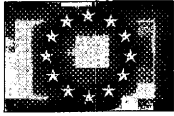


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STOA NEWSLETTER

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New studies get under way: 'Climate change and agriculture', 'Sustainable use of pesticides'

Scoping meetings with the selected contractors will be held on 30 June and 1 July respectively.
For further details of these and other Project Steering Group meetings see page 2.

Drug Use Workshop: Draft Final Study now available

The Workshop Study on 'Drug use : Scientific and technological contributions to the assessment of policy options on drug use and related problems - from the level of individual treatments to the national and European policy level' is being delivered to the STOA Panel at its meeting on 18 June. There is an extensive Technical Annex packed with useful data.

STOA presents its work at EC/DGXVII Conference in Lisbon on 'The City of Tomorrow - The Energy Dimension'

The Conference theme was tailor-made for STOA, which is currently working on 'Building regulations and energy saving' and has previously done projects on 'The Technological City', 'Renewable Energy and the Electricity Sector', 'The Car of Tomorrow' and other relevant topics.

STOA moves offices in Luxembourg

STOA has moved offices in Luxembourg. Check the new addresses in the Team list at the end.

Strasbourg, 18 June 1998

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NEWS

- A presentation of the 1997 project on 'General influence of speed limiters on the traffic flow, road safety, users and other aspects' was made to the Committee on Transport and Tourism at its meeting in Brussels on 19 May by the STOA contractor, ASTECO of Bilbao, Spain.
- Marcelo SOSA, the Projects Administrator, represented STOA at the Conference on 'The City of Tomorrow - The Energy dimension' of 29-30 May, organised by DGXVII of the European Commission at the Expo in Lisbon. A copy of his presentation is available from the STOA secretariat.
- STOA has been invited to participate in the 7th Conference of the Alliance of Maritime Regional Interest in Europe (AMRIE), which is being organised in Bilbao on 1-2 October 1998.
- Dr Eberhard FALCK of Berlin is giving a presentation of his Final Study on 'Synergy between the ecology of the sea and the economy of the land' at the meeting of the STOA Panel on 18 June in Strasbourg.
- At the STOA Panel meeting of 14 May a much appreciated presentation was given by Dr Puay-Khoon TANG of SPRU, University of Sussex, UK on the Final Study 'The development and application of new information technologies in the next decade'.

WORKING DOCUMENTS, STUDIES, PAPERS, BRIEFS

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

Workplan 1998

- Biodiversity strategy**, by Mrs RAUM-DEGRÉVE, EURECO, Luxembourg
Scoping Paper & Scoping Meeting Report + Draft Final Study, Working Document for the STOA Panel, Workplan 1998 - 98/C11/02, EN, June 1998, PE 167.628/Scp.Pap.&Scp.Meet.Rep. + PE 167.628/Drft.Fin.St.

Workplan 1997

- Sequencing the human genome: Scientific progress, economic, ethical and social aspects**, by Prof. Ruth CHADWICK, Centre for Professional Ethics, University of Central Lancashire, UK

Draft Final Study, Working Document for the STOA Panel, Workplan 1997 - 97/C05/4, EN, June 1998, PE 167.197/Drft.Fin.St.

- Drug use: Scientific and technological contributions to the assessment of policy options on drug use and related problems - from the level of individual treatments to the national and European policy level**, by Dr Patrick KENIS, European Centre for Welfare Policy and Research, Vienna, Austria
First Draft Workshop Study + Technical Annex, Working Document for the STOA Panel, Workplan 1997 - 97/C12/3, EN, June 1998, PE 167.174/Fst.Drf.Wshop.St. + PE 167.174/Tech.Anx.

- Aquaculture: Deployment of an open-sea marine park with self-restocking by behaviourally conditioned fish (Free fish farms at sea)**, by Dr James MUIR, Stirling Institute of Aquaculture, Stirling, UK
First Draft Workshop Study + Technical Annex, Working Document for the STOA Panel, Workplan 1997 - 97/C17/2, EN, June 1998, PE 167.198/Fst.Drf.Wshop.St. + PE 167.198/Tech.Anx.

PROJECT STEERING GROUPS

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

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- 98/C02/01 - Consequences of climate change for agricultural production.** A scoping meeting with a representative of Integrated Environmental Management (IEM), Athens, is planned to be held on 30 June, at 12.00, in Brussels (LEO 1-E-1).

- 98/C05/01 - Ethical issues in European research and technology.** A Project Steering Group meeting is planned to be held on 1 July, at 16.00, in Brussels (LEO 1-G-301).

- 98/C11/01 - Sustainable use of pesticides.** A scoping meeting with Mr VAN VELSEN of MTI Milieutechnologisch Instituut, Nijmegen, the Netherlands and his partner, is planned to be held on 2 July, at 15.00, in Brussels (LEO 1-E-3).

Other meetings are being organised for the near future for the following projects: 'Building regulations', 'Indicators for the evaluation of programmes of regional assistance', 'Revitalising railways' and 'SMEs technology and development'. For more precise details about the dates, please contact the STOA secretariat.

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

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98/C11/03 - Orphan drugs

Date/place: 3 June 1998, Brussels

Participants included: Ms DECER, Assistant to Mr Rocard; Mrs CAUS, DGII/Secretariat of the Committee on Development and Cooperation; Mr CHAMBERS, DGIV/A/Health; Mr HOLDSWORTH, Head of the STOA Unit; Mr SOSA, STOA Projects Administrator; Ms SCHIRMER, STOA Scholar.

Main outcomes: Agreement on project scope and timing on the basis of a Scoping Paper.

For more information please contact: Dick HOLDSWORTH.

98/C12/01 - Cultural diversity in the new media

Date/place: 10 June 1998, Brussels

Participants included: Mrs HEINISCH, MEP; Ms CLAASSEN, Assistant to Mrs Heinisch; Mr VAN DER PERRE, DGIV/B/Environment, Energy, STOA; Mr HOLDSWORTH, Head of the STOA Unit; Ms SANTORO, STOA Visiting Researcher.

Main outcomes: Agreement on project scope and timing on the basis of a Scoping Paper.

For more information please contact: Dick HOLDSWORTH.

Workplan 1997

97/C05-C15/1 - Transparency and openness in scientific advisory committees

Date/place: 10 June 1998, Brussels

Participants included: Mrs McNALLY, MEP; Mrs HEINISCH, MEP; Mrs LÖÖW, MEP; Mr BOWE, MEP; Mr LEBESSIS, EC/Forward Studies Unit; Mr DECKART, EC/DGXXIV.B1; Ms BEGUIN, EC/DGXXIV.B1; Ms FISCHER, EC/DGXXIV.B2; Mr JACOBS, DGII/Institutional Committee secretariat; Mr NURMINEN, DGII/Conciliation Committee secretariat; Mr OLIVARES, DGIV/B, Director; Mr VAN DER PERRE, DGIV/B/Environment, Energy, STOA; Dr STEIN of PREST, UK, contractor; Prof. RENN of AFTA, Germany, sub-contractor; Mr HOLDSWORTH, Head of the STOA Unit.

Main outcomes: At this second scoping meeting the Interim Study was discussed.

For more information please contact: Dick HOLDSWORTH.

OTHER STOA INFORMATION

- STOA is sad to announce that Mr Werner RUESS has left the Team. He worked on the 98 project on 'SMEs, technology and development', 'Revitalising railways in Europe' and as EPTA Coordinator. He is prolonging his stay in Luxembourg for professional reasons.

We wish him all the best for the future.

- STOA is however glad that Ms Soaed DRISSI will be helping out the secretariat in Luxembourg as a trainee secretary.

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

STOA Workplan 1998: Summary of projects

<i>Committee project n°</i>	<i>Committee</i>	<i>Project title</i>
0201	Agriculture	Consequences of climate change for agricultural production
0401	EMAC	State of play of the interstate customs computer network
0501	CERT	Ethical issues in European research and technology
0502		Comparative study into coalmining technology and costs between the EU (including countries of C. and E. Europe) and major competitors in USA, Australia, S. Africa
0503		Building regulations as a means of requiring energy saving and use of renewable energies: current status and future potential at Member State and EU level
0504		A nuclear amplifier for energy for electricity production
0505		Bio-informatics: a technology assessment of recent developments in bio-informatics and related areas of research and development including high-throughput screening and combinatorial chemistry
0801	ASOC	Technology-induced atypical work-forms: Existing and proposed regulatory strategies concerning social agents (state, employers, trade unions) dealing with technologically-induced a-typical forms of work (tele-work, stand-by work, 24-hour-office-operation)
0901	Regional	The selection of indicators for the evaluation of programmes of regional assistance in the European Union: Classification of criteria for an empirical assessment principally based on research and development, technological innovation and technology transfer indicators
1001	Transport	Revitalising railways: Examples of failures and successes in the revitalisation of railways outside the European Union
1101	Environment	Sustainable use of pesticides
1102		Biodiversity strategy
1103		Orphan drugs
1201	Culture	Cultural diversity in the new media
1301	Development	SMEs, technology and development
1302		New options for renewable energy sources, including solar power, in the developing world
1401	Civil liberties	Appraisal of technologies of political control
1402		Use of modern technology for the purpose of setting up a European juridical network
1701	Fisheries	The problem of discards in fisheries
1801	Rules	Ways to facilitate the EP's work by the use of new technologies

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