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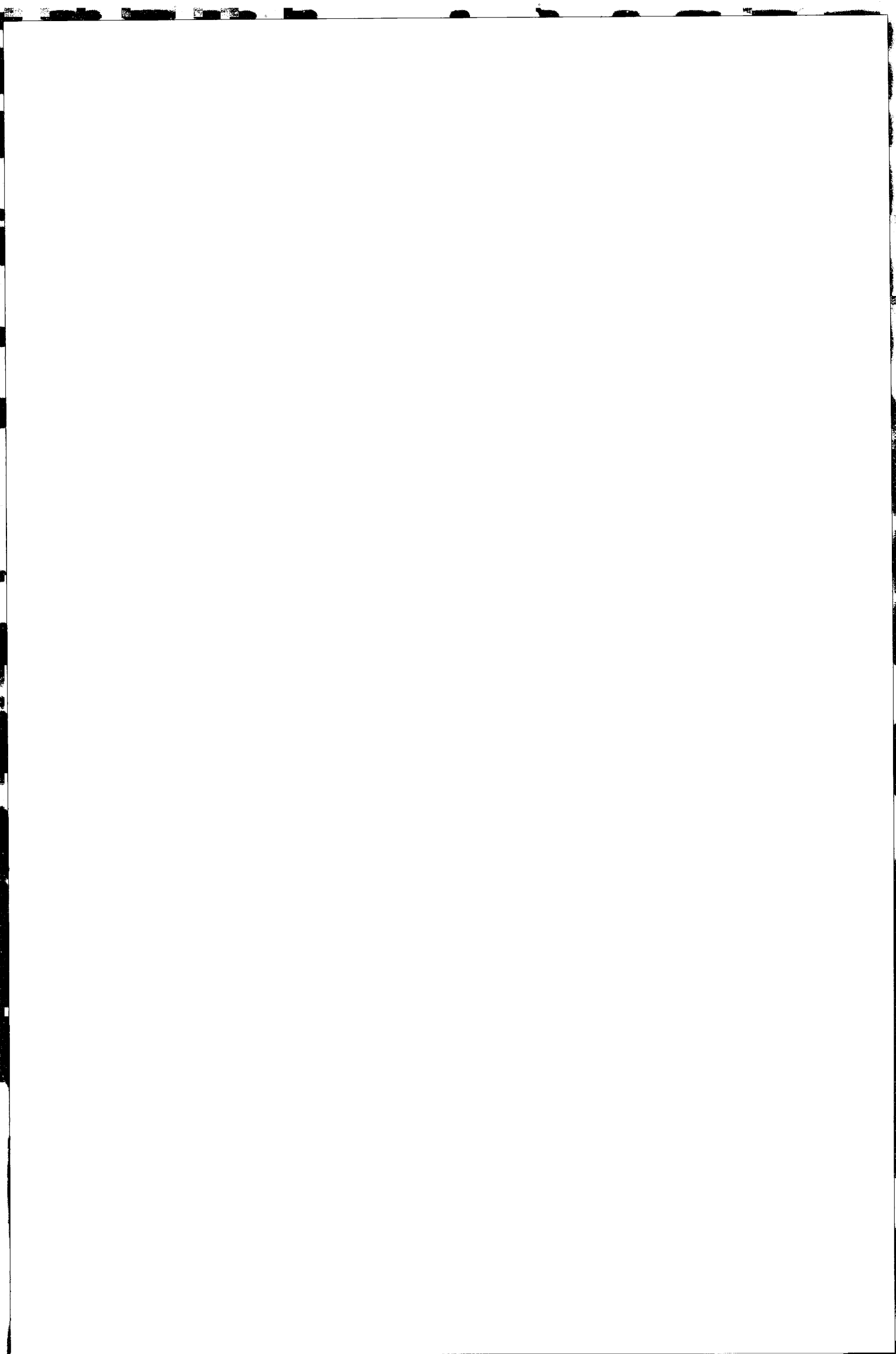
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NEWS

- A Public Hearing on 'New technologies and money' was organised by the Sub-Committee on Monetary Affairs in Brussels on 2 September under the chairmanship of Mrs RANDZIO-PLATH. The rapporteur is Mr STEVENS. Prof. Jaume VALLS, of the University of Girona, contractor for the 1996 STOA project on 'Technological innovation and money', was among the guest speakers.
- Mr Lutz GOEPEL (D, PPE) takes over from Mr FUNK to become the new representative on the STOA Panel for the Committee on Agriculture and Rural Development.
- The next EPTA Council meeting will be held on Friday 27 September in London. Issue 13 of the EPTA Newsletter (September 1996) is available now. See also under the heading 'forthcoming conferences of special interest' for information on the EPTA Conference. For more information, please contact Laura ROMERO VAQUERO, EPTA Coordinator, in the STOA Unit.
- Mr POMPIDOU, Chairman of the STOA Panel, chaired the second evaluation meeting on the 1995 project 'New biomedical technologies: A prospective assessment', which was undertaken partly by the Institute for Prospective Technological Studies (IPTS), European Commission, JRC, Seville. The first meeting evaluating the work done by the different subcontractors so far took place in Seville on 26-26 June. This second meeting was entitled 'A prospective analysis of European pharmaceutical research, development and innovation; assessment of the socio-economic impact of new drugs' and was held on Friday, 12 July at the Institut de France in Paris. The third meeting was planned to be held at the European Medicaments Evaluation Agency in London on 19-20 September, but has been postponed.
- By the end of July, STOA had issued Restricted Calls for Tenders in respect of all the projects in the 1996 Workplan. Additional restricted calls for tenders may follow if considered necessary. The calls are sent to organisations or persons who replied to the Call for Expressions of Interest which was published in autumn 1995. It is planned to hold a Call for Expressions of Interest in 1997 projects before the end of 1996.

WORKING DOCUMENTS, REPORTS, PAPERS, BRIEFS

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

- 'The car of the future, the future of the car', Working document for the STOA Panel, by Mr Costantinos SKARVELAKIS, Compiègne, France

- **'The car of the future, the future of the car'**, Working document for the STOA Panel, by the Institute for Prospective Technological Studies (IPTS), EC/JRC, Seville, coordinated by Mr Jochen R. NAEGELE
- **'Technological innovation and money'**: A Project Brief on this 1996 project, prepared by Prof. Jaume VALLS PASOLA, University of Girona, is available now.
- **'Nuclear safeguards and nuclear safety in the East'**: The report for STOA by WISE, Paris, has just been completed and will be available as a Working document at the 24 October Panel meeting.

FORTHCOMING CONFERENCES OF SPECIAL INTEREST

- **GERONTECHNOLOGY**: The Second International Conference will take place in Helsinki on 15-17 October 1996 at the Marina Congress Centre. It is organised by the National Research and Development Centre for Welfare and Health (STAKES). 'Gerontechnology', they say, seeks to enhance the interaction between elderly people and their environment in order to maintain the maximum level of sustained functional autonomy and independence'. STAKES compiled STOA's 1995 information society report on information technology in health care. The October Conference will be relevant to the work on 'Ageing in society' which STOA and IPTS have been asked to do for the Committee on Research, Technological Development and Energy. Mrs HEINISCH, Vice-Chairman of STOA, is looking into the possibility of attending this conference.
- The Rockefeller Foundation (USA) is sponsoring a conference on the **COMPARATIVE ASPECTS OF LAWS THAT AFFECT PHARMACEUTICAL PRODUCTS**. This conference will be a follow-up to an earlier one that explored the question of why there is so little research on methods of contraception, especially in the USA. The conference will be held at the Foundation's Conference Centre in Bellagio (Italy) from 14-18 October 1996. The issues to be discussed include liability laws, patents and intellectual property rights, regulatory approval of pharmaceutical products, government efforts to encourage socially beneficial products. It is planned that the STOA Panel be represented by its Vice-Chairman, Mrs HEINISCH.
- STOA has received an invitation to attend the **3RD EUROPEAN CONFERENCE ON VACCINOLOGY: BUILDING LIFELONG IMMUNITY** organised by the specialised group EVM (European Vaccines Manufacturers) within EFPIA (European Federation of Pharmaceutical Industries' Associations). This conference will be held in Berlin, from 16-18 October.

- **A PROSPECTIVE ANALYSIS OF EUROPEAN PHARMACEUTICAL RESEARCH:** For information about the Sevilla, Paris and London meetings, see under 'NEWS' above - 'New biomedical technologies'.
- **AN EPTA CONFERENCE ON 'SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT: BUSINESS AS USUAL OR A NEED FOR CHANGE'** will be held on Thursday 26 September at the Royal Academy of Engineering in London as part of the annual meeting of EPTA. Sustainable development has been adopted as an important guide to policy in EU states but it is far from clear what it actually means for the way we live. National parliaments of EPTA states have asked what sustainable development meant in a number of different areas. And EPTA (European Parliamentary Technology Assessment) will bring the different studies together at this Conference. The STOA Panel will be represented by Mrs HEINISCH, Vice-Chairman.
- The Danish Council of Technology Assessment is organising a Conference on **GROUND WATER SUPPLY** in Copenhagen on 16 November 1996. Both pesticides and other chemicals are seen as major threats to the supply of drinking water, i.e. ground water, in Denmark. In order to raise a public debate on the issue, the Danish Board of Technology is currently planning a Conference to be held on 16 November in Copenhagen, where a new approach to public participation will be tried out. Four different action plans will be presented at the Conference. After the presentations three different panels, each of 60 people, will vote for one of the four action plans. The three panels will consist of politicians, lay people and experts.
- **THE 2ND WORLD CONGRESS ON ALTERNATIVES AND ANIMAL USE IN THE LIFE SCIENCES** will be held in Utrecht, The Netherlands, from 20-24 October.

OTHER STOA INFORMATION

- STOA is proud to announce that it now has World Wide Web page on the Internet with the following URL:

<http://europa.eu.int/europarl/stoa/stoa.htm>

- STOA says good-bye and good luck to:

Michael ATKINSON, Visitor, who worked on the 1996 project 'Technical feasibility of jamming or censoring racism/pornography on information and communication technologies' and on the installation of a home page for STOA on the World Wide Web. He will start a Masters degree in Computer Science at the Birkbeck College, London University.

- . Rosa RUGGERI CANNATA, Visitor, who worked on the 1996 project 'Multimedia and schools', who will now be looking after her new born daughter Chiara, born on 30 August 1996. STOA congratulates the parents on this happy occasion.

- STOA is happy to announce the following new arrivals:
 - . Lucio DI MARTINO, Visitor, an architect from Italy, who started middle of July and has been working on the 1996 project on 'Trans-European hydro-networks'.
 - . Sébastien MANNÉ, Visitor, a German agronomist, who will be working on the 1996 project 'Scientific research in fisheries'.

- Congratulations to Steve IMRIE, former STOA Scholar, who married Nicola KEENAN, former STOA Scholar, in Belfast in August.

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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