

SCIENTIFIC ADVISORY GROUP

Terms of Reference

This Group has an advisory role and will make recommendations to the Research Policy Group on courses of action. Specifically it will:

- (1) Identify research work relevant to the smoking and health issue.
- (2) Evaluate the scientific quality of such work.
- (3) If necessary, recommend additional research work to clarify issues raised after such evaluation.
- (4) Identify centres of scientific excellence where such work could be carried out.
- (5) Assist the Research Policy Group in determining product development policy.
- (6) Assist the Research Policy Group in formulating positions for discussion with Government and other authorities.

Working Practices

- (1) Dr. Thornton would act as Chairman of the Group, which would also have a maximum of five members from the BATCo group world-wide.
- (2) As part of the evaluation process, the Group will, if necessary, listen to the views of scientists or other experts working in appropriate areas.
- (3) The formal outcome of the meetings will be in the form of minuted recommendations.
- (4) The group is expected to meet two or three times yearly. Each meeting might have a particular major theme. For the first "Other Noxa", is suggested possibly with a presentation from Dr. Roe. There are, however, no geographical constraints on who can advise the group.

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Notes

- (1) Members of the Scientific Advisory Group should be senior personnel, broadly aware of the scientific issues and their implications, but not necessarily scientists by formal training. Some geographical spread in the representation within the BATCo Group is required because news of the most recent scientific research is often propagated by word of mouth.
- (2) Key countries where scientific activities need to be monitored are identified as USA, UK, Germany and rest of Europe, Canada, Japan, China and Hong Kong.
- (3) There will be no consultants to the group as such - see working practice Note 2.

Other areas for consideration at meetings of the Group:

1. Molecular biology
2. Passive smoking
3. Nicotine
4. Polypeptide research

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