



2nd Announcement

13th Int. HCH and Pesticides Forum

November 03-06, 2015, Zaragoza, Spain

Venue:

WTCZ – World Trade Center Zaragoza

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Theme:

13th HCH & Pesticides Forum, 20 years after the 3rd Forum in Bilbao: the legacy of the lindane production in Spain and “Lessons learned”

Organizers:

- International HCH & Pesticides Association (IHPA), The Netherlands
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- Departamento de Agricultura, ganadería y Medio Ambiente, Gobierno de Aragón ,España
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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"
- EU LIFE + Programme, project "Lab to field, soil remediation demonstrative project: new ISCO application to DNAPL Multicomponent environmental problem" (DISCOVERED LIFE)
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Background:

Almost 20 years later, the international meeting of experts on issues related to obsolete pesticides meet again in Spain. In its 13th edition, the International HCH and Pesticides Forum will address the issue of lindane and the consequences of mismanagement have had on the Spanish territory.

This Forum is undertaken under the framework of the LIFE + Environment Programme, in which the European Commission has awarded the project "*Lab to field, soil remediation demonstrative project: new ISCO application to environmental Multicomponent DNAPL problem*" (DISCOVERED LIFE) under implementation in Sabiñánigo, Spain.

From the 3rd to the 6th of November 2015, Zaragoza will be the meeting place for hundreds of researchers, experts, environmentalists and representatives from countries affected by mismanagement of pesticides and POPs, among others groups, who will give evidence of progress in research to reduce and eliminate pollution, caused by the lindane production and the related HCH wastes being dumped everywhere and more precisely in the Bailin bedrock near the Pyrenees.

A critical reflection on the past and present situation of consequences of pesticides production and management in Spain will allow the evaluation of different solutions to specific problems and build bridges between the wide range of actors and affected countries. The purpose of this meeting will facilitate the exchange of related problems arising from the manufacture of pesticides and promote international cooperation in finding solutions experiences and enable transfer of practical solutions.





Objectives:

The Forum objectives are:

- To review of past and ongoing activities in the field of obsolete pesticides problems in Spain, Central European and EECCA Countries, Africa, Asia and South America.
- What has been realized from the 12th Forum recommendations for concrete actions in the EECCA region?
- 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.
- Show successful regional and national initiatives, engagement of NGOs and academic institutions.
- To make status of the national legislation over the last decade and the environmental responsibility issues and assess if these developments can be used as example for other countries in the region and elsewhere.

Approach:

Advances for the solution of the problem caused by pesticides will only succeed if it is approached from a joint perspective in which technical, political, economic and social entities collaborate establishing cooperation for mutual benefit.

The aim of the forum is to provide support to achieve political commitments which go to the European regional sphere, facilitating knowledge transfer, resource optimization and utilization of available technologies, all with the aim of achieving specific goals.

The preliminary programme of the 13th Forum includes three days discussions and one day field trip on November, the 6th.

Topics:

Special workshops in this preliminary version are the following Topics and workshops proposed:

1.-THE SPANISH EXPERIENCES: The lindane production in Spain and lessons learned

Chairs: Joaquín Guadaño & Regina Rodriguez & Juan José Mestre

- Historical development
- ISCO development and first results
- Strategy and results of Landfill development for HCH-Waste
- Spanish cases: Galicia, Basque Country





2.-RESULTS EU-FAO FINANCED PROJECT: “Improving capacities to eliminate and prevent recurrence of obsolete pesticides as for tackling unused hazardous chemicals in the EECCA region”.

The road map to establishing Environmental Sound Management (ESM) of POPs pesticides and other hazardous waste in the EECCA Region

Chairs: Bram de Borst, John Vijgen and Richard Thompson

- Results and summaries for the region
- National Country Reports

3.-COUNTERFEIT PESTICIDES AND EMPTY CONTAINERS

Chairs: Mikhail Malkov and Rob Denny

- Empty containers
- System approach to counteracting to fake chemicals trade
- Public awareness as a significant part of counteracting to fake pesticides trade
- Structural changes of customs services for transparency and accountability;
- Training customs agents in high probability detection of counterfeit pesticides;
- Training customs agents in sampling, chain of custody, case preparation for import management;
- The use of state oversight of container management programmes for removal of excess containers that could be used for refilling with counterfeits and detection of sources of counterfeits.

4.-HEALTH & SAFETY BLOCK

Chairs: Margret Schlumpf & Walter Lichtensteiger & Ana Ferrer Dufol

- Health and safety during works
- Toxicology
- Environmental control
- Risks and exposure

5.-NEW POPs AND DIOXINS

Chairs: Roland Weber & Mihaela Paun

- Developments and experiences in the field of New POPs and Dioxins

6.-WASTE AND SOIL TECHNOLOGIES BLOCK

Chairs: Nick Morgan & Angels Castellnou

- Waste Management experiences
- Destruction technologies
- In-Situ remediation technologies





- Cement kiln as part of Waste & Resource Management Infrastructure
 - Hazardous waste co-processing
 - PCB disposal by cement kiln co-processing
 - Pesticide disposal by cement kiln co-processing
 - MSW solution in Metropool in Emerging Economies
- Experiences of treatment of New POPs industrial chemicals like fluorinated and brominated components
- Experiences of treatment of asbestos

7.-PCB MANAGEMENT

Chairs: Dirk-Jan Hoogendoorn & Ed Verhamme

- PCB Management experiences
- Destruction Technologies
- New Technologies
- Logistics with PCB's & PCB equipment

8.-SPECIAL COUNTRY SESSION ON TAJIKISTAN: STATUS – PROBLEMS – ACTION PLANS, KNOW HOW AND TECHNOLOGY NEEDS

Chair: Maurice Jutz & Khayrullo Ibodzoda & Wouter Pronk

- History of obsolete pesticides sites in Tajikistan
- Exposure and risks for the population in the past, present and future
- National and international projects for inventarisation and sanitation
- Planning the future, the costs of non-action, Plans for Tajikistan
- Sustainable agriculture in Tajikistan

9.-ENVIRONMENTAL RESPONSIBILITY BLOCK

Chair: Ludwig Krämer

- Costs and liability questions concerning lindane from remarkable cases in Europe

10.-SOIL BIOREMEDIATION

Chair: Rocio Millán Gómez

- Implementation of measures
- Elimination of barriers of by administrators
- New developments

11.-LANDFILLS IN EECCA COUNTRIES: TRANSFER OF EXPERIENCES FROM BAILIN ARAGON

Chairs: Boudewijn Fokke & Marten van der Wijk & Pedro de Miguel Sánchez

- Developments on investigations, plans and clean-up of pesticides landfills





12.-EDUCATION AND AWARENESS RAISING PROGRESS AND ACHIEVEMENTS

Chairs: Wouter Pronk & Sandra Molenkamp

13.-GEF-UNEP-WHO PROJECT “DEMONSTRATING AND SCALING-UP OF SUSTAINABLE ALTERNATIVES TO DDT IN VECTOR MANAGEMENT GLOBAL PROGRAMME”

Chair: Stephan Robinson & Mijke Hertoghs

14.-CASES STUDIES BLOCK

Chairs: Jesús Fernández Cascán

- Practical issues
- Issues proposed: Flix case

15. PROSPECTS FOR THE 14TH FORUM WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF EXPO 2017 IN ASTANA

Chair: Representative of the Ministry of Energy & National coordinator for 14th Forum in Kazakhstan

- A brief statement and a formal announcement of the Vice Minister of Energy of the 14th Forum in Astana
- Presentation by the representative of the EXPO
- The relevance of the problems of obsolete pesticides in Kazakhstan

Scientific and Program Committee: Organization Committee:

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Conference Publishing:

13th Abstract Book:

The Abstract Book will be available at the Forum materials. It will be distributed to Forum participants at the beginning of the 13th Forum. It will include the abstracts of the conference papers received with the title, name(s) of author(s) and key words. Each summary will not exceed an A4 half page.

13th Forum proceedings (Traditional Forum Book):

The traditional Forum Book will be published after the 13th Forum. The presented conference papers (minimum three pages) will be published after the Forum on the IHPA web-site (www.ihpa.info) and in the Discovered Life Project web-site (www.lifediscovered.es). The materials will be published in their original forms as received from the authors. No additional editing works will be done. The authors are fully responsible for the content of their conference papers.

Conference papers and submission – **NEW PROCEDURES!**

Please note that for this forum applicants will only have to submit a minimum of (3) three A4 pages, which will be used for the final 13th Forum Book.

The conference paper should be three A4 pages minimum long and **prepared according to following example- PLEASE USE THIS FORMAT TO WRITE YOUR PAPER. DOWNLOAD IT IN THE FOLLOWING LINK: <http://www.hchforum.com/downloadArea.php>**

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Full paper (for the Forum Book): Minimum 3 X A4 pages

TITLE NOT TO EXCEED 200 CHARACTERS – WRITTEN IN BOLD, CAPITAL LETTERS AND CENTERED, TIMES NEW ROMAN FONT, SIZE 12, CENTER-ADJUSTED

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Abstract

All conference papers should start with a half page introduction or abstract with the following contents: brief description of background and the aim of the study. The abstract should state briefly (half page) and specifically what the paper reports and summarize the conclusions. Point out new information and indicate the relevance of the work.

All the abstracts of the papers received with the title, name(s) of author(s) and key words will be included in the Abstract Book which will be available at the Forum materials. It will be distributed to Forum participants at the beginning of the 13th Forum.

Use Times New Roman, size 12. Abstract must be written in English.

Key Words

Use a maximum of 5-10 key words. Use Times New Roman Font, size 12.

Materials and methods

Provide a succinct description of the materials and methods used in your study. Use Times New Roman Font, size 12.

Reference should be numbered and used as in the example below. Use only the most recent and necessary references.

Example of reference citation: Exposure to HCHs results in diverse toxic effects including hepatic toxicity and cancer promotion, disruption of lipid and glucose metabolism¹.

Example of reference citation: Oxidation test in situ was performed as previously described².

Results and discussion

Present and discuss findings of your study. Use Times New Roman Font, size 12

Example of reference citation: One previous study proposed that initial proving of equipment and controls was performed with non contaminated soil, to avoid PCB and delays in this phase³

Acknowledgements:

Please include acknowledgements, including funding sources. Use Times New Roman, pt 12.

References: (Example) Use Times New Roman, size 12

1. García, J. S., and Jones, L. S. (2009) *Journal of Science and Toxicology*, Part C 27, 150-203.
2. Jamison, M. A, Rogers, J. M., Rose, S. R., Jones, N. (2002) In *Current Protocols in ISCO technique* (Mathew, K. S., Ed.), pp 4.8.1-4.8.45, John Watson, New York.
3. Henry, E. C., and Gasiewicz, T. A. (2008) *Pesticide Action Network* 328, 70-125

Notes:

-The text must be written in English. Use standard abbreviations only.

-Tables and figures should be embedded in the text, they must be clear and simple and they should be properly identified with number and text which explain the figure/table.

-A high quality of figures and tables is required in order to ensure the publication of the Forum Book. PDF, JPEG or similar formats are accepted as long as the files have a high quality.





-Measurements should be expressed in SI/units.

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Full paper: minimum 3 pages with a half page abstract

Page setup: A4, Top 2,5 cm, bottom 2,5 cm, left and right 2,5 cm

-Conference paper submission:

The conference papers must be sent to the Organizing Committee by e-mail to: 13HCHforum@gmail.com and john.viigen@ihpa.info

The deadline for the submission will be before June 30th, 2015.

PLEASE REMEMBER THE DEADLINE FOR THE SUBMISSION IS BEFORE JUNE 30TH!!

The deadline for the approval of papers will be before July 20th, 2015.

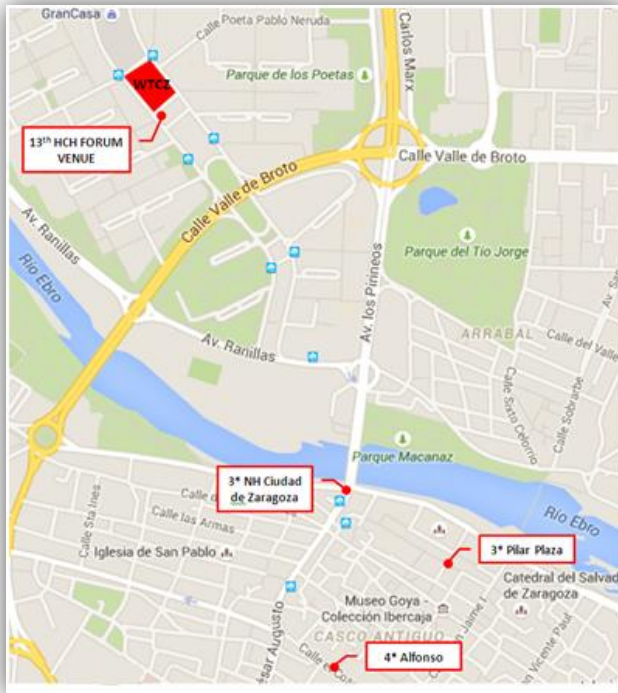
Participants will receive the notification of approval by mail.

Accommodation:

For participants at the 13th HCH Forum in Zaragoza, special Forum rates are available at the hotels listed below:

HOTEL NAME	HOTEL ADDRESS	DOUBLE ROOM	DOUBLE ROOM (single use)
		Breakfast included	
Hotel Pilar Plaza 3* http://www.hotelpilarplaza.es/	Plaza Nuestra Señora del Pilar 11, 50003 Zaragoza	€ 59	€ 53
Hotel NH Ciudad de Zaragoza 3* http://www.nh-hoteles.es/hotel/nh-ciudad-de-zaragoza	Avenida César Augusto, 125, 50003 Zaragoza	€ 66	€ 61
Hotel Alfonso 4* http://www.palafoxhoteles.com/hotel-alfonso	Calle Coso 15-17-19, 50003 Zaragoza	€ 90	€ 80





The Organizers can help you to arrange your trip!

You can make a reservation in these hotels contacting us at dga@halconviajes.com indicating in the mail subject "13 HCH Forum Booking" and the Official Travel Agency of the 13th Forum will help you with all your travel details such as hotel room, flight and train to Zaragoza or any other special request.

Tentative schedule of the 13th Forum:

The Forum organizers are planning a three-day program consisting of three session days and one day post conference field trip.

Monday, November 02, 2015

Arrival of participants - registration and arrangement of accommodation

Tuesday, November 03, 2015

09:30 – 10:00 – Opening ceremony

10:00 – 11:00 – Political Block

11:00 – 11:30 – Coffee break

11:30 – 12:30 – Political Block 2

12:30 – 14:30 – Presentations

14:30 – 16:00 – Lunch (Sponsored by EMGRISA)

16:00 – 19:00 – Presentations

19:30 – 21:30 – Zaragoza Tour

21:30 – Dinner (Sponsored by TRADEBE)

Wednesday, November 04, 2015

09:00 – 11:00 – Presentations

11:00 – 11:30 – Coffee break

11:30 – 13:30 – Presentations

13:30 – 15:00 – Lunch

15:00 – 17:00 – Presentations

17:00 – 17:30 – Coffee break

17:30 – 19:30 – Presentations

19:30 – 20:00 – Discovering Lindane – The legacy of HCH production. Discussion

20:30 – Dinner



Thursday, November 05, 2015

9:00 – 11:00 – Presentations

11:00 – 11:30 – Coffee break

11:30 – 12:00 – Bailin dismantling Video and explanation to prepare the field trip

12:00 – 13:30 – Presentations

13:30 – 14:30 – Closure session

14:30 – 16:00 – Closure Lunch (Sponsored by UTE FCC Ambito - Adiego Hnos.)

Thursday, November 05, 2015

ZARAGOZA AWARENESS SESSION OF PESTICIDES

Parallel to the Forum we will have an open doors afternoon session dedicated to the projection of some video/films/documentaries about POPs and pesticides in the Zaragoza city centre.

Open to all kind of public and free.

Venue: Joaquín Roncal from 17:00 – 21:00

Film Projections:

- *Discovering Lindane – The legacy of HCH production* by Arturo Hortas
- *Contaminated Future* by Morten Hansen and Tom Heinemann
- *When elephants dance, the grass get beaten* by Jan Van de Berg

Friday, November 06, 2015

Field trip to the dismantled landfill in Bailin (Huesca), visit to Sardas Landfill.

Departure of participants.

Conditions of participation:

Representatives of scientific communities, governmental administrations, NGOs and business associations from different countries, public bodies with responsibility and competences in the problem addressed and international organizations with experience on obsolete pesticides are welcome to participate in the 13th Forum.

Participants are invited to submit a minimum of three pages conference paper (including the summary) of their oral or poster presentations in English and to take part in the discussions both in plenary sessions and/or in the working groups.

Participants will have the opportunity to distribute promotional materials among participants.

Registration Fee:

Registration will be managed electronically via the HCH Forum website www.hchforum.com.

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

Electronic registration it is opened from March 2nd 2015.

The deadline for registration is: October 15th, 2015.





The Forum participation fee is € 200. The fee has to be paid during the electronic registration. This covers participation in all presentations, coffee breaks, lunches, welcome reception, dinner and field trip. The fee it will includes the later delivery of the electronic version of the “Forum Book”, as well as, a “13th Forum Bag” which includes the Abstract Book and some gifts.

You can participate as student in all sessions with a registration fee of € 100! The fee has to be paid during the electronic registration and it covers participation in all presentations, welcome reception and coffee breaks. The fee it will includes the later delivery of the electronic version of the “Forum Book”, as well as, a “13th Forum Bag” which includes the Abstract Book and some gifts. This fee will not include lunches, dinner and field trip.

Registration fee	€ 200	It covers: participation in all presentations, coffee breaks, lunches, welcome reception, dinners, field trip, Abstract Book, electronic Forum Book and 13 th Forum Bag
Student registration fee	€ 100	It covers: participation in all presentations, coffee breaks, welcome reception, Abstract Book, electronic Forum Book and 13 th Forum Bag
Please remind: Participants that have only registered and not paid the fee will be deleted from the registration!		

Languages:

Spanish, English and Russian, simultaneous translation will be available during the sessions.

Visa requirements:

Please note that all travellers to Spain with foreign passports listed in table below must now apply for a visa at Spanish Embassy or Consulate in their home country or the closest diplomatic representation of Spain, prior to making travel arrangements.

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Chad	China	Colombia	Comoros
Congo	Cote D’ivoire	Cuba	Dem. Rep. Of Congo
Djibouti	Dominica	Dominican Republic	Ecuador
Egypt	Equatorial Guinea	Eritrea	Ethiopia
Fiji	Gabon	Gambia	Georgia
Ghana	Grenada	Guinea	Guinea-Bissau
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Iran	Iraq	Jamaica	Jordan
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Kuwait	Kyrgyzstan	Laos	Lebanon
Lesotho	Liberia	Libya	Madagascar





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Mozambique	Namibia	Nauru	Nepal
Niger	Nigeria	North Korea	Northern Mariana's
Oman	Pakistan	Palau	Papua New Guinea
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Senegal	Sierra Leone	Solomon Islands	Somalia
South Africa	Sri Lanka	St Lucia	St Vincent & The
Sudan	Suriname	Swaziland	Syria
Tajikistan	Tanzania	Thailand	Timor-Leste
Togo	Tonga	Trinidad and Tobago	Tunisia
Turkey	Turkmenistan	Tuvalu	Uganda
Ukraine	United Arab Emirates	Uzbekistan	Vanuatu
Vietnam	Yemen	Zambia	Zimbabwe

Please contact nearest Embassy or Consulate of Spain to check your visa requirements, the average time for obtaining a visa can be from two to four months from the date of the application.

After the registration fee has been received, each participant may request an invitation letter for visa issuance. For this purpose the Spanish Consulate in your home country may need a collection of documents which can take a while.

You can find more extended information in the Download Area of the Forum website: <http://www.hchforum.com/downloadArea.php>

Contacts:

Our team is tried to do our best in order to prepare the Forum on the highest level. We'll always be at your disposal. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us any time, we'll be happy to assist you.

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