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Studies ready on "Transparency and openness in scientific advisory committees - the American Experience", "Sequencing the human genome" and "Safety standards against ionising radiation"

These and other studies and briefs were ready for delivery to the 16 July Panel meeting.

Good progress with launch of projects under the 1998 Workplan

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Preparation for EPTA Conference on 1-2 October 1998 focuses on Technology Assessment and its ethical context

The 1998 Conference of the European Parliamentary Technology Assessment network (EPTA), chaired by STOA, will be held in Brussels on 1-2 October 1998. The working title for the Conference is "Technological choices in their ethical context"

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NEWS

- The rate of execution of the STOA Workplan and budget has shown further progress in 1998, outstripping 1996 and 1997 benchmarks. Eighteen out of the twenty projects in the 1998 Workplan will have been launched before the summer break. Mr Ismael OLIVARES MARTINEZ, Director, Directorate B, of the Directorate-General for Research, presented latest budget figures to the Panel at its meeting on 16 July.
- The 1998 Conference of the European Parliamentary Technology Assessment network (EPTA), chaired by STOA, will be held at the European Parliament in Brussels on the afternoon of Thursday, 1 October and the morning of Friday, 2 October 1998. It will be followed on the Friday afternoon by the Annual Meeting of the EPTA Council. The working title for the Conference is "TECHNOLOGICAL CHOICES IN THEIR ETHICAL CONTEXT: Examples of parliamentary technology assessment projects as case-studies in the interaction between the technical and the ethical - problems and solutions". The EPTA network was established under the patronage of the President of the European Parliament.
- Mrs BARRIUSO and Mr JULIÁN of ASTECO, Bilbao, Spain, are giving a presentation of their Final Study on 'General influence of speed limiters on the traffic flow, road safety, users and other aspects' at the meeting of the STOA Panel on 16 July in Strasbourg.
- Dr FALK of Berlin will give a presentation of his 1997 Final Study on 'Synergy between the ecology of the sea and the economy of the land' at the meeting of the Committee on Fisheries on 29 September in Brussels.
- The STOA Web site - neglected for a long time - has now been partially updated. You can visit it at <http://www.europarl.eu.int/dg4/stoa/en/default.htm>. As from now on the Draft Agenda of the STOA Panel meetings - which take place on the Thursdays of the part-session weeks in Strasbourg, at 15.00 - will be made available by the Monday of that week.

WORKING DOCUMENTS, STUDIES, PAPERS, BRIEFS

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

Workplan 1998

- **Biodiversity strategy**, by Mrs RAUM-DEGRÈVE, EURECO, Luxembourg
Final Study, Working Document for the STOA Panel, Workplan 1998 - 98/C11/02, EN, July 1998, PE 167.628/Fin.St.

- **Consequences of climate change for agricultural production**, by Mr Dimitris PAPAIOANNOU, Integrated Environmental Management Ltd. (IEM), Athens, Greece
Scoping Paper and Scoping Meeting Report, Working Document for the STOA Panel, Workplan 1998 - 98/C02/01, EN, July 1998, PE 167.698/Scp.Meet.Rep. & Scp.Pap.
- **Building regulations as a means of requiring energy saving and use of renewable energies**, by Dr A.F.M. VAN VELSEN, MTI Institute for Environmental Technology, Nijmegen, the Netherlands
Scoping Paper, Working Document for the STOA Panel, Workplan 1998 - 98/C05/03, EN, July 1998, PE 167.699/Scp.Pap.
- **The selection of indicators for the evaluation of programmes of regional assistance in the EU**, by Dr Loucas GOURTSOYANNIS and Mr Nikos MAROULIS, Logotech, Athens, Greece
Scoping Meeting Report, Working Document for the STOA Panel, Workplan 1998 - 98/C09/01, EN, July 1998, PE 167.699/Scop.Meet.Rep.
- **Sustainable use of pesticides**, by Dr A.F.M. VAN VELSEN, MTI Institute for Environmental Technology, Nijmegen, the Netherlands
Scoping Paper and Scoping Meeting Report, Working Document for the STOA Panel, Workplan 1998 - 98/C11/01, EN, July 1998, PE 167.326/Scop.Meet.Rep. & Scp.Pap.
- **Ethical issues in European research and technology**
Project Brief, Workplan 1998 - 98/C05/01, EN, July 1998
- **Bioinformatics**
Project Brief, Workplan 1998 - 98/C05/05, EN, July 1998

Workplan 1997

- **Transparency and openness in scientific advisory committees: The American experience**, by Dr Josephine Anne STEIN, PREST, UK
Draft Final Study, Working Document for the STOA Panel, Workplan 1997 - 97/C05-C015/1, EN, July 1998, PE 167.327/Drft.Fin.St.
- **Sequencing the human genome: Scientific progress, economic, ethical and social aspects**, by Prof. Ruth CHADWICK, Centre for Professional Ethics, University of Central Lancashire, UK
Final Study, Working Document for the STOA Panel, Workplan 1997 - 97/C05/4, EN, July 1998, PE 167.197/Fin.St.
- **Survey and evaluation of criticism of basic safety standards for the protection of workers and the public against ionising radiation**, by Prof. Panayotis ASSIMAKOPOULOS, The University of Ioannina, Greece
Final Workshop Study, Working Document for the STOA Panel, Workplan 1997 - 97/C05/6, EN, July 1998, PE 167.161/Fin.Wksp.St.

Workplan 1996

- Strategic options for the evaluation of R&D programmes of the EU**, by Mr Ken GUY and Mr Erik ARNOLD, Technopolis Ltd, UK
Interim Study, Working Document for the STOA Panel, Workplan 1996 - ALP.1(follow-up), EN, July 1998, PE 167.406/Int.St.

PROJECT STEERING GROUPS

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

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- 98/C05/03 - Building regulations as a means of requiring energy savings and use of renewable energies.** A scoping meeting with Mr VAN VELSEN of MTI Institute for Environmental Technology, Nijmegen, the Netherlands, and his partner Mr BLOK of ECOFYS, Nijmegen, is planned to be held on 15 July, at 16.30, in Strasbourg (Room IP1-534).
- 98/C05/04 - A nuclear amplifier for energy for electricity production.** A Project Steering Group meeting is planned to be held on 23 July, at 15.30, in Brussels (LEO 9E258).
- 98/C10/01 - Revitalising railways: Examples of failures and successes in the revitalisation of railways outside the EU.** A Project Steering Group meeting is planned to be held on 16 July, at 09.00, in Strasbourg (Room IP1-534).
- 98/C13/01 - SMEs, technology and development.** A scoping meeting is planned to be held on 15 July, at 09.30, in Strasbourg (IP1-109).
- 98/C14/02 - Use of modern technology for the purpose of setting up a European juridical network.** A Project Steering Group meeting is planned to be held on 16 July, at 11.00, in Strasbourg (IP1-118).
- 98/C17/01 - The problem of discards in fisheries.** A Project Steering Group meeting is planned to be held on 15 July, at 14.30, in Strasbourg (Room PAL 2).

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

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- 98/C02/01 - Consequences of climate change for agricultural production**

Date/place: 30 June 1998, Brussels

Participants included: Ms SANDHU, Assistant to Mr Wilson; Mrs CAUS, DGII/Secretariat of the Committee on Development and Cooperation; Mr PAPAIOANNOU, IEM, Athens (contractor); Mr SOSA, STOA Projects Administrator.

Main outcomes: Agreement on project scope and timing on the basis of a Scoping Paper. A Scoping Meeting Report has been received.

For more information please contact: Marcelo SOSA.

- 98/C05/01 - Ethical issues in European research and technology**

Date/place: 1 July 1998, Brussels

Participants included: Mr POMPIDOU, MEP; Mrs HEINISCH, MEP; Mr TANNERT, MEP; Ms LEPIENNE, Assistant to Mr Pompidou; Mr LÉCULÉE, Assistant to Mr Pompidou; Mr ROEST, Assistant to Mr Eisma; Mr HUBER, DGII/Head of Division, CERT; Mrs SARVARANTA, DGII/Secretariat, CERT; Mrs CALATOZZOLO, DGII/Secretariat CERT; Mr SILVA MAIA, PPE Group; Mr VAN DER PERRE, DGIV/Head of Division, Environment/Energy/STOA; Mr HOLDSWORTH, Head of the STOA Unit; Mr SOSA, STOA Projects Administrator; Ms HARDOUIN-LEMOINE, Ramón y Cajal Scholar; Ms NAVA, STOA Visiting Researcher.

Main outcomes: Agreement on project scope and timing on the basis of a Project Brief.

For more information please contact: Marcelo SOSA.

- 98/C05/05 - Technology assessment of recent developments in bio-informatics**

Date/place: 8 July 1998, Brussels

Participants included: Mr POMPIDOU, MEP; Mr VAN DER PERRE, DGIV/Head of Division, Environment/Energy/STOA; Mr HOLDSWORTH, Head of the STOA Unit; Mr SOSA, STOA Projects Administrator.

Main outcomes: Agreement on project scope and timing on the basis of a Project Brief.

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- 98/C09/01 - Selection of indicators for the evaluation of programmes of regional assistance in the EU**

Date/place: 1 July 1998, Brussels

Participants included: Mr HATZIDAKIS, MEP; Mr TZIORKAS, Assistant to Mr Hatzidakis; Ms SPEHT, Assistant to Mrs McCarthy; Mr KOETH, Assistant to Mrs Schroedter; Mrs OLLIKAINEN, DGII/Secretariat of the Committee on Regional Policy; Mr SOLERA, Green Group; Mr GOURTSOYANNIS and Mr MAROULIS of LOGOTECH, Athens/Brussels (contractors); Mr HOLDSWORTH, Head of the STOA Unit; Mr SOSA, Projects Administrator.

Main outcomes: Agreement on project scope and timing on the basis of a Scoping Paper. A Scoping Meeting Report has been received.

For more information please contact: Dick HOLDSWORTH.

98/C11/01 - Sustainable use of pesticides

Date/place: 2 July 1998, Brussels

Participants included: Mr HANSEN, DGII/Secretariat, Environment Committee; Mr KRAUS, DGIV/Environment; Mr DUCCL, DGIV/Agriculture; Mr VAN VELZEN, MTI, Nijmegen, and Mrs BALK, Haskoning, Nijmegen (contractors); Mr VAN DER PERRE, DGIV/Head of Division, Environment/Energy/STOA; Mr HOLDSWORTH, Head of the STOA Unit; Mr SOSA, Projects Administrator.

Main outcomes: Agreement on project scope and timing on the basis of a Scoping Paper. A Scoping Meeting Report has been received.

For more information please contact: Dick HOLDSWORTH.

FORTHCOMING CONFERENCES OF SPECIAL INTEREST

- 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. For more information please contact AMRIE at +32-2-736.17.55.

OTHER STOA INFORMATION

- STOA is sad to announce that the following have left the Team:

Mr Francesco RESTIVO, who worked on the projects on 'Consequences of climate change' and 'Building regulations';

Mr Jens KRAGE, who worked on the project on 'Comparative study into coalmining';

Ms Soaed DRISSI, who did a stage at the secretariat in Luxembourg.

We wish them all the best for the future.

- STOA is however glad that the following have joined the Team:

in Luxembourg:

- Ms Kathrin PRIESS, a German Ramón y Cajal Scholar, a Doctor in Marine Environmental Studies; she is working on the 98 project on 'Discards in fisheries';
- Mr Rachid TAÏR, a French Visiting Researcher, who studied Informatics for business; he is working on the 98 project 'European juridical network';

in Brussels:

- Ms Magali HARDOUIN-LEMOINE, a French Ramón y Cajal Scholar, who studied Geography, and who is working on the 98 projects on 'Revitalising railways' and 'A nuclear amplifier';
- Ms Florencia NAVA VALLEJO, a Spanish Visiting Researcher, who studied Heritage management, and who is working on the 98 projects on 'A-typical work forms' and 'A nuclear amplifier'.

- We wish all our readers a long, hot summer and excellent holidays!! The European Parliament being in recess in August there will be no part-session in Strasbourg and therefore no August Newsletter.

Please address your requests for any of the documents listed above to Mr Frans SCHAERLAEKEN by fax (+352-4300.22418) or e-mail (fschaerlaeken@europarl.eu.int).

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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