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**Cc:** Schepers, Georg; Walk, Roger A.; Reininghaus, Wolf  
**Subject:** Nicotine ADME Meeting

Dear Ruth:

Wolf passed your letter on the above subject to me and asked me to answer, since he left for vacation.

We are certainly supporting the idea of such a workshop and suggest that Philip Morris should co-sponsor this activity. We agree with John Gorrod that there are still a lot of open questions regarding the exact molecular mechanism of nicotine activation, its biokinetics, and genetic influences. Up until recently, we at INBIFO have in general not worked with human samples. However, depending on the timeline of the planned meeting, results of the nicotine polymorphism study (in cooperation with A. Tricker, R. Rylander, and J. Ingelman-Sundberg) and various exposure studies (Roger's Human Studies Group in cooperation with Covance and INBIFO) might already be available (to be expected later this year).

John Gorrod also raised the question whether the scientific community at large should be admitted to such a meeting. I would strongly recommend to have an open meeting. One idea would be to have it organized as a satellite meeting to any big meeting, such as one of the ISSX meetings. If I remember correctly, John Gorrod is the current president of ISSX.

I hope that this information is useful for you. Don't hesitate to call if you need further input.

Best regards,

Hans-Juergen