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EIGHTH MEETING OF THE CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE FOR INNOVATION AND TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER

The eighth meeting of the Consultative Committee for Innovation and Technology Transfer (CIT) was held in Luxembourg on the 7th and 8th of November. At this meeting the CIT gave a favourable opinion on a number of actions that aim at intensifying the concertation of Member States on innovation and transnational transfer of technology, including

- The investigation of the way in which the results of public or publicly funded research are utilized in the individual Member States (350 000 ECU);
- Interim assessment at national level of actions taken as part of the plan for the transnational development of the supporting infrastructure for innovation and transfer of technology (100 000 ECU);

- The setting up within CIT of two specialized working groups — one on the innovation aspects of patents and one on industrial design — to review national and Community policies in both fields and to suggest new actions.

The Committee also gave a favourable opinion on a second year support for the European associations TII and EVCA, and on two new actions aiming at giving a European dimension to technological fairs (210 000 ECU) and establishing a liaison mechanism in the field of industrial design (351 000 ECU).

Finally, a new edition of the manual "Incentives for Industrial Research, Development and Innovation" (37 500 ECU) was approved.

COMMUNITY FUNDING OF TRANSNATIONAL COLLABORATIONS BETWEEN TECHNOLOGY AND MANAGEMENT ADVISORY SERVICES

Following the Call for proposals 85/C125/04 for the promotion of transnational cooperation between technology and management advisory services to Small and Medium-Sized Enterprises, 70 complete proposals were received of which 34 proposals were selected for partial Community funding in 1986 totalling 1.565 MECU. Thirty of these proposals concern completely new transnational collaborations involving 81 private

and public advisory bodies for innovation and transfer of technology, spread all over the Community; the other four proposals are enlargements of existing collaborations of additional partners involving a total of 15 private and public advisory services.

Furthermore 0.37 MECU will be granted for a second year support to existing collaborations.

FÖRDERUNG DER EUROPÄISIERUNG VON INNOVATIONS- UND TECHNOLOGIEKONFERENZEN

Die Kommission der Europäischen Gemeinschaften wurde mit der Durchführung eines Dreijahresplans für die transnationale Entwicklung der Infrastruktur zur Unterstützung von Innovation und Technologietransfer (Ratsbeschluss 83/624/EWG, Abl. L 353 vom 15. 12. 1983) beauftragt.

Vorgesehen ist in diesem Plan u.a. eine verstärkte Sensibilisierung für Technologie und Innovation durch Maßnahmen wie die europaweite Öffnung von Konferenzen, die üblicherweise nur im nationalen oder regionalen Rahmen stattfinden. Aufgrund zweier bereits ergangener Aufrufe zur Einreichung von

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Vorschlägen (Abl. Nr. C 210 vom 10. 8. 1984 und C 125 vom 22. 5. 1985) werden bereits mehrere Konferenzen durch die Kommission der Europäischen Gemeinschaften finanziell unterstützt.

Ein dritter Aufruf zur Einreichung von Vorschlägen wird voraussichtlich Anfang 1986 im Amtsblatt der Europäischen Gemeinschaften veröffentlicht. Er wird in einer späteren Ausgabe dieses Newsletters angekündigt.

Um für eine Unterstützung in Betracht zu kommen, müssen die Einreicher von Vorschlägen nachweisen, daß die entsprechenden Konferenzen:

- sich auf Technologien beziehen, deren Anwendung voraussichtlich einen wesentlichen Einfluß auf die Wirtschaft der meisten Mitgliedstaaten hat;

- so gestaltet sind, daß eine europaweite Öffnung für den Veranstalter ein zu hohes finanzielles Risiko darstellen würde;
- die Teilnahme von Vortragenden aus anderen Mitgliedstaaten vorsehen, in denen Kenntnisse auf dem behandelten Sachgebiet bestehen;
- Stellen aus anderen Mitgliedstaaten an der Organisation beteiligen;
- voraussichtlich eine große Zahl von Teilnehmern aus anderen Ländern als dem Veranstaltungsland anziehen;
- auf die Befriedigung einer bestehenden Nachfrage ausgerichtet sind;
- Maßnahmen für die gemeinschaftsweite Verbreitung der Ergebnisse oder Tätigkeitsberichte vorsehen.

PROMOTION OF EUROPEAN CONFERENCES ON TECHNOLOGY AND INNOVATION

The Commission of the European Communities has been assigned the task of conducting a three-year plan for the transnational development of the supporting infrastructure for innovation and technology transfer (Council Decision No 83/624/EEC, OJ No L353 of 15.XII.1983).

The plan includes support for increasing awareness of technology and innovation by means such as giving a European dimension to conferences usually organized on a national or regional basis. Following two earlier Calls for Proposals (OJ No C210 of 10.VIII.84 and OJ No C125 of 22.V.85), several conferences are already being supported by the Commission of the European Communities.

A third Call for Proposals is expected to be published in the OJ of the European Communities at the beginning of 1986 and it will be announced in one of the future issues of this Newsletter.

In order to be considered for support, proposals should demonstrate that the conferences which they concern:

- deal with technologies the application of which is likely to have a substantial impact on the economies of most Member States;
- are such that the addition of a European dimension presents initially too high a financial risk for the proposing organization;
- involve the participation of speakers from other Member States where competence is available in the subject fields of the conference;
- involve bodies from other Member States in the organizational phase;
- are likely to attract participants in significant number from Member States other than the State in which the conferences are to be held;
- aim to satisfy an existing demand;
- will include provisions for the Community-wide dissemination of the results or proceedings of the conferences.

23 CONFERENCES SELECTED FOR SUPPORT

On 24th and 25th October 1985, a group of experts from the Member States together with officials from the Commission of the European Communities met in Luxembourg to evaluate the 51 applications received as a result of the 1985 Call for Proposals for the Promotion of European Conferences on Technology and Innovation (85/C125/05). Based on the recommendations of this meeting, the Commission has selected 23 proposals for support.

Negotiations are under way with each of the successful applicants in order to finalize the details of the Commission's aid. Most of the conferences selected are scheduled to take place in the second half of 1986 and the first half of 1987, and the topics to be covered are as diverse as computer-aided trade, rheology, information in bio-technology, extrusion technology in the food industry, aerosols, and image detection. The amounts offered for each conference range from 30 000 ECU to 4 500 ECU and the total amount which the Commission will allocate under the scheme is about 400 000 ECU.

**LIST OF SUPPORTED CONFERENCES* TO BE HELD IN 1986
LISTE DE CONFERENCES QUI ONT OBTENU UN SOUTIEN** ET QUI
SE TIENDRONT EN 1986**

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| <p>1. MILANO AUTOMAZIONE
April 1986, Milano (Italy)
Vinicio GARDONI
CESTEC
Corso Plebisciti, 15
I-20129 MILANO
Tel. (02) 711203</p> <p>2. NEW TECHNOLOGY TO REDUCE FIRE LOSSES
23-25 April 1986, Luxembourg
Derek A. SMITH
QMC Fire-Materials Centre
University of London
229, Mile End Road
UK-London E1 4AA
Tel. (01) 790-0066</p> <p>3. SERVIZI PER LA CREAZIONE DI NUOVE IMPRESE
September 1986, Milano (Italy)
Claudio DEMATTE'
Scuola di Direzione Aziendale
Università Commerciale L. BOCCONI
Via Sarfatti, 25
I-20136 MILANO
Tel. (02) 8384212</p> | <p>4. THE APPLICATION OF VISION AND PICTURE PROCESSING
May 1986, Eindhoven (Netherlands)
J.R. BRAMER
World Trade Centre Electronics N.V.
Pastoor Petersstraat 34
P.O. Box 2085
NL-5600 CB EINDHOVEN
Tel. (040) 442575</p> <p>5. NEW TECHNOLOGIES IN WEB CONSOLIDATION AND DRYING
19-23 May 1986, Brighton, Sussex
C.F. WHITE
PIRA
Randalls Road
UK-Leatherhead, SURREY KT22 7RW
Tel. (0372) 376161</p> <p>6. NEUE INFRASTRUKTUREN DER ANWENDER/HERSTELLERKOOPERATION BEI HOCHINTEGRIERTEN SCHALTUNGEN
23-24 September 1986, Kaiserslautern
R.W. HARTENSTEIN
Universität Kaiserslautern
Postfach 3049
D-6750 KAISERSLAUTERN
Tel. (0631) 205-2606</p> |
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* under call for proposals C 210 of 10. 8. 84.

** à la suite de l'appel à propositions C 210 du 10. 8. 84.

PROMOCION DE CONFERENCIAS EUROPEAS SOBRE TECNOLOGIA E INNOVACION

Se le ha encomendado a la Comisión de las Comunidades Europeas la tarea de **organizar un plan**, de tres años de duración, para el desarrollo transnacional de la infraestructura de apoyo para la innovación y la transferencia de tecnología (Decisión del Consejo N° 83/624/CEE, D.O. N° L 353 del 15. 12. 1983).

El plan incluye un programa de apoyo para el desarrollo de una mayor sensibilidad hacia la tecnología y la innovación, por medios tales como el de dar una dimensión europea a conferencias normalmente organizadas a nivel nacional o regional. Como consecuencia de dos Convocatorias de Propuestas previas (D.O. N° C210 del 10. 8. 84 y D.O. N° C125 del 22. 5. 85), la Comisión de las Comunidades Europeas está ya prestando apoyo a varias conferencias.

Una tercera Convocatoria de Propuestas va a ser publicada a comienzos de 1986 en el D.O. de las Comunidades Europeas, y será anunciada en uno de los próximos números de este Newsletter.

Para que las propuestas se consideren dignas de apoyo, habrán de demostrar que las conferencias a que se refieren reúnen los siguientes requisitos:

- versan sobre tecnologías cuya aplicación es probable que tenga un considerable impacto en las economías de la mayoría de los Estados miembros;
- son de un carácter tal, que el hecho de darles una dimensión europea las hace económicamente demasiado arriesgadas para la organización que las propone;
- incluyen la participación de conferenciantes de otros Estados miembros donde se dispone de la competencia adecuada en las materias sobre las que versan las conferencias;
- incluyen la participación de organismos de otros Estados miembros en la fase organizativa;
- es probable que atraigan un número considerable de participantes, de otros Estados miembros distintos del Estado en el que se celebren las conferencias;
- aspiran a satisfacer una demanda actual;
- incluyen disposiciones para la difusión a escala comunitaria de las actas o resultados de las conferencias.