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so as to have acceptable products of excellent commercial quality available.

A Task Force has been formed, headed by Dr. FINK, which includes Drs. WALK, BRAEM, Mr. NYFFELER and PIC. The first Meeting is to take place when Dr. SANDERS from Richmond visits Neuchatel.

IAM - Attended the 12th Meeting of the Scientific Sub-Committee of TAC. The Meeting was mainly devoted to reports on the activities of the different Working Groups, and the Formal and Informal Meetings between the ICSH and the RC. The Sub-Committee ratified the appointment of Dr. A. NEMES as Chairman of the new Working Group on ETS. Mr. D. BRIGGS will establish a Working Group on "Smoke Analytes" and the companies are requested to appoint delegates until mid-August.

Friday 10th : HGA and Mr. GEMBLER met in Vienna, at the offices of Austria Tabak, with the Director General Designate Mr. "BEPPPO" MAUHART, Drs. ROBERT LACHNER and HUBERT KLUS. The theme was ETS, HGA explained the PM position, and Mr. MAUHART outlined AT's plans for which he would like to obtain PM's support. In essence the idea is the following : The Austrian Minister of Health will oblige AT to finance an official hearing, organised under the patronage of the Health Minister, (in fact AT, with the help of friends, will have to do the preparatory work), on the subject of ETS. The world's leading scientists will be invited to this hearing. Based on the scientific evidence available, there cannot be any doubt as to the conclusions which will be reached at the end of the hearing. This will enable the Health Minister to take a decisive position, which would be unattackable on scientific and political

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grounds. The hearing should take place early in 1988. Mr. MAUHART went on to explain and develop additional and rather grandiose plans in the PR area, which culminate in the year 1992. This is the year of the 500th Anniversary of the discovery of the Americas by Columbus.

Tuesday 14th : IAM - Received Dr. Y. ROMANENS, the recently appointed Scientific Attaché to the ASFC. This visit is part of his training programme and its aim was to introduce him to our Scientific Documentation Centre.

Wednesday 15th : IAM - Travelled to Delft with PIC. Visit to Mr. M. HISSINK at the Netherlands Organisation for Applied Scientific Research, Division Technology for Society (TNO). The aim of the visit was to watch part of the experiments being carried out in relation with Project BATH. The first experiment concerning the taste intensity evaluation in which the smokers had to give their evaluation for ease of lighting, taste intensity and ease of draw for each pair of cigarettes smoked among three types : A-Barclay with an overlay covering the brand name, B-as"A" with two layers of tipping paper at the mouth end without recess, C-as"B" with an overtipping paper of 1 mm recess. Mr. HISSINK said that TNO could carry out some research on indoor air quality and ETS.

Thursday 16th : Rumours were heard in Germany that allegedly Prof. OBERLA (the former Head of the BGA) had omitted to take appropriate action, when he was in charge of the BGA, to ensure that the plasma in blood banks was screened for HIV and that, as a consequence, several thousand haemophiliacs contracted AIDS. Should this be true, Prof.

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