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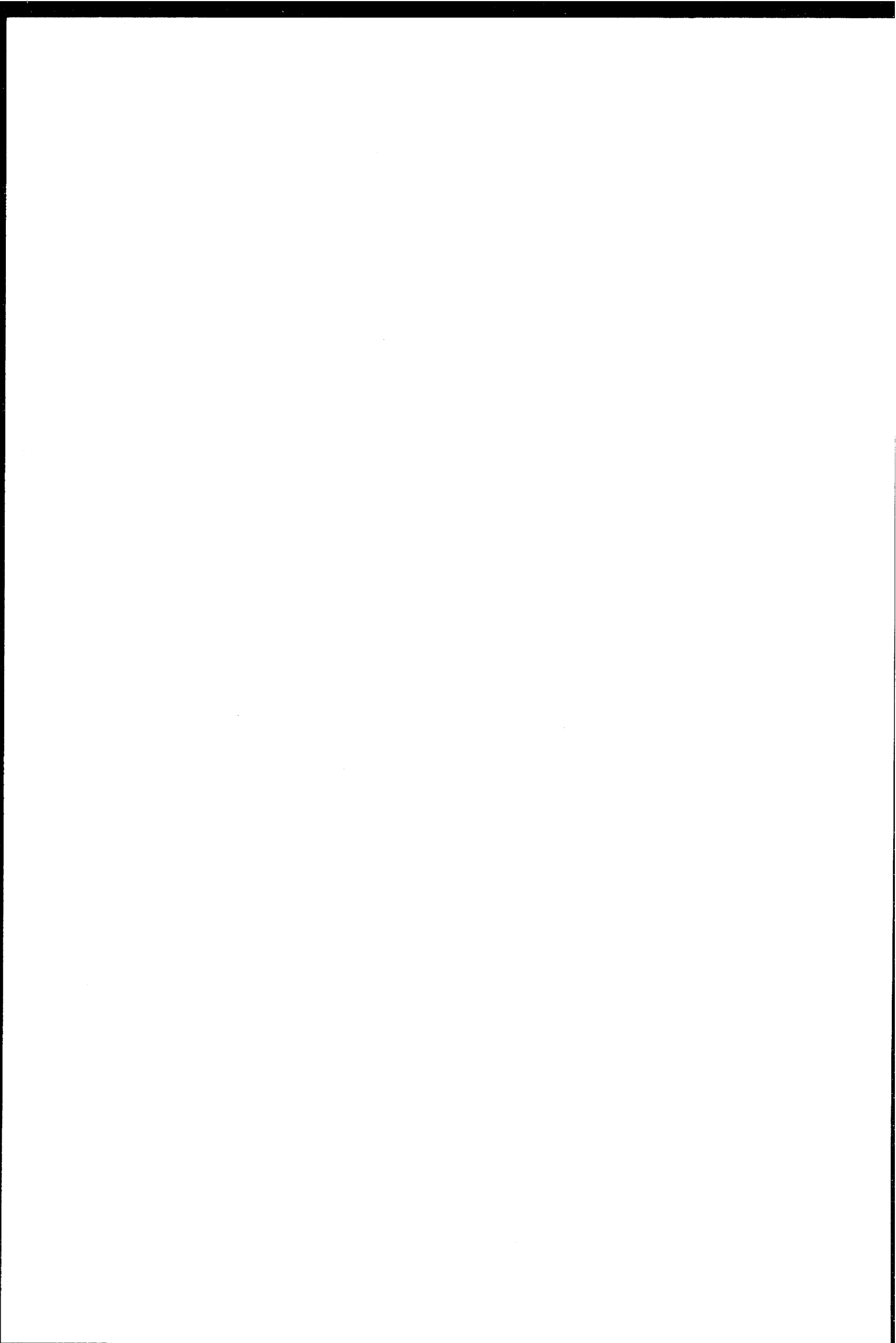
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## NEWS

- Proposals are coming in for projects to be inserted in the STOA Workplan for 1996. A first discussion on Workplan 1996 will take place at the Panel meeting on 18 January in Strasbourg. Adoption is planned at the meeting on 16 February.
- The STOA Panel held a meeting in Luxembourg on Tuesday, 9 January. The whole Bureau of the Panel attended - Mr Alain POMPIDOU, Chairman; Mrs Fiorella GHILARDOTTI and Mrs Renate HEINISCH, Vice-Chairmen - as well as Mr Fernand HERMAN.
- As of the beginning of 1996, Mr Ismael OLIVARES MARTINEZ has taken over as the Director in the Directorate-General for Research (DGIV) responsible for STOA, which is now part of Directorate B of DGIV. At the STOA Panel meeting of 9 January in Luxembourg, the Panel welcomed Mr OLIVARES MARTINEZ. It also expressed its warm thanks for the contribution made by the previous Director responsible for STOA, Mr Massimo SILVESTRO.
- A presentation of the outcome of the Workshop on the 'Information Society' held on 6 December in Brussels, will be given to the Council of European Municipalities and Regions on 25 January.

## WORKING DOCUMENTS, REPORTS, PAPERS, BRIEFS

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

- 'Car safety: An assessment and prospects', Working document for the Project Steering Group, by Andrea DEL PANTA, STOA Scholar.
- 'Clean technologies for sustainable growth', Working document for the STOA Panel, by Kathrin JAKI, STOA Scholar.
- A 3-page summary of the Workshop on the 'Information society' held on 6 December in Brussels will be available at the STOA Panel meeting of 18 January.

*Working documents for the Project Steering Group on The Information Society:*

- Working Document for the PSG on Information Society on '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.

- Working Document for the PSG on Information Society on '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.
- Working Document for the PSG on Information Society on '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.
- Working Document for the PSG on Information Society on '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.
- Working Document for the PSG on Information Society on 'Information and Communication Technologies in Healthcare' by Jan EKBERG, Hannu HÄMÄLÄINEN, Ani KAJANDER, Pekka KARP, Mauno KONTINNEN, Ilkka KUNNAMMO, Jorma RANTANEN, STAKES, Finland.
- Working Document for the PSG on Information Society on '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.
- Working Document for the PSG on Information Society on '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.
- Working Document for the PSG on Information Society on '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:**

- The proceedings of the EPTA Conference on 'Information technologies' held in The Hague, the Netherlands, in September 1995, will be published soon and sent to all participants as well as to other interested persons.  
A summary of the discussions at the conference as well as the minutes of the Council meeting was published in the EPTA Newsletter in November 1995.  
For more information, please contact Christine WENNRICH, the EPTA Coordinator.

- For the project 'Sustainable development in the Mediterranean region' two reports have been received from the contractors:
  - . 'Assessment of the policy instruments for sustainable development in Objective 1 and 2 regions', by the University of Oviedo;
  - . 'Assessment of EU policy instruments for protection of the Mediterranean environment', by ADAGE.
 These two studies will be presented, together with the rest of the project, at the beginning of March.
  
- The Working Document for the STOA Panel on 'Nuclear Safety and Safeguards: Status of radioactive waste management in Central and Eastern European Countries', by Roberta D'ARRIGO, will be available soon.

## PROJECT STEERING GROUPS

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

- **Life Sciences**

*Aquaculture.* The PSG meeting is planned for Tuesday, 23 January 1996, at 14.30, in room LEO 1C47. Contact person: Dick HOLDSWORTH.

*Fertility awareness and contraception.* The final PSG meeting of this project, planned for 10 January 1996, has been postponed to a later date, probably in February. Contact person: Adam HEDGECOE.

- **Research**

*Nanotechnology.* A PSG meeting will be organised in March 1996. The date and place are to be decided. The draft final report will be discussed. Contact person: Ineke MALSCH.

The following Project Steering Group (PSG) meeting has taken place:

- **Industry**

*Future of the car, the car of the future.*

**Date/Place:** 11 January 1996, Brussels

**Participants:** Mr Alan DONNELLY, MEP; Mr L. VITIELLO, Commission DGIII; Dr Jochen NAEGELE, Institute for Prospective Technological Studies (IPTS), JRC, Sevilla; Mrs Paola DI PIETROGIACOMO, IPTS; Ms Alison JAMES, Assistant to Mr Simon Murphy; Mr John WHEATLEY and Mr Roy GENTRY, Assistants to Mr Donnelly; Dr Constantin SKARVELAKIS, STOA contractor; Mr Hans-Hermann KRAUS, EP DGIV; Mr Franco PIODI, EP DGIV; Mr Dick HOLDSWORTH, EP STOA Head of Unit; Mr Giorgos KALLIS, STOA Scholar; Ms Laura ROMERO VAQUERO, STOA Visitor; Mr

Yannis YAXAS, Visitor; Mr Thomas WEIGL, DGIV Stagiaire; Mr Hanno KUBA, DGIV stagiaire;

**Main outcomes of the meeting:** Agreement on the themes for the concluding phase.

**Any other information:** It is planned that the reports on Car safety, Production systems and Electric vehicles should be available in time for the February Panel meeting.

**For more information please contact the following STOA member(s):** Giorgos KALLIS

## WORKSHOPS

### Life Sciences

*New biomedical technologies: A prospective assessment*

As already announced last month, it is proposed to hold the Workshop on 'Economic and Ethical Aspects of New Biomedical Technologies' on Friday, 9 February 1996, Room LEO 07C50, EP Brussels.

For further information, please contact Adam HEDGECOE.

### Research

*Spin-off from nuclear fusion research*

The proposed Roundtable meeting on 'Spin-off from Nuclear Fusion Research' announced last month for January or February 1996 has been postponed. For further information, please contact Ineke MALSCH.

## OTHER STOA INFORMATION

As announced in December, STOA can now be reached in Brussels on E-mail (see address on last page). It is hoped to report details of STOA's INTERNET connection from Luxembourg in February or March.

Since the last STOA Newsletter there have been additions to the STOA Team:

☛ Frans SCHAERLAEKEN, a Belgian C-grade official, coming from DGV, has joined the Secretariat and will be in charge of Documentation.

☛ Laura ROMERO VAQUERO, a Spanish sociologist, will be working as a STOA Visitor on the 'Pollution damage to EU monuments' project.

☛ Tarja TIAINEN, a Finnish microbiologist, will be working as a STOA Visitor.

STOA is delighted ☺ to welcome them all.

□ STOA is however sad ☹ to announce the following departures:

- ☞ Caroline RAY, Scholar, who has taken a job in an information technology company in Luxembourg.
- ☞ Andrea DEL PANTA, Scholar, who has moved to a consultancy in Luxembourg working for the Commission.

STOA wishes them both good luck for the future.

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Please address your requests for any of the documents listed above to Mr Frans SCHAERLAEKEN by fax (for details see list at the end).





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