

**9<sup>TH</sup> INTERNATIONAL HCH AND PESTICIDES FORUM**  
**FOR CENTRAL AND EASTERN EUROPEAN, CAUCASUS AND CENTRAL ASIA COUNTRIES**

September 20-22, 2007  
Chisinau, Republic of Moldova

**FIRST ANNOUNCEMENT**

**THEME**

Obsolete Pesticides in Central and Eastern European, Caucasus and Central Asia Region: Start of clean up.

**ORGANIZED BY**

- International HCH & Pesticides Association (IHPA), The Netherlands
- Ministry of Ecology and Natural Resources, The Republic of Moldova
- Federal Environment Agency of Germany (UBA)
- Regional Environmental Centre for Moldova (REC Moldova)
- Milieukontakt Oost-Europa, The Netherlands

**Dear Colleagues,**

The organizers are pleased to **invite** representatives of scientific communities, central and local governmental administration, NGO's and business associations from CEECCA Countries and international organizations with experience on obsolete pesticides, as well as other individuals and organizations active in the field of obsolete and POPs pesticides, to participate in the 9<sup>th</sup> International HCH and Pesticide Forum.

The **aim of the Forum** is to continue the discussion for creating a program for inventory and elimination of obsolete pesticides, which had been successfully addressed at 8<sup>th</sup> Forum in Sofia, Bulgaria (2005).

The Forum is undertaken under the **framework** of the Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants (POPs) and will activate and support activities of the countries for implementation of the Strategic Approach to International Chemicals Management (SAICM) and Environmentally Sound Management (ESM) practices to solve the problems with obsolete pesticides, establish contacts between the interested parties, attract attention of investors, industry, public, authorities and mass media.

The **Forum objectives** are to review the state of the NIP's for the Stockholm Convention and to discuss the barriers and opportunities in the NIP implementation process; to review the existing monitoring systems in the countries related to the POPs and obsolete pesticides problems; to present and exchange technologies and experiences for waste management and destruction of obsolete pesticides and contaminated soils based on the existent case applied in Moldova; to increase policy – awareness on the obsolete pesticides issues in the region based on the countries experience since May 2001; to discuss the national and regional strategies, actions plans and financial options for elimination of the obsolete pesticides stockpiles.

**PRIMARY TOPICS**

- NIP's for the Stockholm Convention state and implementation: barriers and opportunities;
- Monitoring and risk assessment of pesticides in environmental components and human bodies;
- Practical experience in waste management and destruction technologies;
- Site remediation;
- How to prevent pesticides stockpiles today and tomorrow;

- Public participation in Moldova and EECCA countries related to pesticides stockpiles issue;
- Field trip: Demonstration of OP repackaging and centralized storage;
- Donors conference.

## **PROGRAM**

The Forum will comprise plenary sessions and work in specific sections (according to the topics), oral and poster presentations, donor conference, a special exhibition “Danger Obsolete Pesticides that has been held from 30 April to May 4, 2007 at the European Parliament, environmental literature exhibits, field trip and other events.

The Forum Program will be finalized upon the receipt and review of all submitted presentations by the organizers.

## **LANGUAGES**

The working languages of the Forum are English and Russian.  
Sequential translation of presentations will be provided.

## **APPROACH**

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 proceeding (the Book of abstracts) will be printed in English before the Forum. The Forum Book, containing full paper of 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.

Rules for abstract and paper preparation will be published in the Second Announcement.

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

## **CONDITIONS OF PARTICIPATION, CONFERENCE FEE**

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

The Forum participation fee is 150 EURO. It covers participation in all presentations, sequential translation of oral presentations, coffee breaks, two lunches, reception, field trip and receiving "Forum bag" for participants including the Book of abstracts.

The Organizers will help you to book a hotel room.

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

## **CONTACTS**

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