17/2 - Aquaculture: Deployment of an open-sea marine park**  
Date in early 1998 to be finalised.

## FORTHCOMING CONFERENCES OF SPECIAL INTEREST

- The EUFORES Interparliamentary Meeting on 'Implementing renewable energies in the EU' which was announced in the previous STOA Newsletters for 28-30 November 1997 (the Canary Islands) has been postponed to January 1998. For more information please contact Mr Juan FRAGA, General Secretary EUFORES, tel. +34-1-383.33.39, fax +34-1-383.31.59.

## OTHER STOA INFORMATION

□ STOA is glad to announce that the following have joined the Team:

Mrs Karine LIGNON, a French fisheries economist, who will be working as a Robert Schuman Scholar on the project 'Synergy between the ecology of the sea and the economy of the land';

Mr Giorgio MICHELETTI, an Italian political scientist, who will be working as a Visiting Researcher on the project on 'Transparency and openness in the scientific and advisory committees'.

□ STOA is sad to announce that the following have left the Team:

Ms Ailsa SINCLAIR, who worked on the project 'Transparency an openness in scientific and advisory committees' and on the summaries for the STOA list of publications. She started a new job at Price Waterhouse, a European Law Policy company in Brussels.

Ms Taru VUONTISJÄRVI, who worked on the two fisheries projects, a project on 'Telematics and the estimated impact of road transport', and as EPTA coordinator, and who will stay for a while in Luxembourg before returning to Finland.

Mr Lucio DI MARTINO, who worked on the project of 'Speed limiters' and who returned to the University of Marseille to start a doctorate in geography.

We wish them all the best for the future.

□ STOA, like all other EP services in Brussels, is moving to the new D3 building in rue Wiertz. At the time of going to press, STOA had been allocated the offices 6D108, 110 and 112. The phone and fax numbers as well as the e-mail addresses remain the same. Further news in next month's issue.

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