

NOTES ON AGENDA FOR 40TH T.S.C. MEETING  
4TH FEBRUARY 1971

1. I could see nothing special arising from the Minutes that did not occur elsewhere.

2. ITEM 5(a) Harrogate Future Organization H.1739

It is interesting how these precise Terms of Reference have been taken up and understood by Harrogate. The last paragraph seemed particularly significant; it was that control should in future be exercised by broad directives from the Executive Committee (after considering recommendations from T.S.C.). The E.C. was very definite about running down any research which did not fall within the new directives.

3. ITEM 5(b) Lee's experiment on stopping mouse painting at various times. H.1732

This is an interesting experiment - as an experiment, but I doubt if it is worthwhile doing because we are likely to get nothing of value out of it. Whatever may be the result it will have no effect on Doll's epidemiological conclusion about the effect on British doctors stopping smoking. *B. F. T. is in favour of it*

4. ITEM 5(c) The Composite Cigarettes

These are a 'hot potato'. Suggest we go very carefully.

5. ITEM 6. Study Groups H.1740

Any decision on these must take into account,

- (a) the new research organization at Harrogate
- (b) the E.C. directive under H.1739, referred to above
- (c) the role of Francis Roe
- (d) the acceptance that extra-mural work must be associated much more closely with Harrogate work.

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It appears to me that we need some mechanism for keeping Companies collectively in close touch with Harrogate work, otherwise each company will by itself, individually, send out scouting expeditions. This is liable to lead to mutual suspicion that some one company is finding out more, or is having too much influence.

6. ITEM 7. U.K. Butt Lengths

There are no less than three research proposals for this at varying prices from £2,500 up to £10,000. I have not studied these but will leave this to GFT.

7. ITEM 8. Smoking Parameters Working Party

I attended a meeting at Glen House on January 28th with Geoffrey Dean, Francis Roe, Geoff Todd and P.I.Adams. The object was to consider the possibility of investigating smoking habits, if possible with lung cancer patients and compare them with normal smokers. The most striking point to me was that Adams, left to himself, would just go on improving the equipment but never quite getting to the point where it could be used. Geoffrey Dean made a good impression and this ad hoc meeting concluded that even if the equipment was not perfect a pilot investigation should be carried out as soon as possible to find out the practical stages of the work. Adams was asked to produce three tape recorders with all their imperfections as soon as possible and also a film for training observers to make visual estimates of the depth of inhalation.

This experiment wants a firm drive to get it out of the realms of talk and into something factual.

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