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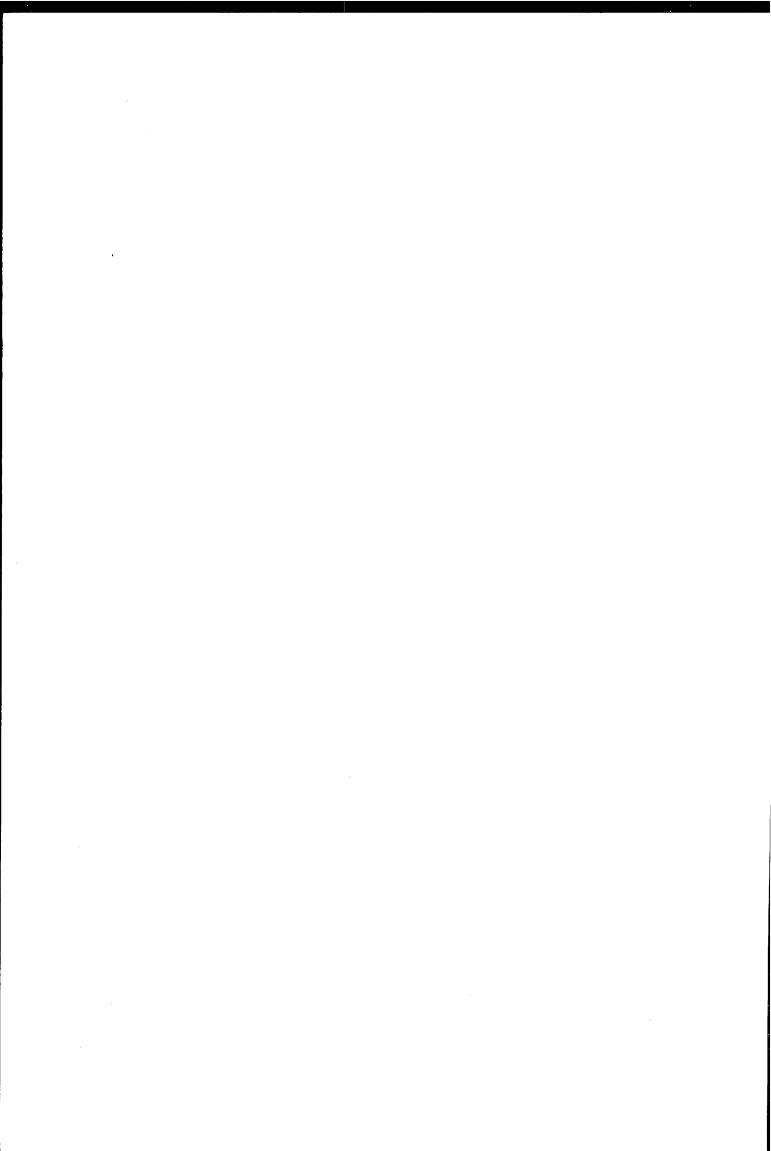
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Following the adoption of the Workplan on 28 February, STOA is now holding a series of Project Steering Group meetings to launch 1996 projects. Further details in the PSG section below. There will be a presentation and discussion of the 1995 STOA project on 'Aquaculture' by the contractors, Stirling Aquaculture Ltd. of the University of Stirling, Scotland, at the meeting of the Committee on Fisheries in the afternoon of 24 April. This marks the start of a new means of diffusing the results of STOA projects. It is planned that other presentations to EP Committees will follow. Mrs McNALLY, MM. LINKOHR, POMPIDOU, WIJSENBEEK were the STOA Panel representatives on a visit to the research facilities of 'Electricité de France' (EDF) on 21-22 March. They went to the research centre 'Les Renardières', near Fontainebleau. The visit was organised with the European Energy Foundation. The next meeting of the EPTA Directors will be held on 22 April in Brussels (14.00 to 16.00, room LEO 1C47). Issue 12 of the EPTA Newsletter (April 1996) is available now; its theme is 'sustainability'. For more information, please contact Tarja TIAINEN, EPTA Coordinator, in the STOA Unit, who informed the meeting about STOA's recent work. A Workshop on the 'Information Society in the Euro-Mediterranean context: Research and information technologies' was organised by GEIE-ERCIM, European Research Consortium for Informatics and Mathematics, on 1-2 April, at INRIA in Sophia Antipolis, France. For STOA it was attended by Dick HOLDSWORTH, STOA Head of Unit.

WORKING DOCUMENTS, REPORTS, PAPERS, BRIEFS

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

- 'Aquaculture: Development, Environmental impact, Product quality improvements', Working documents for the Project Steering Group:
 - Volume I: 'Executive summaries and Options Briefs', by Stirling Aquaculture Ltd, Institute of Aquaculture, University of Stirling;
 - Volume II: 'The present state of aquaculture in the EU Member States and its future up to 2005', by Stirling Aquaculture Ltd, Institute of Aquaculture, University of Stirling;

- . Volume IIa: 'Annexes of the present state of aquaculture in the EU Member States and its future up to 2005', by Stirling Aquaculture Ltd, Institute of Aquaculture, University of Stirling;
- . Volume III: 'Technical aspects and prospects for a sustained development of the aquaculture sector', by Stirling Aquaculture Ltd, Institute of Aquaculture, University of Stirling.

For more information, please contact Tarja TIAINEN.

- "Technological innovation and the electricity sector", Working documents for the STOA Panel:
 - . Volume I: 'Technological innovation and social implications: Renewable energy and the electricity sector', by ANETEC, Brussels, and AESA, Barcelona;
 - Volume II. 'Comparative assessment on renewable and conventional energies in 1995', by AESA, Barcelona.

PROJECT STEERING GROUPS

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

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Nanotechnology. The final PSG meeting of this project is planned for Monday, 22 April 1996, from 10.00 to 12.00, in Brussels, room BEL 71. The three parts of the final Working document will be presented and discussed. The meeting will be chaired by Mrs McNALLY, Vice-Chairman of the Committee on Research, Technological Development and Energy. In view of the widespread interest this project is causing, a number of outside experts have been invited to take part in the meeting.

1996 Workplan

- The PSG meetings on the two 1996 projects by the Committee on Civil Liberties and Internal Affairs, 'Technological feasibility of jamming or censoring pornography and racism in informatics' and 'Assessment of technologies for the control of persons and materials at the external borders of the EU' will take place on Wednesday, 17 April, in Strasbourg, at 18.00 in Room IPE-1, 434.
- 'Electronic data management as a tool for the evaluation of expenditure by the European Union'. The second PSG meeting will take place on 22 April, at 18.30, room LEO 1C47, in Brussels.

	The PSG meeting on 'Technological innovation and money' will take place on 23 April, in Brussels.
	The PSG meeting on 'Scientific research in the fisheries sector' will take place on 24 April, in Brussels.
	The second PSG meeting on 'Multimedia in schools' will take place on 8 May in Brussels.
The	following Project Steering Group (PSG) meetings have taken place in the past month:
	'Evolution of international markets in telecommunications: standards, regulation/liberalisation, technological innovation and access, with special reference to the internet', Project A.LP.2(ii) of Workplan 1996
	Date/Place: 19 March 1996, Brussels Participants: Mr Franco MALERBA, MEP; Mr Dick HOLDSWORTH, EP STOA Head of Unit. Main outcomes of the meeting: Terms of reference for the project were established. A second meeting was planned for 20 May. For more information please contact the following STOA member(s): Dick HOLDSWORTH.
	'The application of multimedia technologies in school: their use, effect and implications', Project A.LP.2(iii) of Workplan 1996
	Date/Place: 27 March 1996, Brussels Participants: Mrs Renate HEINISCH, MEP; Mrs Doris PACK, MEP; Mrs Hilde HAWLICEK, MEP; Mrs Lynne CHARLES, EP/DGII; Mr Dick HOLDSWORTH, EP STOA Head of Unit; Mrs Rosa RUGGERI CANNATA, STOA Visitor. Main outcomes of the meeting: The scope of the project was discussed and clarified. The emphasis would be mainly but not exclusively on primary and pre-school education.

on 8 May 1996.

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

Attention would be paid to psychological development. There would be a second meeting

OTHER STOA INFORMATION

STOA is sad o to announce the following departure:				
Giorgos KALLIS, Scholar, has since, undertaken a 'stage' at the OECD in Paris.				
STOA wishes him good luck for the future.				
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