



1st Announcement

13th Int. HCH and Pesticides Forum

November 03-06, 2015, Zaragoza, Spain

Venue:

Under negotiation

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
- Ministerio de Agricultura Alimentación y Medio Ambiente, España
- Departamento de Agricultura, ganadería y Medio Ambiente, Gobierno de Aragón ,España
- Departamento Sanidad, Bienestar Social y Familia, Gobierno de Aragón, España
- SARGA, Sociedad Aragonesa de Gestión Agroambiental, España
- CHE, Confederación Hidrográfica del Ebro, España
- Emgrisa, Empresa para la gestión de residuos industriales S.A., España
- IGME, Instituto geológico y minero de España
- CSIC, Consejo Superior de Investigaciones Científicas, España
- Universidad de Zaragoza, Zaragoza, España
- Universidad de San Jorge, Zaragoza, España
- FAO, Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations
- UBA, Federal Environment Agency of Germany
- Free University of Berlin, Germany
- Green Cross, Switzerland
- GreenTox, Switzerland
- Milieucontact International, The Netherlands
- Orion b.v., The Netherlands
- POPs Environmental Consulting, Germany
- Ramboll Group, Denmark
- Tauw, The Netherlands
- University of Applied Sciences Northwestern Switzerland, School of Life Sciences
- Veolia, United Kingdom
- Witteveen + Bos, The Netherlands

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 + project "Lab to field, soil remediation demonstrative project: new ISCO application to DNAPL Multicomponent environmental problem" (DISCOVERED LIFE)
- GreenTox, Switzerland
- FCC Ambito S.A., España
- Adiego Hermanos S. A., España
- Emgrisa, Empresa para la gestión de residuos industriales S.A., España





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 ARAGON EXPERIENCES: DISCOVERED LIFE PROJECT, ISCO AND OTHER EXPERIENCES

Chairs: Jesús Fernández Cascán & Joaquín Guadaño

Historical development

ISCO development and first results

Strategy and results of Landfill development for HCH-Waste

2.-RESULTS EU-FAO FINANCED PROJECT: "IMPROVING CAPACITIES TO ELIMINATE AND PREVENT RECURRENCE OF OBSOLETE PESTICIDES AS A FOR TACKLING UNUSED HAZARDOUS CHEMICALS IN THE EECCA REGION"

-Good practice in agriculture

Chairs: Jan Breithaupt & Emilio Betrán

Good practice in agriculture

Integrated and sustainable agriculture and farming

Communications and awareness raising activities

-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

3.-HEALTH & SAFETY BLOCK

Chairs: Margret Schlumpf, Walter Lichtensteiger & Ana Ferrer Dufol

Health and safety during works

Toxicology

Environmental control

Risks and exposure





4.-NEW POPs AND DIOXINS

Chairs: Roland Weber & Mihaela Paun

Developments and experiences in the field of New POPs and Dioxins

5.-WASTE AND SOIL TECHNOLOGIES BLOCK

Chairs: Nick Morgan

Waste Management experiences

Destruction technologies

In-Situ remediation technologies

New technologies

6.-PCB MANAGEMENT

Chairs: Dirk-Jan Hoogendoorn & Ed Verhamme

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

Chair: Maurice Jutz & Khayrullo Ibodzoda

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

8.-ENVIRONMENTAL RESPONSIBILITY BLOCK

Chair: Ludwig Krämer

Liability questions

Experiences from remarkable Cases in Spain and in Europe

9.-SOIL BIOREMEDIATION

Chair: Joop Harmsen

Implementation of measures

Elimination of barriers of by administrators

New developments

10.-LANDFILLS IN EECA COUNTRIES: TRANSFER OF EXPERIENCES FROM BAILIN ARAGON

Chairs: Boudewijn Fokke-& Marten van der Wijk

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





11.-EDUCATION AND AWARENESS RAISING PROGRESS AND ACHIEVEMENTS

Chairs: Wouter Pronk Sandra Molenkamp & Vladimir Shevtsov

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

Chair: Stephan Robinson

13.-CASES STUDIES BLOCK

Chairs:

- Practical issues
- Issues proposed

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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 summary 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 pages, which will be used for the final 13th Forum Book.

-For oral and poster presentation:

The conference papers should be written ONLY in English.

The papers should be in A4 (210 x 297 mm) format, typed in MS Word, Times New Roman font, single-spaced, font size 12, left and right margins should be 25 mm wide, 30 mm should be margins at the top and the bottom of the pages (Pictures, diagrams, schedules, etc. should be typed and inserted in .jpg).

-The conference paper should include:

- **TITLE**

In bold, capital letters and centered

Double space

- **NAME(s) OF AUTHOR(s)**

In bold, italic letters and centred

Double space

Author's affiliations

Italic letters. If more than one institution is included, number them according to authors

Double space

- **Summary**

All conference papers should start with a **half page summary, which will be used for the 13th Abstract Book, which will be distributed to Forum participants at the start of the 13th Forum.**





The summary should be no longer than a half page (included in the three pages) and state briefly and specifically what the paper reports, summarize the conclusions. Point out new information and indicate the relevance of the work.

Double space.

- **Key-words**

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Double space

- **Text of the article**

The authors could structure of the article depending on its content, as for example: introduction, one or more chapters/paragraphs, and conclusions. All figures and tables have to be incorporated in the text, they must be clear and simple, and they should be properly identified with number and text which explain the figure/table. Measurements should be expressed in SI/units. Double space.

- **References**

In bold. Double space.

-The conference paper should be three pages minimum long and **prepared according to following example:**

CLEAN-UP OF SOIL CONTAMINATED WITH PESTICIDES IN BRAMBUCO REGION

First, A.¹, Second, B.², Third, B.¹

¹Research Institute, Town, Country

²University Department, Town, Country

The text should be written in English single-spaced with no indentations. Use standard abbreviations only. Do not include referenced and figures or tables into the summary. Use 12 pt Times New Roman fonts with 2.5 cm side margins.

-Conference paper submission:

The conference papers must be sent to the Organizing Committee by e-mail to:

13HCHforum@gmail.com and John.vijgen@ihpa.info

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

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

Participants will receive the notification of approval by mail.

Accommodation:

The Organizers will help you to book a hotel room. More details will be provided in the Second Announcement.

The Organizing Committee will provide the contacts of the different accommodation options, in order to facilitate the booking. A list of hotels of different prices will be included when available.





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 – 11:30 – Conferences session

11:30 – 12:00 – *Coffee break*

12:00 – 13:30 – Presentations

13:30 – 15:00 – *Lunch*

15:00 – 17:00 – Conferences session

17:00 – 18:30 – Presentations

18:30 – 20:30 – Free

20:30 - *Dinner*

Wednesday, November 04, 2015

10:00 – 11:30 – Conferences session

11:30 – 12:00 – *Coffee break*

12:00 – 13:30 – Presentations

13:30 – 15:00 – *Lunch*

15:00 – 17:00 – Conferences session

17:00 – 18:30 – Presentations

18:30 – 19:30 – Discovering Lindane – The legacy of HCH production

19:30 – 20:30 – Free

20:30 - *Dinner*

Thursday, November 05, 2015

9:00 – 11:30 – Conferences session

11:30 – 12:00 – *Coffee break*

12:00 – 13:30 – Presentations

13:30 – 14:00 – Bailin dismantling Video and explanation to prepare the field trip

14:00 – 16:00 – *Closure Lunch*

Thursday, November 05, 2015

ZARAGOZA AWARENESS DAY 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

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 will be opened on **March 2nd 2015**; the procedure to register on line will be published in the second announcement.

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.

Please remind: Participants that have only registered and not paid 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 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.

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.

More extended information will be published in the second announcement.

Contacts

If you have any questions concerning the 13th Forum please contact the **Forum Secretariat in Spain**:

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