

Note for Dr. Richard Binns

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RPG Meeting, September 1988
Objectives for Group ETS Research

The September 1987 RPG Meeting requested that objectives for Group ETS research should be formulated. A meeting of research managers was held in Montreal in November 1987 to formulate the objectives. This was chaired by R.E. Thornton and consisted of R.R. Baker, W.H. Deines, E. Kohn, S.R. Massey and R.G. Nicholls. The Group objectives formulated were :

1. To set ETS in perspective by providing meaningful scientific data.
2. To refute inaccurate statements made about ETS
3. To identify and, if possible, to minimise subjective annoyance either through cigarette design options or by non-cigarette solutions (i.e. ventilation, etc.)
4. To be able to communicate a company view on ETS.

RRB was asked to write a work programme to meet these objectives, with the proviso that collaboration with others (e.g. R.J. Reynolds) should be used if possible.

The proposals were for a workprogramme which would largely be done or co-ordinated from Southampton - they did not address epidemiology, which is covered by the SRG. The proposals were circulated to CAC R&D heads in February 1988 and discussed at the March Review in Southampton. Subject to some small changes, they were accepted.

Subsequently, a small team was set up in Southampton, with C.J. Proctor as Section Leader. CJP has visited RJR and the German Verband to discuss possible collaboration - this may occur on a limited basis :

- collaboration on nitrosamine formation in ETS with RJR.
- collaboration on measuring ambient levels in animal smoking chambers for the Verband (giving us access to their biological findings).

Collaboration of some indoor air measurements in the UK may also be possible with TAC or individual UK companies.

CJP has refined the proposed Southampton work programme - this will be available for the RPG Meeting. The proposed work is now underway.

In addition to the Southampton and SRG work, two other industry-sponsored initiatives to note are :

- (1) Indoor Air Quality Centre at Concordia University, Montreal - being set up with funding from Canadian Tobacco Industry, Quebec Gas Board and Federal Government Grants.
- (2) US Center for Indoor Air Research - sponsored by US tobacco industry with associate membership for non-US companies. B&W are not participating, but BATUKE could become an associate member - see my note on RPG topics of 9th June 1988.

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