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5th Newsletter
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Dear colleague:

Imagine you were sitting in a cosy restaurant, eating, drinking, and having a chat with some of your friends. This is precisely what awaits when you participate in one of those "informal meetings". I was informed that a handful of members organised such a meeting at the neurotox conference held in San Diego, this March. From my own experience I can report on a reunion of close to 20 members and candidates at the romantic Peder Oxe's restaurant in Copenhagen. This meeting was skillfully organised by Ole Ladefoged and Leif Simonsen for members attending the neurobehavioral methods conference at the WHO European Regional Office.

INA meeting in the Netherlands, 1986:

At this event, I had the pleasure to announce the forthcoming neurotoxicology meeting scheduled for next year. Jacob Hooisma and his colleagues from the TNO have offered to organise a meeting in the Netherlands, and left it to INA to form the scientific committee. Perhaps, the Dutch Toxicological Society will also get involved. The idea is to offer a platform for those members and invited toxicologists who are not terribly interested in our recent activities focussed on neurobehavioral toxicology. The meeting will be held at a remote place with little distraction, thereby allowing for extensive discussions and intensification of personal contacts. The first task of the scientific committee would be to define the principal issue of the meeting (e.g., substances, methods, problems, or new concepts), and to draw the outlines of a program. So, if interested in participating in the scientific committee, indicate it on the enclosed questionnaire.

What became of the neurobehavioral methods workshop?

Well, I had a hard time collecting money for this event, and I am not yet through with it. But I am at least able to present a program with some names on it. It is a pity that there are so few INA members on the list, even though I tried my best to bias the choice of invited persons. I might disclose to you, however, that we have a second list which will be activated if people on the list cannot come. Nevertheless, this workshop is an official initiative of my institute, not of our club, and so my influence is very, very limited. My new strategy is to enter by the back door, i.e. to invite the speakers and chairmen to join INA. And, what is more, members will be the first choice for the meeting next year, and every further meeting that we are going to organise.

What happened to the funny INA bathtub magazine?

Frankly, I did not have time to prepare the pilot edition carelessly announced to you in the last newsletter. But you were lazy as well. Your response to this project was virtually zero. Should we drop the whole idea and stick to our clubletters? There are too many scientific papers in the market anyway. The only thing obviously missing which comes to my mind is a negative results magazine.

Congress participations

- "Peripheral Nerve Study Group", Bern (Switzerl.1, Sept.9-12, 1985: Peter Spencer
- "Workshop on Neurobehavioral Effects of Solvents", Raleigh NC, October 1985: Charles Rebert
- Meeting organised by the Society of Neuroscience, Dallas (USA), October 1985: Lucia Costa

Bits and pieces

I have the honour to announce to you the marriage of two of our ladies, whose former names are not difficult to guess when you read their new ones: Franziska de Souza - del Vecchio from Switzerland and Odile Piot-Grosjean from France. Congratulations on behalf of the club!

Our British member Huw Bowen Jones, formerly Carshalton, is now with SMITH, KLINE 8 FRENCH RESEARCH LTD., THE FRYTHE, WELWYN (HERTFORDSHIRE) AL6 9AR, ENGLAND. Good luck to him in his new position!

New members, new reading list

Before I close, I would like to draw your attention to a couple of new members who would like to introduce themselves to the club by adding some abstracts to our reading list. You may also notice that we made the grade from references to abstracts, as was desired by the majority of members who send in the questionnaire attached to the 3rd newsletter. The last exception is being made for Tom Walsh, who mailed me a list of not less than 27 references!

Please, do not forget to return the the filled-in questionnaire, and to send in xeroxed abstracts of your latest papers. Good bye for this time, and good luck to all of you!

Best regards

Michael

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"NEUROBEHAVIORAL METHODS IN SAFETY ASSESSMENT OF CHEMICALS
AND DRUGS" (DUsseldorf, 16.-19.12.1985)
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Preliminary Program:

Monday evening: arrival of the participants

Tuesday morning:

Official welcome of the participants by the head of the
Medical Institute of Environmental Hygiene

"Evaluation Criteria for Neurobehavioral Tests"

Introductions:

- "Comparability und Reliability": Buelke-Sam
- "Sensitivity and Validity": Tilson

Chairman: Annau

Tuesday afternoon:

"Motor Behavior and Observational Batteries"

Introduction: Reiter

Chairman: Wolthuis

"Sensory Organs and Psychophysiology"

Introduction: Fox

Chairman: Rice

Wednesday morning:

"Learning and Memory"

Introductions:

- "Taste Aversion Learning and Positive Reinforcement": MacPhail
- "Avoidance Learning": Bignami

Chairman: Huston

"Emotion and Motivation"

Introduction: Cuomo

Chairman: Meieron

Wednesday afternoon:

"Pharmacological Challenges"

Introduction: Annau

Chairman: Walsh

"Animal Experimentation and Animal Protection"

Introduction and chairman: Huston

Thursday morning:

Summary: "Status and Perspectives"

Chairman: Winneke

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INA logo:

Do we need a club emblem? (Y/N) _____

If your answer is YES: _____

In your opinion, which of the 4 designs is the nicest? _____

FEEDBACK:

Was the INA directory a help in establishing new contacts? _____

Was it useful in intensifying existing contacts? _____

Did you start a collaboration with another club member? _____

Did you make use of the INA Reading List? _____

INA MEETING IN THE NETHERLANDS, 1986:

Would you be glad to be part of the scientific committee? _____

Which topics would you like to be included into the scientific program? (Up to 3 suggestions:)

Whom should we turn to for funding (with a realistic chance of success)?

CONGRESS PARTICIPATIONS:

Which congress(es) are you planning to attend?

Please indicate topic, place, and date:

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