

New File Research Policy Group 90

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CORESTA items requiring Group Position

1. Confirm strategy set out at CORESTA-BAT Pre-Meeting in Hong Kong in October 1988 :

BAT's position and influence within CORESTA to be compatible with the Company's total size.

This is to be achieved by :

1. Obtaining key positions in study groups and on Scientific Commission
 2. Demonstrating through papers and participation in Task Forces that BAT has a good scientific base and competent experts
 3. Having another BAT company on the Council when Souza Cruz comes off in October 1990.
2. The FRC has budgeted a total of 0.4 man years effort to CORESTA for 1990, (This does not include H.P. Dymond's time). Confirm that this is to be provided from the Group-funded work.
 3. Sidestream/ETS Meeting
BAT, along with other companies, has allowed slow progress to occur in developing a standard sidestream method. Is the Group position still that a standard method is undesirable?
 4. Cigarette ignition propensity methodology
This Task Force is co-operating well and its current methodology developments are based on Southampton's techniques. Is the Group position still that we give complete co-operation in developing a standard method?
 5. Agricultural Chemicals Advisory Committee (ACAC)
This was set up by the Scientific Commission in October 1989. Its objective is to gather scientific information on agricultural chemical matters. Many of the issues could be sensitive. T.G. Mitchell (FRC) is a member of the committee and P. Fisher (B&W) is likely to be co-opted.

ACAC have initiated three activities :

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- (a) To assess possibilities for alternatives to EBDC fungicides (ethylene bis dithio carbamates)
- (b) To prepare a stance for the Industry (by supply of relevant supported data) in the event of a European Community-based initiative on leaf or product residue limits.
- (c) To identify how CORESTA can ameliorate the more extreme consequences of proposed bans on key substances by commissioning independent reviews on aspects generally outside its competence - e.g. toxicology. Initially this would be undertaken for EBDC fungicides and breakdown products of concern - ethylene thiourea.

Is the Group in agreement with these activities?
Can any alternatives be suggested?

6. Review of Smoking Method Task Force

H.F. Dymond and M. Bourlas (PM) are joint chairmen of this Task Force. HFD has already written a position paper on the issues involved. A key issue is on declared tar value. The Task Force is stipulating that there should be a limit on declared values for very low tar products - at 2 mg tar and below values should be reported as 2 mg.

RJR are very unhappy with this stipulation, would like to change it, and want the Task Force to define standard methodology to measure tar levels below 2 mg.

- What is the Group view on this 2 mg limit?
- Should it be changed - if so, to what?
- Does the Group want an official CORESTA method to determine tar levels below 2 mg?

7. Cigar Task Force

This Task Force has been in existence for at least 15 years to develop a standard CORESTA method for machine smoking cigars. Progress is very slow and no method has, as yet, been developed. Some regulatory authorities, e.g. in Spain, are proposing to declare smoke deliveries for cigars.

Does the Group want this Task Force to make faster progress and develop a method?

8. "Roll-your-own" Task Force

This Task Force is likely to be officially set up at the CORESTA Symposium in October 1990. Its task will be to develop standard methodology for smoking and determining deliveries from RYO cigarettes.

Is the Group view that this Task Force should develop methodology as soon as possible?

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