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NEWS

- For all the projects in the 1997 Workplan calls for tenders have been held. In several cases contractors have been selected and their first output (Scoping papers and/or Interim reports) is expected shortly.
- The annual Conference and Council meeting of EPTA, the European Parliamentary Technology Assessment network, will take place under Danish chairmanship in Copenhagen on 25-26 September 1997. The topic of the Conference is 'The impact of parliamentary technology assessment'. The hosts are the Danish Technology Council. STOA will be represented by its Chairman, Mr POMPIDOU, and one of its Vice-Chairmen, Mr BOWE. Issue number 15 of the EPTA Newsletter is available now. For further information, please contact Mr POTRYKUS or Ms VUONTISJÄRVI.
- Mr GABOLDE, Director at DGXII of the European Commission is giving a presentation on the European Technology Assessment Network (ETAN) at the STOA Panel meeting of 18 September. An information document is available.
- A visit is planned to the Electronic Data Management system of the city of Köln on 7 November 1997 (provisional date). Further information from the STOA Unit.

WORKING DOCUMENTS, REPORTS, PAPERS, BRIEFS

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

Workplan 1997

- Scientific and technological assessment of consequences of the information society for least-favoured regions (97/C09/1)**, Final Workshop Report, by Prof.dr. O. STEENHAUT, Interuniversity Institute for Training and Development (IITD), Brussels, Belgium

Workplan 1996

- Electronic data management as a tool for the evaluation of expenditures by the EU (A.LP.1)**, Final Report by Ing. Maurizio PEDRELLI, Pragmata, Italy
- The application of multimedia technologies in school: their use, effect and implications (A.LP.2(iii))**
 - (01) **Technology assessment of multimedia systems for pre-primary and primary**

school, Final Report by W.J. PELGRUM, A.C.A. ten BRUMMELHUIS, et. al, University of Twente, the Netherlands

- (02) **The scientific approaches to new learning models for new learning environments**, Draft Final Report by Prof. Stella VOSNIADOU, National and Capodistrian University of Athens, Greece
- (03) **The transition from primary to secondary schools**, Final Report by Mr Peter J. BATES, pjb Associates, UK
- Women and the Net: Work, leisure, lifelong learning (A.LP.2(v))**, Final Report by Dr Dagmar BOEDICKER et. al., Forum InformatikerInnen für Frieden und gesellschaftliche Verantwortung (FifF) e.V., Bonn, Germany
- Technologies for control of persons and materials at the external borders of the EU (E.P.1)**, Draft Executive Summary by Mr James HATCH, Smith System Engineering Ltd, Surrey, UK

PROJECT STEERING GROUPS

The following Project Steering Groups (PSG) will be holding a meeting:

- 97/C01/1 - The use of Internet for the promotion of human rights.** A scoping meeting with the contractor, Mr HALPIN from the University of Central Lancashire, is foreseen to be held on Monday, 22 September, at 10.30, in Brussels.

The following Project Steering Group (PSG) has held a scoping meeting in the past months:

1997 Workplan

- 97/C05/2 - Appropriate energy storage technologies**

Date/place: 23 July 1997, Brussels

Participants included: Ms CAPSIS, Assistant to Mr Argyros; Mr CAMERON, contractor (WIP, München); Mr HOLDSWORTH, Head of the STOA Unit.

Main outcomes: This was a scoping meeting at which the execution of the study by the contractor was discussed on the basis of a scoping paper.

For more information please contact: Dick HOLDSWORTH.

WORKSHOPS

The following STOA Workshops are in preparation:

- 97/C05/3 - Operational requirements of a commercial fusion reactor**

The Workshop is planned to take place on Tuesday, 30 September, from 09.00 to 18.30, in Brussels (Room BEL 51), and will be chaired by Mrs PLOOIJ-VAN GORSEL, Rapporteur.

- 97/C01/1 - The use of Internet for the promotion of human rights**

Date in Autumn to be finalised.

- 97/C05/6 - Survey and evaluation of criticisms of basic safety standards for the protection of workers and the public against ionising radiation**

Date in Autumn to be finalised.

FORTHCOMING CONFERENCES OF SPECIAL INTEREST

- EUFORES, the European Forum for Renewable Energy Sources, chaired by Mr ROBLES PIQUER, MEP), is organising an Interparliamentary Meeting on 'Implementing renewable energies in the EU' on 28-30 November 1997 on the Canary Islands. The organisation of this meeting, where MEPs and Members of national and regional parliaments EU-wide meet to contribute to the discussion on the 'White book on Renewable Energy Sources' and to exchange views on related topics, is being organised by EUFORES together with the Government of the Canary Islands, supported by the European Commission and in cooperation with other related organisations. Mrs Eryl McNALLY, Member of the STOA Panel, is a Vice-Chairman of EUFORES. For more information please contact the STOA secretariat or Mr Juan FRAGA, General Secretary EUFORES, tel. +34-1-383.33.39, fax +34-1-383.31.59.

OTHER STOA INFORMATION

- STOA is glad to announce that the following have joined the Team:
 - Mr Lucio DI MARTINO, an Italian Architect and Spatial Planner, ex-STOA Visiting Researcher and now Ramón y Cajal Scholar, who will be working on the 1997 project on 'General influence of speed limiters on the traffic flow, road safety, users and other aspects';
 - Ms Sonja MEHLBAUM, a Dutch European lawyer, who will be a Ramón y Cajal Scholar working on the project on 'The use of Internet for the promotion of human rights';
 - Ms Louise STRÖMBERG, a Swedish political scientist, who will be a Visiting Researcher working on the project on 'Virtual libraries and education'.

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

- Ms Aneta BUYSSE-KALNIEVA, who worked on the project 'Scientific and technological assessment of consequences of the information society for the least-favoured regions'.

We wish her all the best for the future.

- Please note that all phone numbers of the European Parliament in Luxembourg, including STOA's, now have an additional 2 in the middle, e.g. +352-4300.2511 has now become +352-4300.22511.

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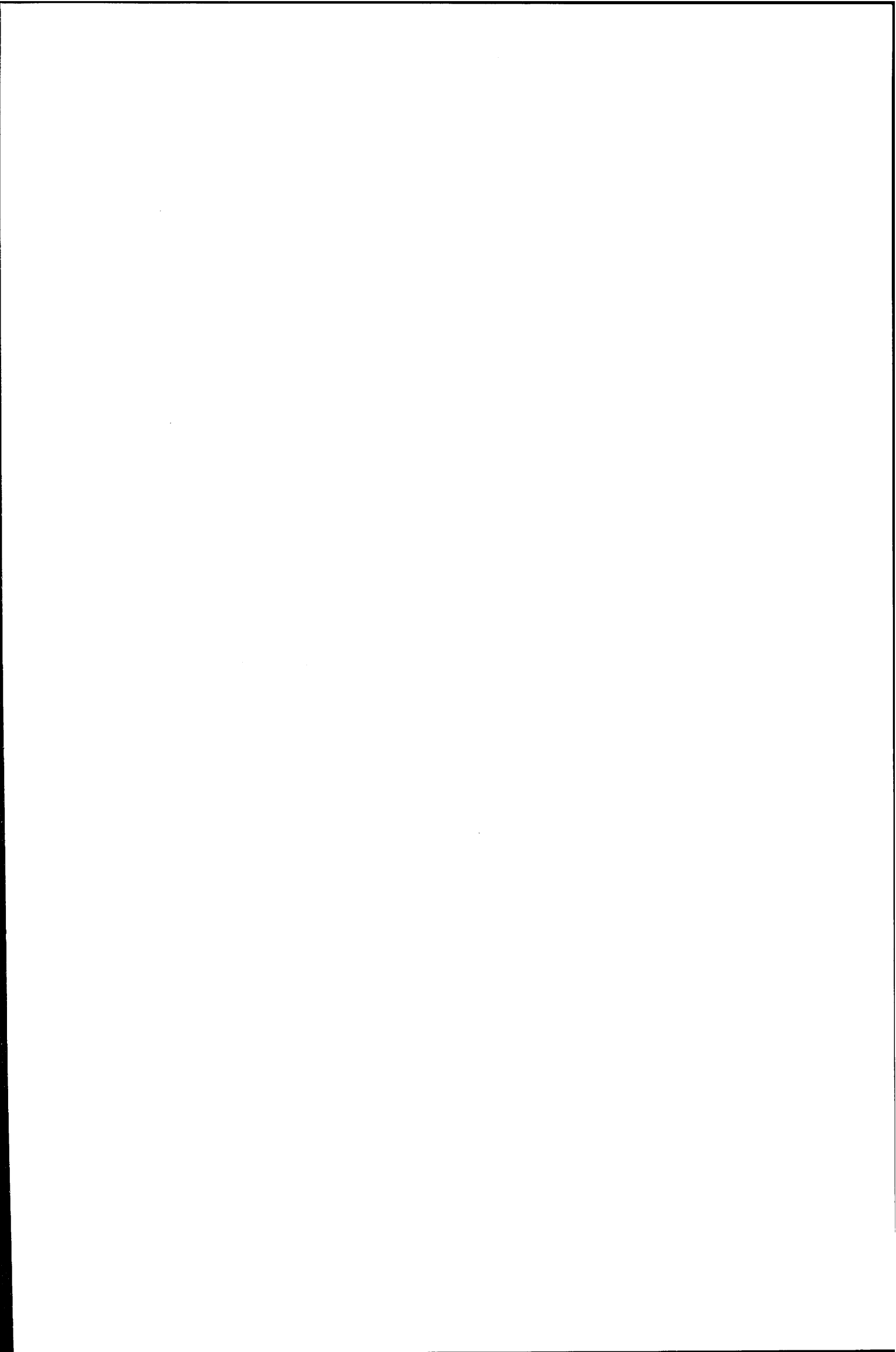
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