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About the International HCH and Pesticides Forum

The International HCH and Pesticides Forum represents a platform for discussion between stakeholders of all kinds, working on implementation of projects related to POPs, obsolete pesticides and hazardous chemical waste. It acts as a catalyst in the exchange of information for the implementation of the Stockholm Convention and other chemicals- related multilateral environmental agreements, and the environmentally sound management of pesticides, pesticide waste and other chemicals, and has today developed into an important event for national as well as international decision-makers and stakeholders. History of the International HCH and Pesticides Forum The first International HCH and Pesticides Forum took place in 1992 in Province of Overijssel - Zwolle in The Netherlands. Since 1992 the Forum has been organised 14 times and creates a platform for discussing the national and regional strategies, action plans and financial resources for elimination of obsolete pesticides with a special focus on the need for action.

Forum Mission Statement Obsolete pesticides are not only an environmental problem. Much more it stands in the way of socio-economic development, impacts both the quality of life resulting in human health problems and economic losses. The vision of the International HCH and Pesticides Forum is a world free of obsolete and POPs pesticides. The Forum mission is therefore continuously to ensure that the elimination of obsolete and POPs pesticides is on the global agenda by having bi- annual meetings for exchange of information and review of results.

About IHPA The International HCH & Pesticides Association (IHPA) is an independent and non-political and non-profit network of committed individuals that wants to draw international attention to the worldwide problems stemming from the production and use of HCH and other obsolete and POPs pesticides and its dangers for human health and the environment. Visit our website www.ihpa.info or contact IHPA, director John Vijgen, john.vijgen@ihpa.info for more information. IHPA is now in its final stage to terminate its activities and is trying to transfer its mission and its activities to the regions in the European Union which are confronted with the Lindane problems.



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