

August 7th

Present: As on 6th August, but without consultants.

Delegates reviewed the previous day: it was agreed that the presentations by Dr. Gori and Dr. Templeton were of great value.

Agenda items:

1. No specific comments: a brief summary was given to those not present in Nice.
2. Terms of Reference agreed as written (with the addition of "interactions with the non-smoker" thereby including passive smoking).
3. Dr. Seehofer discussed his paper outlining plans for his visit to Japan. It was noted that the J.T.I. had approached U.S. companies for financial support towards their programme. Find plans, priorities to be discussed with RET in Hamburg. Visit should be between September and November 1986, probably of 2 weeks duration.
4. Agreed that passive smoking be included, but that additives, which relate specifically to products, should be considered separately.

The prime aim of the S.R.G. is to review the literature, identify gaps in knowledge, commission research and monitor the results. Individual companies could, of course, carry out their own research as appropriate but should place any work on the S.R.G. data base.

5. Funding. RET will write a paper for consideration in Sydney and individual companies would consider the position.
6. Grant Applications. Six applications had been received in the U.K. and were being considered in BATCo. Members agreed that 2 (Clamp and Carter) appeared to fall within areas which the S.R.G. had identified as deserving further work (see item 7). Ideally such applications would in future be considered by BATUKE, bringing the U.K. into the practice of local consideration typical of the rest of the group.

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7. It was agreed that work was desirable in the following areas:
 - a) Nicotine receptors, to include the α -bungarotoxin receptor which might synergize the nicotinic receptor. This could include work on subjects such as Alzheimer's or Parkinson's disease which appear to involve degeneration of CNS mechanisms.
 - b) Novel behavioural work, to complement the studies of Professor Warburton.
 - c) Subject to views from consultants, it appears that the fate of nicotine is not fully accounted for. This may need further work, and at least a literature search.
8. This is being compiled.
9. A brief job description was circulated and accepted. As far as possible members would be kept in touch with progress. Target date for employment: late 1986.
10. There was an exchange of information on external activities, including funded research of passive smoking and the 1987 Nicotine conference to be held in Sydney.
11. Dr. Seehofer described his discussions with distinguished German scientists in which their views on smoking issues were solicited.

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