

Note for Mr. E. A. A. Bruell

CAC IX

I am not sure how long I will be having at CAC IX but my current plans for the presentation are as follows:

- Compendium - area covered 5 minutes
- Cohort analysis 5 minutes
- Molecular biology (simplified) 5 minutes
- Passive smoking 10 minutes
- Strategies
- (Compendium and passive smoking) 5 minutes
- Discussion - principally on strategies, presumably not on content of Compendium

Strategies

I enclose a draft slide which I had thought of showing at CAC IX, which sets out the more obvious options for use of the Compendium.

Possible Conference on Epidemiological Anomalies

Correspondence from the Russell Partnership is enclosed. The draft slide shows one or two possibilities for a conference on this or related subjects and at first sight may appear a little complicated.

Effectively, there are two suggestions for conferences. We could run a straightforward conference on epidemiological anomalies as per the attached schedule. I think there are quite a lot of potential problems with this sort of conference, the main one being conflict between speakers (and the selection of appropriate speakers). Because of these problems I had a confidential discussion with Dr. Roe. Dr. Roe pointed out that, fortuitously, he was involved in the planning of a conference which would attack conventional theories of cancer (Oslo, Summer 1986) and this could logically be followed by a conference on 'co-factors' perhaps later in 1986 or in January 1987. This theme is more attractive: a title such as 'co-factors' would appeal to a wider range of speakers, thus ensuring greater credibility and BAT need not have a very high profile in organising such a conference. The main problem with Dr. Roe's scheme is the rather long timescale. However, it does not necessarily follow that the events on the schematic diagram are mutually exclusive, although I would definitely recommend involvement in only one conference, if at all.

Passive Smoking

I will be updating the position paper I wrote on this subject in the light of additional information received recently and will be preparing a slide setting out the main possibilities for action.

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Professor P. R. J. Burch

The Chairman has agreed that a copy of the Compendium be sent to Professor Burch before our visit. This will be arranged, although he is only back in the country from the USA just before we see him. I think also it might be an idea to raise the question of a conference with him and his possible attendance, irrespective of whether we ultimately decide to go ahead or not.

P. N. Lee

I have not yet done anything about finding another statistician as Peter Lee seems currently on a new tack back towards us and I plan to see him next week.

Discussions/Amendments on the above plans

As we shall be travelling with the Chairman to see Professor Burch on 24 April, I assume this will be a good time to make sure that the suggestions made here are acceptable. If convenient I suggest meeting you in Millbank on 24 April at 9.00 am when we could have a brief discussion before seeing the Chairman at 9.30 am on our way to Leeds.

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