

POLLUTION AND INSURANCE WORKING PARTY PRODUCT LIABILITY WORKING PARTY

These two Working Parties of AIDA have a long history of working closely together. They now plan to merge, under the new name of the "AIDA Working Party on Liability and Insurance for Pollution, Products and New Technologies". The merger will be discussed at a forthcoming meeting of the Presidential Council of AIDA.

In May, the combined Working Parties met in Brussels. The main subjects discussed were damage and injury caused (allegedly) by EMFs, alternatives to liability insurance and the European Commission's ideas on pollution legislation.

As regards EMFs a representative of Swiss Re gave an international perspective over the legal problems which may arise from EMFs. The Working Party discussed a case study,* which is now being circulated to Members.

As regards pollution, Carla de Vries, of the Legal Department of DGXI gave a brief history of the Commission's proposals to deal with environmental pollution, and finished by foreshadowing the Commission's White Paper expected early in 1998.

The next meeting of the Working Party will take place in Oslo in February, in final preparation for the AIDA World Congress in Maraakech, in May 1998. The Working Party expects to make extensive presentations of its current studies.

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* Copies available from the Editor.