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Cigarette Working Group

Brief Minutes of the 4th Meeting in Berne of 6.11.1985

Dr. Y. Siegwart, FOPH (chairman)	
Dr. A. Artho, Geneva	Dr. R. Romann, Zurich
Prof. Dr. K. Bättig, FITZ (ETHZ)	Dr. J. Schlatter, Schwerzenbach
J.P. Boder, Neuchâtel	Dr. J. Wild, Boncourt
Dr. A. Etournaud, Epalinges (for Prof. Aubort)	
Dr. J.P. Lichti, Fribourg	Dr. R. Gerber, FOPH (minutes)

Excused : Prof. Dr. J.D. Aubort, Dr. R.L. Galeazzi

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1 Minutes of the 3rd Meeting

Lichti disapproves of the CO, NO_x parameters being on the list of study projects. The proposals are not binding. Otherwise, the minutes are accepted.

2 Distributed Documents

- Proposal of a study project of 5.8.85 (K. Bättig) :
ultra-low cigarettes : smoking behaviour, CO - uptake and nicotine reaction.
- FTC News, 8.10.85 (Washington D.C.) : New Procedures for Cigarette Testing Methodology.
- K. Bättig : Nicotine and tobacco smoke. Current state of research at U.S. laboratories.

3 Proposition Bättig ; Comments

Bättig gives explanations about his study project. "Normal" smoking is to be compared to "maximum" smoking. The phenomenon of acute tolerance is mentioned.

In the project discussion, on the one hand, a certain enlargement is suggested. On the other hand, the usefulness of a new project is put into question as the Barclay problem seems to be largely solved.

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Nevertheless, there still exists interest in a realistic smoke evaluation. In the U.S., a better solution is still being investigated. According to Siegwart, the problem has changed insofar as it now concerns a better information of smokers.

Bättig corrects his project in view of including several brands of ultra-low cigarettes, a strong filter cigarette, an equally strong cigarette without filter as well as a possible evaluation of the urine cotinine content. Costs of the enlarged project are estimated at SF 90'000.--.

In the FOPH budget, the allotment of such a sum is somewhat difficult. Consulted by the chairman, the industry representatives are confident that their Association will be prepared to contribute towards the costs provided that every one participates. Investigations will have to be carried out at "unbiased" laboratories. Siegwart hopes that the company representatives will kindly support the project. He will submit a request to the ASFC.

3 General Discussion

Roman states that the working group has not achieved very much ; we are not able to solve the problem on a scientific level ; it is now the role of the legislator to take actions ; the working group is not useful any more.

The chairman suggests that meetings should be suspended until new results arise or propositions are needed. Schlatter proposes tests of mutagenicity of smokers' urine which could be started at the Institute of Toxicology still this year. No opposition. He will seek to make arrangements in this matter with Siegwart.

The meeting lasted from 2 p.m. to 4.10 p.m.

No new date has been scheduled.

For the minutes

R. Gerber (sig.)

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