

Side Event

Challenges for POPs monitoring –
How can we use international synergies
to support the effectiveness evaluation
under the Stockholm Convention?

International Panel on Chemical Pollution

COP6, Stockholm Convention

Geneva, May 1, 2013

Activities of the IPCP and Objectives of the Side Event

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The International Panel on Chemical Pollution

- ◆ Global network of (mostly) academic scientists working on chemical pollution issues
- ◆ Members from all regions of the world



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◆ Aims of the IPCP:

- ➔ 1. to **disseminate** condensed state-of-the-science information on chemical pollution issues
- ➔ 2. to **act internationally** in order to improve knowledge needed for the sound management of chemicals
- ➔ 3. to **offer scientific expertise** available within IPCP to inter-national organizations, national governments and other parties

◆ Established in 2008 in Zurich, Switzerland

◆ Information, by-laws, reports at <http://www.ipcp.ch>

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A NEW INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION FOR INDEPENDENT SCIENTISTS TO PROVIDE INPUT FOR POLICYMAKERS' WORK

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IPCP is an organization for active and independent scientists with expertise in chemicals, their intrinsic properties, environmental occurrence, fate, effects and implications for human health, wildlife and the total environment. IPCP is welcoming scientists from all disciplines working on environment- and health-related issues of chemicals. IPCP has members from all regions of the world and collaborates with the United Nations Environment Programme, UNEP.

The aim of the IPCP is to generate easily accessible documentation of up-to-date science of highest quality to support the work of politicians and other policymakers to decide for the best possible management of chemicals and chemical-related environment and health issues.



Objectives of the IPCP are:

1. to initiate, prepare and disseminate condensed state-of-the-science documentation on all aspects of environmentally relevant chemicals,
2. to act internationally and in countries with particular needs for improving knowledge regarding chemicals for them to manage issues related to chemicals,
3. to offer the scientific expertise accumulated within IPCP to international organizations, national governments and other parties for discussions and for review of all aspects of the scientific basis for regional and/or global management of chemicals.

IPCP website: <http://www.ipcp.ch>

There you will find information about the organization, the IPCP bylaws and membership application forms.

Reference: Scheringer, M., Bergman, Å., Fiedler, H. (2011) The International Panel on Chemical Pollution (IPCP), in: Wexler, P., van der Kolk, J., Mohapatra, A., Agarwal, R. (eds.) Chemicals, Environment, Health. A Global Management Perspective. Taylor & Francis, Boca Raton, USA, 359-370.

Means to pursue the objectives are:

- to establish working groups on selected topics and to present condensed state-of-the-science IPCP reports
- to organize workshops
- to encourage international collaboration and exchange of information through the work of different and *ad hoc*-formed task forces
- to form expert panels of IPCP members to respond to requests from international organizations, national governments and other parties
- to foster scientific education and training by establishing exchange and collaboration with partner institutions
- to promote scientific research in specified areas

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Upcoming : IPCP Side Event on "Challenges for POPs monitoring – How can we use international synergies to support the effectiveness evaluation under the Stockholm Convention?"
at the Conference of the Parties of the Stockholm Convention on POPs, Geneva, May 1, 2013

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Activities of the IPCP

- ◆ Executing agency of a SAICM QSP Project on **“Training on Risk Assessment for Chemicals at National Level in a Global Context”**
- ◆ Multi-country project by Armenia, Chile and Ghana
 - ➔ Are data and methods for chemical risk assessment available in the countries?
 - ➔ Are they applicable under the conditions of the countries?
 - ➔ Workshops and case studies in the three countries
- ◆ Project description:
http://www.ipcp.ch/IPCP_SAICM_QSP.html

Objectives of this Side Event

- ◆ Identify needs for input from science
(Abiola Olanipekun)
- ◆ Evaluate experiences from GMP up to now
(Ivan Holoubek, Jacob de Boer)
- ◆ Identify main bottlenecks for POPs monitoring
in different countries (if any): attendees

Questionnaire

- ◆ We would like to ask you to fill out the questionnaire in front of you.
- ◆ We will evaluate the responses and make available the results.

IPCP Side Event at the Sixth Meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Stockholm Convention,
Geneva, Switzerland, May 1, 2013

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Questionnaire about monitoring of persistent organic pollutants (POPs) for participants in the IPCP COP side event

This is a multiple-choice form where you can tick several boxes. If you don't know the answer to a question, you can simply leave all boxes blank.

Personal information

These indications are optional, but the more information you provide, the more valuable the results of this inquiry will be. Particularly the country where you work is important. All responses will be treated confidentially.

Name: Email:

Country: Organization name:

Organization type: government, academia, non-profit non-governmental organization (NGO),
 private sector, incl. consultancy, other:

Questions regarding monitoring of POPs in food and/or in the environment in your country

1. Have you already participated in studies on monitoring POPs in humans, in food, in the environment and/or in products in your country?

Thank you very much for your attention!

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