



# 12<sup>th</sup> Int. HCH and Pesticides Forum

## PRE-ANNOUNCEMENT

November 06-08, 2013, Kiev, Ukraine

This pre-announcement is made on frequent requests to inform all interested parties to reserve their time for the forum and to be able to inscribe at the earliest stadium for the Forum

### Venue:

Will be announced soon

### Theme:

**12<sup>th</sup> Forum 10 years after the 7<sup>th</sup> forum in Kiev: what has been achieved in a decade in Ukraine – what is Ukraine's role for the other EECCA countries**

### Organizers:

- International HCH & Pesticides Association (IHPA), The Netherlands
- Ministry of Environment and Natural Resources, Ukraine

### Sponsored by:

- EU-FAO financed Project "Improving capacities to eliminate and prevent recurrence of obsolete pesticides as a model for tackling unused hazardous chemicals in the former Soviet Union"
- GEF-UNEP-WHO Project "Demonstrating and Scaling-up of Sustainable Alternatives to DDT in Vector Management Global Programme"
- SI Group, Ukraine
- Federal Environment Agency of Germany (UBA)
- Free University of Berlin

### Background:

The aim of 12<sup>th</sup> 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, Caucasus and Central Asia and many others around the Globe, their inventory, present amounts and elimination, which had started successfully during the previous eleven Fora. This Forum is undertaken in the light of the achievements being made since the 7<sup>th</sup> Forum being held exactly a decade ago in Ukraine and this is an ideal moment to make status of progress and to introduce new important initiatives that will lead to a sustainable strategy to finally solve this problem. Further development of a parallel strategy for a sustainable agriculture using less chemicals and avoiding new obsolete pesticides. It is also taking into account the developments being followed by the Public Hearing in the European Parliament in June 2010, which has become a milestone for stronger engagement of EU Commission with other stakeholders

### Objectives:

The Forum objectives are:





- To make status of the developments and new plans in Ukraine over the last decade, and assess if these developments can be used as example for other countries in the region and elsewhere
- 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 been realized from the 11th 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 12th Forum includes three days discussions and one day field trip on the 8th of November.

Special workshops on (preliminary version) are proposed:

- **High Level Section on Public-Private Partnership on establishment of investment platform for work towards sustainable Clean-up of Obsolete and POPs pesticides and other POPs in the FSU in the next decade (organised by Bram de Borst, Chair IHPA)**
- Progress in the EU funded FAO Project “Improving capacities to eliminate and prevent recurrence of obsolete pesticides as a model for tackling unused hazardous chemicals in the former Soviet Union”
- Newly listed POPs and Dioxin/U- POPs in the Stockholm Convention (Roland Weber, POPs Environmental Consulting)
- 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”
- Ukraine: Achievements over the last decade and plans for the future (organised by Mikhail Malkov, IHPA Ambassador for Ukraine)
- New developments and experiences in Southeast Asia
- Monitoring as a tool for effectiveness evaluation of the conventions and directives measures (organised by Ivan Holoubek, RECETOX)
- Progress of technological solutions in the field: “incineration and alternative technologies”
- Non-technological issues: Organizational, legal, and communication aspects of clean-ups
- African Experience in Management of Obsolete Pesticides (organised by Michael Hansen, Ramboll)
- Effectiveness of the international conventions – words of declarations vs. solving of real problems (organised by Ivan Holoubek, RECETOX)
- Pesticides Management: “MORE FOOD LESS RISK” (Organised by FAO)
- Health problems at obsolete pesticides sites (organised by Margret Schlumpf, Green Tox)
- The added value of the classification POP pesticides dumpsite (organised by Boudewijn Fokke, Tauw & Marten van der Wijk, Witteveen + Bos)
- “Education and awareness raising; a need and a must” including “Pesticides Children education” (organised by Vladimir Shevtsov GreenCross and Sandra Molenkamp Milieucontact international)





- Workshop Bioavailability (organised by Konstantin Terytze, German Environment Agency)

## National Scientific and Program Committee:

Preparation is ongoing

## International Scientific and Program Committee:

Preparation is ongoing

### CONDITIONS OF PARTICIPATION, CONFERENCE FEE

Submitting the electronic Registration Form (<http://www.hchforum.com/registration.php>) is required if you wish to have your oral or poster presentation included in the Forum schedule.

- The Forum participation fee is € 200,-. The fee has to be paid during the electronic registration. This covers participation in all presentations, coffee breaks, three lunches, welcome reception and dinner, field trip, site- which includes the book of abstracts and later delivery of the electronic version of the „Forum Book“.

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