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Invitation Side Event The Great Asbestos Trial – an example for other countries?

Film “Dust: The Great Asbestos Trial” Documentary and Dialogue

With the increasing use of asbestos in China, Russia and other countries, asbestos production has grown apace, so that 70% of the world population is now exposed to this carcinogenic material. Starting from the first court hearings in Turin involving the multinational Eternit, which now faces claims of having caused the death of nearly 30,000 former plant workers and among the local populace at Casale Monferrato, the film takes us to India and Brazil on an exploration into a multimillion dollar business managed by a lobby that holds sway over the policies of many countries.

The filmmakers Niccolo Bruna and Andrea Prandstraller will be present.

Wednesday, 8th of May 2013
13:15 – 14:45, Room 4

This side event focuses on the health risks of mining and using asbestos. The documentary, “Dust: The Great Asbestos Trial”, is followed by three presentations by civil society representatives from Asia, Brazil, Kazakhstan, and Kyrgyzstan. In conclusion, a dialogue will address how policy options can show the way.

Presenters:

Sugio Furuya, Japan Occupational Safety and Health Resource Center

Fernanda Giannasi, Brazilian Asbestos Victims Association, Brazil

Elina Doszhanova: Social-Ecological Fund NGF, Kazakhstan

Vladimir Korotenko: BIOM, Kyrgyzstan