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## NEWS

- The Draft STOA Workplan for 1997 has been compiled on the basis of proposals received from the Committees of the European Parliament by Monday 9 December. It will be presented to the STOA Panel at its meeting on 12 December 1996.
- As regards the current Workplan, five scoping meetings of Project Steering Groups have taken place since the last issue of the Newsletter (see below).
- On 29 November a working meeting on the pharmaceutical research study was held at the European Medicines Evaluation Agency in London. This Workshop on Prospective analysis of biomedical technologies: engineering, instrumentation, techniques and pharmaceuticals was part of the cooperation between STOA and the Institute for Prospective Technological Studies, Sevilla (IPTS). Mr Alain POMPIDOU, Chairman of STOA and Mr HOLDSWORTH, Head of the STOA Unit, took part.
- The European Commission (the Institute for Prospective Technological Studies, DGXII.B and the Forward Studies Unit) held a Symposium on INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION IN RESEARCH AND TECHNOLOGICAL DEVELOPMENT at the Hotel Eurovillage in Brussels on Tuesday, 19 November. Mrs CRESSON, Commissioner responsible for research, education and training, had welcomed this proposal made by the European Parliament (rapporteur Prof. POMPIDOU), in its report on the Commission's communication. The main objective of the Symposium was to define the strategic orientations for international RTD cooperation at EU level. This will form an input to the EC reflections for the elaboration of the relevant chapter in the 5th Framework Programme for RTD (1998-2002). Professor ROUTTI, Director - General for Research in the European Commission (DGXII) and Professor POMPIDOU, MEP, opened the Symposium. Professor VALLS PASOLA, STOA contractor for the 1996 project on 'Technological innovation and money' was rapporteur for the Workshop on Mediterranean and developing countries. Mr Dick HOLDSWORTH attended.
- A seminar on 'Technological innovation in Piemonte' was held in Brussels on Wednesday, 20 November. The speakers included Mr Enzo GHIGO, President of the Piedmont Region, and Mr Giulio GRATA, Director of DGXIII.D of the European Commission. Mr MALERBA, Member of the STOA Panel, was among MEPs attending. Mr Dick HOLDSWORTH, Head of Unit, represented the Secretary - General of the EP, Mr Enrico VINCI, at the seminar.
- The annual 'European IT Conference' + Exhibition, organised under the ESPRIT Programme by DGIII and DGXIII of the European Commission, took place on 25-27 November at the Palais des Congrès, Brussels. Mrs Elly PLOOIJ - VAN GORSEL was among MEPs who attended, rapporteur for the Committee on Research, Technological Development and Energy on new information technologies, the subject of STOA's 1996 project. Mr Dick Holdsworth also attended the conference and exhibition.

## WORKING DOCUMENTS, REPORTS, PAPERS, BRIEFS

Work in Progress – The following Working documents are being presented to the STOA Panel in December:

### Workplan 1995

- 'Fertility awareness and contraception'**, Final report.

### Workplan 1996

- 'The socio – economic impact of soil erosion on the development of coastal and insular regions of the European Union'**, Working document for the STOA Panel, by Camilla PRENNING.
- 'The trans – European water distribution network and its place within Community water resources policy'**, Working document for the STOA Panel, by Lucio DI MARTINO.
- An Interim Report on **'An appraisal of the technology of political control'** by Dr Steve WRIGHT of the OMEGA Foundation.
- The Draft Final Report on **'Sustainable development in the Mediterranean Region: the challenges and policy instruments'** by Professor Juan MASSARNAU BRASO, Universitat Politecnica Catalunya, Spain.
- 'Alginates: alternatives to animal gelatin'**, Project Brief by Anna – Maria MÜLLER.

## PROJECT STEERING GROUPS

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

- 96/ALP2(iii) – The application of multimedia technologies in school: their use, effect and implications.** Mrs HEINISCH, Vice – Chairman of STOA and author of this project, will meet the 3 sub – contractors for this project on Tuesday, 17 December, 17.00 (LEO 1C47). They have all been invited by DGXXII of the EC to participate in the Conference on the same theme they are organising on 16 – 17 December in Brussels. A separate meeting with an official of EC/DGXXII is planned to take place on Wednesday, 18 December AM, in order to examine the work produced so far by the EC in this field.

- **96/ALP2(iv) – Technical feasibility of jamming or censoring pornography and racism in informatics.** A scoping meeting with the contractor is planned to take place on Tuesday, 17 December PM, in Brussels.

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

#### **1995 Workplan**

- **Damage to EU monuments by pollution**  
**Date/place:** 2 December, Brussels  
**Participants included:** Prof. SAIZ JIMENEZ, CSIC (Sevilla); Mr HOLDSWORTH, Head of the STOA Unit.  
**Main outcomes of the scoping meeting:** Agreement on project scope and timing.  
**For more information please contact:** Dick HOLDSWORTH.

#### **1996 Workplan**

- **96/BP1 – The technological feasibility of trans – European hydro – networks**  
  
**Date/place:** 13 November, Strasbourg  
**Participants included:** Mr IZQUIERDO COLLADO, MEP; Mr VASSILAKIS, ANETEC (Brussels); Mr SANCHEZ, DGII/Research secretariat; Mr HOLDSWORTH, Head of the STOA Unit.  
**Main outcomes of the scoping meeting:** Definition of priorities; calendar.  
**For more information please contact:** Dick HOLDSWORTH.
  
- **96/FP1 – Scientific research in the fisheries sector**  
  
**Date/place:** 26 November, Brussels  
**Participants included:** Mrs LANGENHAGEN, MEP; Mr TEVERSON, MEP; Dr Adam MEP, MR PROVAN MEP; Mr LASSEN, Danish Institute for Fisheries Research (Charlottenlund); Mr MASSART, IFREMER, (Paris); Mr HOLDSWORTH, Head of the STOA Unit; Mr PYRES, STOA Unit; Mr FERLIN, STOA Unit. Mr Sourander Secretariat, Mr Dirk Shile also attended.  
**Main outcomes of the scoping meeting:** The scoping meeting agreed that the research should focus on Fish Stock Assessment and gear technology with particular reference to selectivity. A consideration of a third element, exploring how fishermen themselves might be brought into the assessment was proposed. A Scoping Paper was circulated prior to the meeting.  
**For more information please contact:** Norman PYRES.

**96/BLP1 – The ageing of society**

**Date/place:** 3 December, Brussels

**Participants included:** Dr BURKE, SPRU (Brighton); Mr HOLDSWORTH, Head of the STOA Unit.

**Main outcomes of the scoping meeting:** In the morning, Dr BURKE attended and spoke at the Colloquium on 'The ageing of society' organised by the Committee on Research, Technological Development and Energy. The STOA Scoping Paper was also distributed at the Colloquium, which was also attended by Mr Alain POMPIDOU, Chairman of the STOA Panel, and Mr HOLDSWORTH. In the afternoon, Mr HOLDSWORTH and Dr BURKE agreed on the priorities and calendar for the execution of the remainder of the project.

**For more information please contact:** Norman PYRES

**96/CP1 – Emissions by cars and other motor vehicles**

**Date/place:** 5 December, Brussels

**Participants included:** Mr LANGE, MEP; Mrs CAPARIS, IEM Ltd (Athens); Mrs OPACIC, DGII/Environment secretariat; Mr COOLEGEM, DGII/Environment secretariat; Mr KRAUS, DGIV/Environment; Mr HOLDSWORTH, Head of the STOA Unit; Mr FERLIN, STOA Unit.

**Main outcomes of the scoping meeting:** Agreement on the calendar of the study, and priorities for the first phase.

**For more information please contact:** Dick HOLDSWORTH.

## FORTHCOMING CONFERENCES OF SPECIAL INTEREST

- A Conference on **WOMEN IN THE INFORMATION SOCIETY** is being organised by the 'Berätungs – und Informationsstelle Forschungsförderung (BIF)' of the Ruhr – Universität Bochum. It will be held on 17 March 1997 in the Mediapark in Köln. Mrs Erika MANN, MEP, Member of the Committee on External Economic Relations, will be a key speaker. It is planned that the Bochum team will be invited to STOA's forthcoming Workshop on 'Women and the Net'.
- On Monday, 16 December 1996, under the auspices of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe, a Conference on **TECHNOLOGICAL ASSESSMENT, RESEARCH EVALUATION AND FORESIGHT STUDIES** will take place in Strasbourg. There will be presentations by 8 leading research organisations in this field from around Europe. Representatives of the European Parliament, the European Commission, and national parliaments from Member States of the European Council will take part. Mr POMPIDOU will speak, Mr HOLDSWORTH will attend.

- The **EUROPEAN CONGRESS ON THE ETHICS OF ANIMAL EXPERIMENTATION**, organised by the European Biomedical Research Association and the Federation of European Laboratory Animal Science Associations, will take place on 17 and 18 December at the Palais des Congrès in Brussels. The Congress is being sponsored by DGXII of the EC and has the patronage of H.R.H. Prince Laurent of Belgium. For further information please contact Mrs Mazura, Congress Secretariat (tel 32-2-219.03.05).



We wish all our readers a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!!



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