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Dear colleague,

first of all let me say thanks for all the letters you sent me, and especially for those remarks about the usefulness of INA. If your letter has been unanswered as yet, do not despare! Now that the data base is established, I hope to be able to answer every single letter within a reasonable delay.

Included with this club letter, you will find the rest of the INA professional directory. The design of the lists was changed to allow for three categories within each subject: agents, methods, and problems. I felt that this classification of your responses to the questionnaire might help to make the lists more readable. For instance, anybody interested in a particular substance is now able to scan the lists very effectively for people using the same substance, or who are planning to use it. The obvious drawback of the later rearrangement of your data from the questionnaire is that those persons only specifying on methods which they use, will not be contained in the "agents" or "problems" list. So, please check the printouts, and if you feel that I have done you wrong, just send back the completed application form which is also included with this letter. Those of you who are happy with the lists may use the new application form for new members, or for the up-date of the database next year.

The preparation of the workshop on "Neurobehavioral Methods in safety assessment" is successfully going on. The meeting is scheduled for December 16th-19th this year and will be held in a historical castle next to Duesseldorf. Depending on the availability of funds, a smaller or larger number of the contributors to the book on "neurobehavioral methods" will be invited to Duesseldorf. The book is due to appear in about two years as part of a series on "Techniques in Behavioral and Neural Sciences", which is edited by professor J.P. Huston and will be published by Elsevier.

Coming to those of you who are not particularly interested in behavioral toxicology, I also have good news for you: when I visited the laboratory of Dr. Wolhuis the other day, they showed me a copy of a Dutch toxicology journal named TCDD. It is a funny kind of magazine covering all sorts of professional information ranging from abstracts, reprinted newspaper articles, and congress announcements to cartoons and laboratory jokes. To give you an impression of what it is like, I am planning to make a pilot edition together with Frank Elstermeier, who is a colleague of mine, and also an INA member. But, of course, we are not able to do it alone. So, if anybody is inclined to help us, please contact us. At least send in what you have in your drawer, and what falls into one of the above mentioned categories.

Best personal regards, Micheal