

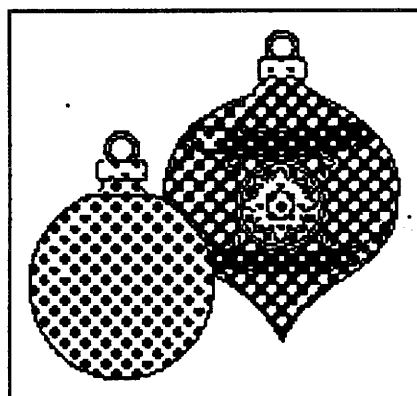
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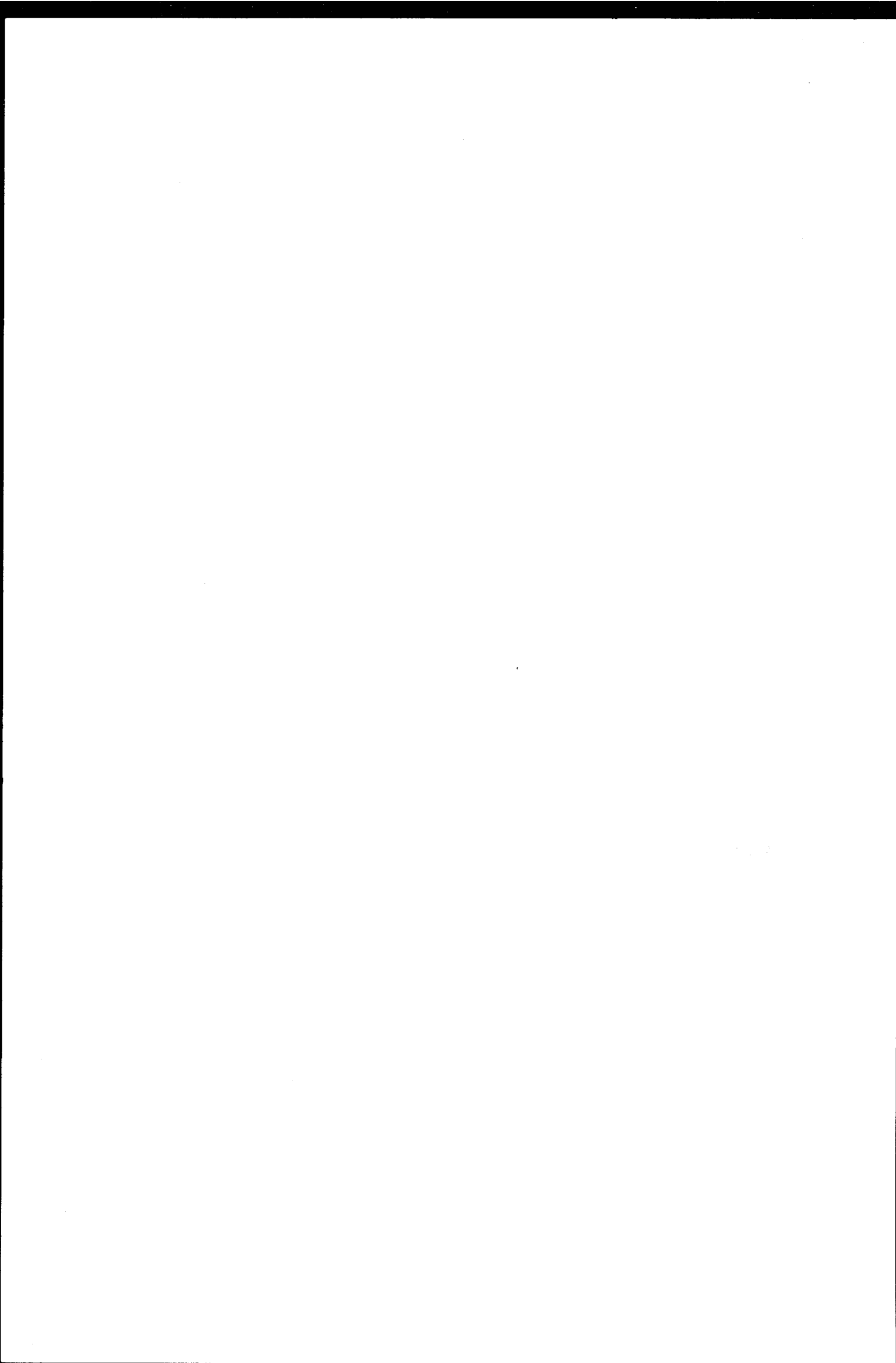
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NEWS

- The deadline for the receipt of proposals from Committees of the European Parliament for projects under the 1996 STOA Workplan is 15 January 1996. At the back of this Newsletter, the form for making a proposal is attached. It is also available, in all languages, from the STOA secretariat, and in English, from the Committee secretariats. It is primarily intended for Committees or Parliament as a whole. Members who wish to make a proposal(s) for a potential STOA project, should present it first to their Committee. The STOA Panel will examine and discuss the proposals at its January and February meetings. It is intended that the 1996 Workplan be adopted at the meeting on 15 February 1996.
- Mrs Renate HEINISCH, Vice-Chairman of the STOA Panel, represented STOA at the inauguration of the Institute for Prospective Technological Studies in Seville, on Monday 4 December 1995. The IPTS was inaugurated by Mme Edith CRESSON, Commissioner for Research. Mr MARSET CAMPOS, MEP, also attended.
- Mr ALLGEIER, Director of the Institute for Prospective Technological Studies of Seville, will give a presentation on the role of this institute of the Joint Research Centre of the European Union at the December STOA Panel meeting .
- The new EPTA Newsletter is available and covers Technology Assessment in Eastern European countries. A report of the EPTA Conference on 'Information technologies' as well as the proceedings of the EPTA Council Meeting held in The Hague on 28-29 September are included. For more information please contact Christine WENNRICH, EPTA Coordinator.
- The European Information Technology Conference 1995 (EITC'95) organised by DGIII-Industry of the European Commission was held on 27-29 November in Brussels. The conference was concerned with the debate on social, societal and cultural issues of the information society. Among those attending this conference on behalf of the STOA Unit were members of the STOA Information Society Project Team: Ineke MALSCH, Caroline RAY, and Christine WENNRICH, STOA Scholars.
- An international conference was organised by the Wissenschaftszentrum Berlin (WZB) in cooperation with the European Commission, on 'Public Understanding of Science and Technology - A critical examination of current research results and methods'. The conference was held on 30 November - 2 December 1995 in Berlin. The aims of the conference were to assess the conceptual, empirical and methodological aspects of current research on the public understanding of science and technology and to initiate a discussion on this matter between politicians and academics. Mrs Renate HEINISCH, Vice-Chairman of the STOA Panel, and Mr Rolf LINKOHR, Member of the STOA Panel, attended this conference. The Team was represented by Christine WENNRICH, EPTA Coordinator.

- Mr POMPIDOU, Chairman of the STOA Panel, spoke at the COLIPA symposium on 'Alternatives to Animal Testing' at the Europa Hotel in Brussels on 29 November.
- Mr POMPIDOU gave a speech on STOA at the Global Business Forum Breakfast at the Europa Hotel in Brussels on 7 December.
- A Workshop on competitiveness in information and communication technologies was organised for STOA by the 'Observatoire des Sciences Techniques' (OST) in Paris on 23 November. It was chaired by Rémi BARRÉ. For STOA, it was attended by Ineke MALSCH of the Information Society Project Team.
- STOA was represented at the kick-off seminar on the European Technology Assessment Network (ETAN) of DGXII of the European Commission in Brussels on 27 November by Mr HOLDSWORTH.
- The Spanish Presidency of the EU held a Seminar on 'Research, Technology and Employment' at El Escorial, near Madrid, on 7-8 December. Dick HOLDSWORTH was chairman of the session on Foresight Studies, and Mr Herbert ALLGEIER, Director of the IPTS, was rapporteur.

WORKING DOCUMENTS, REPORTS, PAPERS, BRIEFS

Work in Progress - The following reports are being presented to the STOA Panel in December:

- 'Scientific Research into Living Materials: The impact of legal, financial and other constraints', by Professor Gerald DWORKIN.
- 'Nuclear Safety and Safeguards: Status of radioactive waste management in Central and Eastern European Countries', by Roberta D'ARRIGO.
- 'Evaluation of scientific research concerning health in less favoured regions of the European Union', Summary, by Dr Elias MOSSIALOS, LSE Health London
- 'Evaluation of scientific research concerning health in less favoured regions of the European Union, Current research on cardiovascular diseases, by Dr Aias ANTONIADES, Onasio Centre for Cardiac Surgery, Athens, Greece
- Draft Working Document for the STOA Panel 'Policy Options for the New Telecommunications', by Robin MANSELL, Professor of Information and Communication Technology Policy, SPRU, University of Sussex, and W. Edward STEINMUELLER, Professor of Economics of Technological Change, MERIT, University of Limburg.

- Draft Working Document for the STOA Panel 'Intellectual Property Rights: The Development of Information Infrastructures for the Information Society', by Robin MANSELL, Professor of Information and Communication Technology Policy, SPRU, University of Sussex, and W. Edward STEINMUELLER, Professor of Economics of Technological Change, MERIT, University of Limburg.
- Draft Working Document for the STOA Panel 'Information and Communication Technologies in Education and Training (Part B)', by Dr Robin MASON and Dr Paul BACSICH, Centre for Information Technology in Education, Open University, Milton Keynes.
- Draft Working Document for the STOA Panel 'Information and Communication Technologies in Education and Training (Part A)', by Reinhard KEIL-SLAWIK, Michael KLEMME and Harald SELKE, Forum Informatikerinnen für Frieden und gesellschaftliche Verantwortung (FIfF) e.V.
- Draft Working Document for the STOA Panel 'An Appraisal of Technical Instruments For Political Control and to Improve Participation in the Information Society', by Dr Ian CONNELL and Professor Steve MOLYNEUX, University of Wolverhampton, UK.
- Draft Working Document for the STOA Panel 'An Appraisal of Technical Instruments For Political Control and to Improve Participation in the Information Society', by Ingo RUHMANN, Ute BERNHARDT, Dagmar BOEDICKER, Franz Werner HÜLSMANN and Thilo WEICHERT, Forum Informatikerinnen für Frieden und gesellschaftliche Verantwortung (FIfF) e.V. and Deutsche Vereinigung für Datenschutz (DVD) e.V.
- Draft Working Document for the STOA Panel 'The Impact of Technological Change on Employment Within The European Union Between 1984 to 2025', by The European Centre for Work and Society vzw Brussels.

The following reports are in preparation for publication:

- 'Telematics Applications in Urban and Public Transport: As assessment of the field trials' will be available at the end of January 1996.
- 'ERTMS: development and installation of the future European Railway control/command system' will be available at the end of January 1996.

'Car Safety: An assessment and Prospects. Interim Report' is now available.

For further information on these reports, please contact Andrea DEL PANTA.

- 'Clean technologies for sustainable growth', by Kathrin JAKI, STOA Scholar, will be available in January 1996.

PROJECT STEERING GROUPS

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

- Energy**
Renewables. A PSG meeting is foreseen for January 1996.
- Life Sciences**
Fertility Awareness and Contraception. The final PSG meeting of this project is planned for 10 January 1996, at 14.00, in room MAE 600.
- Industry**
Future of the car, the car of the Future. The PSG meeting is planned for January 1996 in Brussels. MEPs are being consulted on the date.
- Research**
Nanotechnology. The final PSG meeting is planned for February 1996. Further details will become available later. Contact person: Ineke MALSCH.

WORKSHOPS

Workshops: December 1995

- Life Sciences**

Nutrition in Europe. Nutrition policy and public health in the European community and models for european eating habits on the threshold of the 21st century.

The Workshop was held on Monday 4 December, in Brussels, and was chaired by Mr Georgios ANASTASSOPOULOS, Vice-President of the European Parliament. The aim of the Workshop was to present the results of the report written by an international team of experts, under the supervision of Prof. Antonia Trichopoulou of the National Centre for Nutrition of the National School of Public Health, Athens, and to exchange views with other nutrition experts. For further information, please contact Pilar ROZA MANZANO.

Research

The Information Society

A Workshop concerning the Lead Project 'The Information Society' was held on Wednesday 6 December, in Brussels. Eleven MEPs attended the Workshop, which was chaired by Mr HERMAN, Rapporteur, Mr MURPHY, and Mr PERRY. 89 people participated in all or part of the Workshop, including MEPs and their assistants, officials from the Parliament and the Commission, external contractors who presented their studies for STOA, and external experts. The topics of the discussion included: ICT for Sustainable Technical Development, in Healthcare and in Education. Furthermore Employment and European Competitiveness in the Global Information Society, Policy Options for the New Telecommunication, Intellectual Property Rights, and Political Control and Participation. For further information, please contact Ineke MALSCH, Caroline RAY and Christine WENNRICH.

Workshops planned for 1996

Life Sciences

New Biomedical Technologies: A Prospective Assessment

It is proposed to hold a Workshop concerning 'Economic and Ethical Implications of New Biomedical Technologies' on Friday, 9 February 1996.

For further information, please contact Adam HEDGECOE or Caroline RAY.

Research

Spin-off from Nuclear Fusion Research

It is proposed to organise a Roundtable meeting on 'Spin-off from Nuclear Fusion Research' in January or February 1996. For further information, please contact Ineke MALSCH.

OTHER STOA INFORMATION

- We are pleased to announce that the STOA office in Brussels has now acquired an E-mail address as follows:

ksercu@gw.europarl.org

By the end of December it is hoped that the Luxembourg office will be connected as well. Full details will be available next month.

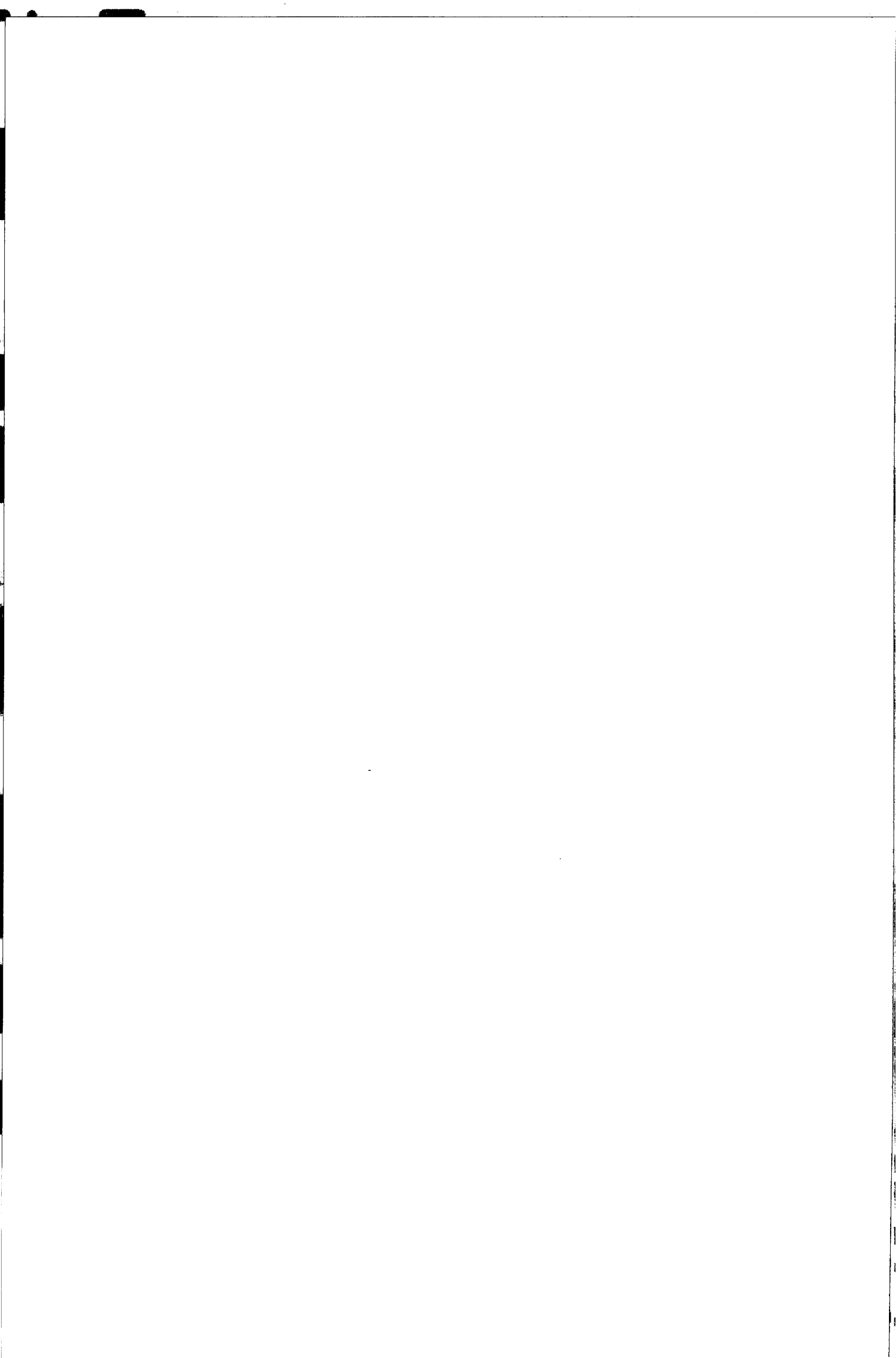
- STOA welcomes Dr Pedro PASTOR, from Spain, as a new Visitor in Luxembourg. He is on leave of absence from the University of Alicante, where he is a lecturer on information technology.
- STOA says good-bye and good luck to Pilar ROZA MANZANO, STOA Scholar.
- We wish all our readers a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!!

Please address your requests for any of the documents listed above to Mrs Jackie WEIERS by fax (for details see list at the end).

**PROPOSAL FORM FOR A PROJECT
TO BE ENTERED IN THE STOA
WORKPLAN 1996**

(exclusively for Members of the European
Parliament and/or Parliamentary
Committees)

AVAILABLE IN ALL LANGUAGES FROM THE STOA
SECRETARIAT



PART A - GENERAL INFORMATION

1. The STOA Panel invites proposals for projects to be entered in the STOA Workplan 1996. Proposals may be made by Committees, Sub-Committees or by Parliament as a whole.
2. STOA can only consider proposals for projects in the following areas: **the assessment of policy options in science or technology, or the assessment of options relevant to the impact of science or technology on society, the economy or the environment.** Please note that STOA is the research service in the Directorate-General for Research (DGIV) specifically responsible for scientific and technological assessment projects. Other research projects, not specifically involving scientific or technological assessment, may be requested from DGIV under its General Studies Programme by writing to Mr Robert RAMSAY, Director-General for Research.
3. Proposers are requested to submit them in writing, using this form, to the Chairman of the STOA Panel as soon as possible and **no later than 18.00 on Monday, 15 January 1996.** The address is:

*The Chairman, STOA Panel, EAS 113, European Parliament, B-1047 Brussels
or The Chairman, STOA Panel, SCH 4/81, European Parliament, L-2929 Luxembourg.*
4. If a Committee foresees that it will not have completed its own formal approval procedure before 15 January 1996, the Panel may consider provisional proposals, provided that the provisional proposal is submitted on the prescribed form by 15 January 1996 and that the formal confirmation is received in writing by 18.00 on 14 February 1996.
5. Proposers are requested to use the attached form. The purpose of the form is to give proposers the opportunity to provide information about their project that will help the Panel in drawing up the Workplan.
6. After completing the Proposal Form, the proposer may wish to provide additional information. This may be attached as an Annex.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT:

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