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Meeting between the Tobacco Advisory Council and the  
Independent Scientific Committee on Smoking and Health  
held on Thursday, 13th June 1985 at Glen House,  
Stag Place, London SW1E 5AG

<u>Present:</u>	Mr. B.C. Simpson	Chief Executive TAC (In the Chair)
	Dr. P. Froggatt	ISC
	Dr. F.A. Fairweather	"
	Professor D.E. Poswillo	"
	Mr. R.E. Waller	DHSS
	Mr. B. Slater	"
	Mr. D. Thorpe	BAT
	Dr. R.E. Thornton	"
	Dr. A.J. Nelves	Gallaher
	Dr. R.R. Boxall	"
	Mr. T.C.H. King	ITL
	Mr. W.C. Owen	"
	Dr. H. Gaisch	Philip Morris
	Mr. G.W. Moore	Rothmans
	Dr. R.W.J. Williams	"
	Mr. H.B. Grice	Executive Director TAC
	Mr. D.R. Emery	TAC
	Dr. J.D. Backhurst	"

1. Apologies

No apologies had been received.

2. Minutes of the meeting held on 10th January 1985 (TG194)

It was agreed that these Minutes were a correct record of the proceedings of the meeting held on 10th January 1985.

3. Matters arising from the MinutesItem 2 - Progress of Monitoring Research

Mr. Waller reported on the following developments since the last meeting:

a) Dundee

The three year project into disease and coronary risk factors in the Scottish population had started and there would shortly be a press statement.

b) Harwell study

The ISC had agreed that the study to be undertaken at Harwell should go ahead. It has been designed as an adjunct to epidemiological studies to measure the uptake of tar from different types of cigarettes.

c) Other new proposals

The ISC are considering other applications but several are not viable under the terms of the TPRT. A study by Richard Peto on myocardial infarction is under consideration.

Item 4 - Smoking machine parameters

The industry's scientists had discussed smoking machine parameters for measurement of smoke yield with Mr. Phillips, LGC. Mr. Phillips had been preparing a paper, a draft of which had been seen by the ISC, which concluded that changing the smoking machine parameters does not materially change the ranking of cigarettes with respect to tar delivery. The industry will have an opportunity to see a final paper, which does not mention brand names, before publication.

Item 5 - Smoke analytes

The draft of a paper from the LGC on the yield of five smoke analytes in addition to tar, carbon monoxide and nicotine has now been released to the Research Directors. This work, on seventy five brands, had been carried out at the request of the ISCSH and the results had been considered by the ISCSH at the meeting on 6th June 1985 who had confirmed that the data should be published but had not decided on the form or place of publication.

Members of TAC expressed serious reservations concerning the use of brand names in any such report for publication. The cigarettes used were from Survey 18 (October '82 - March '83) and all brands analysed routinely by the LGC for tar, carbon monoxide and nicotine were not analysed for the additional analytes. If brand data were published then the ISCSH would need to advise consumers of the relevance of the analytes and the variations in analyses.

Dr. Froggatt said that the ISCSH would wish to make the data available to bona fide researchers who would be in a position to interpret it. At present, no decision has been taken about any commentary on the data. The yields of the analytes were small and the significance to health was uncertain. It was not necessary that the toxicity of an analyte was determined before publishing any results. The next meeting of the ISCSH will be held toward the end of October 1985 and the Committee would consider any further views of the industry on the form and place of publication of the data.

#### Item 7 - Additives to Cigarette Papers

Additives to cigarette papers had been considered by the ISCSH who require additional information about the level of nitrate used on imported cigarettes. A supplement on "Additives to Paper" would be published in the London Gazette; this would include iron oxide but not calcium nitrate.

#### Other business, item (a) - Testing of Imported Cigarettes

TAC said that the level of sales that determined the need for the LGC to test cigarettes for tar, carbon monoxide and nicotine delivery should remain at 10 million per annum. All brands (Home Trade and Imported) selling in excess of this value should be tested by the LGC.

#### 4. Monitoring Research

##### a) Progress of Research

###### - St. Thomas's Hospital Medical School

The pre-pilot stage has been completed although considerable difficulty had been experienced in finding suitable subjects. The response rate of 1 in 100 was low and it was not clear whether the sample would be representative. The price charged for the cigarettes was not a barrier to participation. The uptake of nicotine had been monitored for each of the two cigarettes, using a simple colorimetric test on smoker's urine, and the results indicated that there had been considerable compensation by the low tar smokers. A paper on the urine test had been published in Thorax and the findings of the research were presented at the UICC Conference recently held in Moscow. The pilot study has been approved by the ISCSH and the estimated costs of the main study are being checked. It may be necessary to include an additional cigarette (high nicotine/low tar) to investigate the nicotine compensation hypothesis. Dr. Froggatt was not able to forecast the date on which this project would be completed.

###### - St. Bartholomew's Hospital Medical School

The number of smokers in the BUPA group had proved to be smaller than anticipated. An alternative group from sections of the Civil Service has been formed and the study is now proceeding.

##### b) Objectives of the Tobacco Products Research Trust

TAC enquired if the Research Symposia being arranged were a legitimate charge against the Trust which was set up to finance large scale epidemiological monitoring studies. Although the symposia and in vitro studies may be covered by the terms of the Trust they did not appear to meet the spirit of the Trust.

Dr. Froggatt said that the symposium, 'Role of nicotine and other factors in maintaining the smoking habit' was seen to fall within the Trust's terms as it promoted research in this area. Following the seminar a monograph would be published. The ISCSH does not intend diverting its efforts from the prime objective and has no desire to work outside the Trust. The ISCSH would proceed with the activities and, if necessary, face any challenge concerning the terms of the Trust.

c) Projected Cash Flow

It was agreed that a copy of the audited accounts for the last financial year should be sent to TAC. After a decision has been taken on further research studies to be funded by the Trust, a forecast will be produced with a projected cash flow. The present commitments indicated that the Trust would not require further funding before the Autumn of 1986.

d) Cigarettes for Research

Additional supplies of cigarettes for the St. Thomas's Hospital Medical Study will now be required. These will be arranged directly with the member companies.

The ISCSH is considering the introduction of a third cigarette product. This would be a low tar cigarette but the required nicotine level would be that associated with a middle tar cigarette. TAC members said that a cigarette with a tar/nicotine ratio outside conventional limits becomes unacceptable to the smoker and the industry does not manufacture such products; further details should be given to TAC for consideration.

It was noted that Dr. Fairweather and Mr. Waller will discuss 'tar quality' with TAC companies.

5. Other business

The ISCSH has reframed its advertisement inviting applications for funding of research projects by the TPRT. It is anticipated by the ISCSH that the new advertisement will generate applications for funding outside the terms of the TPRT but these will be forwarded to other bodies for consideration. This falls within the function of the ISCSH whose role is to advise Government on all aspects of smoking and health.

6. Date of next meeting

The next meeting between TAC and the ISCSH was provisionally arranged for 11.00 a.m. on Tuesday, 7th January 1986 at Glen House.