

1st Announcement

10TH INTERNATIONAL HCH AND PESTICIDES FORUM

07 – 09 September, 2009, Brno, Czech Republic

Venue: Hotel Continental, Kounicova 6, Brno, Czech Republic

THEME:

Obsolete stockpiles of pesticides in the Central European and EECCA Countries and other regions – state-of-the-art of the solution of these problems 5 years after the Stockholm Convention has come into force

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Central and Eastern European Regional POPs Centre
Federal Environment Agency of Germany (UBA)
Institute of Health, Ostrava, Czech Republic
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HOST ORGANIZATIONS:

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- Ministry of Agriculture, Czech Republic
- Ministry of Health, Czech Republic
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SPONSORED BY:

- Ministry of Environment of the Czech Republic
- FAO - GEF funded project “Capacity building on Obsolete and POPs Pesticides in Eastern European, Caucasus and Central Asia Countries (EECCA) countries
- Czech industry – under negotiations
- European Crop Protection Association (ECPA) – under negotiations
- BMU Germany - under negotiations
- Tauw Group, The Netherlands - under negotiations

BACKGROUND:

The aim of 10th International HCH and Pesticide Forum is to present and discuss the problems connected with a huge amount of obsolete pesticides in the regions of Central and Eastern Europe, Central Asia and many others around the Globe, their inventory, present amounts and elimination, which had started successfully during the previous nine Fora. This Forum is undertaken under the framework of the Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants (POPs) five years after the Convention has come into force. Special attention will be given to solve the problems with obsolete pesticides in the Central and Eastern European region.

OBJECTIVES:

The Forum objectives are:

- To review of past and ongoing activities in the field of obsolete pesticides problems in Central European and *EECCA* Countries, Africa, Asia and South America – what has happened during the last twenty years ?
- What has been realized from the 9th Forum recommendations ?
- To discuss the national and regional strategies, action plans and financial resources for elimination of the obsolete pesticides – from discussion to action
- To review and exchange technologies and experiences for inventory, risk assessment, environmental impact assessment of central stores, environmentally sound management, storage and destruction of obsolete pesticides and contaminated soils
- Awareness raising of the obsolete pesticides problems globally, regionally, nationally, locally;

APPROACH:

The preliminary programme of the 10th Forum includes three days discussions and one day field trip on the 10th of September.

Special workshops on (preliminary version):

- Progress in the FAO-GEF Regional project on “Capacity building on Obsolete and POPs Pesticides in nine Eastern European, Caucasus and Central Asian (EECCA) countries”
- Status of UNEP-GEF Regional Project: “Demonstrating and Scaling Up Sustainable Alternatives to DDT for the control of vector borne diseases in Southern Caucasus and Central Asia”
- Monitoring of obsolete pesticides and harmonization of investigation methods, risk assessment strategies for different pathways and exchange of data
- MONET network for monitoring of persistent organic pollutants in ambient air in the Central and Eastern Europe, Central Asia and Africa
- Progress of technological solutions in the field: “incineration and alternative technologies”
- Non-technological issues: Organizational, legal, and communication aspects of clean-ups

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PARTICIPANTS:

Representatives of scientific communities, governmental administration, NGO's and business associations from Central European and EECCA Countries, and international organizations with experience on obsolete pesticides.

Participants are invited to submit short abstracts of their oral or poster presentations (1 page) in English and to take part in the discussions both in plenary sessions and/or in the working groups. The Forum book of abstracts will be printed in English before the Forum. The Forum Book, containing the full papers of the communications, will be printed in English after the Forum. The Forum Book and resulting documents will be also published after the Forum on the IHPA site.

LANGUAGES:

English

REGISTRATION FORM:

Registration will be managed electronically via the RECETOX web site <http://recetox.muni.cz/index-en.php>. Electronic registration will be opened on 01 December 2008

Rules for abstract and paper preparation will be published in the Second Announcement and will be available on the RECETOX website.

You will have an opportunity to distribute promotional material among participants.

CONDITIONS OF PARTICIPATION, CONFERENCE FEE

Submitting the electronic Registration Form is required if you wish to have your oral or poster presentation included in the Forum schedule.

The Forum participation fee is € 200,-. This covers participation in all presentations, coffee breaks, two lunches, reception, field trip and a "Forum bag" which includes the book of abstracts and later delivery of the 'Forum Book'.

ACCOMMODATION:

The Organizers will help you to book a hotel room.

List of hotels including student hostels will be added, reservation of the accommodation will be a part of electronic registration.

Sponsorship for participation in the Forum is relevant for limited number of candidates from countries with economies in transition.

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