



Global Environmental Change and Mercury Pollution: Environmental Governance, Research and Management of Converging Issues

PROGRAMME

Tuesday 20 October 2015		
10:00	Welcome	Roel Evens SETAC Europe, Belgium
10:05	Global Environmental Change, Mercury Pollution and Environmental Governance: An Introduction	Michael Bank University of Massachusetts, USA
10:15	An Introduction to the Minamata Convention and UNEP Mercury Programme	Eisaku Toda, UNEP, Switzerland
10:45	Overview of the Mercury Cycle in Environmental Compartments: Perspectives from Air, Sea and Land	Milena Horvat Jožef Stefan Institute, Slovenia
11:15	Coffee break and poster viewing	
11:45	Mercury in Fish: Models, Drivers and Patterns I	Karen Kidd, University of New Brunswick, Canada
12:00	Advances in Mercury Bioaccumulation Modeling of Sensitive Species and Ecosystems	Michael Bank, University of Massachusetts, USA
12:15	A highlight of major GMOS outcomes and its potential in supporting nations in the implementation of the Minamata Convention	Nicola Pirrone, CNR-IIA, Italy
12:30	Developing a Guidance Document for Evaluating the Effectiveness of the Minamata Convention: An emphasis on the need for Knowledge and Data Management Systems	David Evers Biodiversity Research Institute, USA Nicola Pirrone, CNR-IIA, Italy
12:45	Lunch and poster viewing	
14:00	Introduction to the breakout sessions	Davide Vignati (CNRS and University of Lorraine, France) & Michael Bank (University of Massachusetts, USA)
14:20	Discussion in break-out groups Group A: Environmental Change and Mercury Pollution: Past, Present and Future Group B: Environmental Governance and Mercury: Lessons from other Conventions Group C: Fate, Transport and Data Management and Modeling of Mercury in Heterogeneous Environments	Leaders: Vera Slaveyokova (University of Geneva, Switzerland) and Milena Horvat (Jožef Stefan Institute, Slovenia) Leaders: Karen Kidd (UNB, Canada), Ricardo Barra (STAP-GEF, Chile) and UNEP representative (tba) Leaders: Nicola Pirrone (CNR-IIA, Italy) and David Evers (Biodiversity Research Institute, USA)
16:00	Coffee break and poster viewing	
16:30	Wrap-up of break-out groups and discussion	Group leaders and co-chairs
18:00	Poster session and social	
20:00	Symposium dinner	

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08.30	Introduction to the second day	Davide Vignati (CNRS and University of Lorraine, France)
08.45	Mercury in Fish: Models, Drivers and Patterns II	Amund Maage NIFES, Norway
09.15	Advances in Mercury Stable Isotope Techniques and Source Apportionment Technologies	David Amouroux CNRS, France Jeroen Sonke University of Toulouse, France
09.45	Human biomonitoring as a tool for exposure and risk assessment	Irina Zastenskaya (WHO, Germany)
10.15	Coffee break poster viewing	
10.45	Advances in Our Understanding of the Chemical Forms and Concentrations of Gaseous Oxidized Mercury in the Atmosphere	Mae Sexauer Gustin, University of Nevada, USA
11.15	Definition of toxicity reference values and derivation of Environmental Quality Standards	Mario Carere ISS, Italy
11.45	Introduction to the breakout sessions	Davide Vignati (CNRS and University of Lorraine, France)
12.00	Discussion in break-out groups Group D: Exposure, and Risk: An Environmental and Public Health Perspective Group E: Mercury in the Regulatory Arena: Policy, Outreach and Education Group F: Mercury Traceability, Measurements and Instrumentation	Leader: Mario Carere (ISS, Italy) Irina Zastenskaya (WHO, Germany) Leaders : UNEP representative (tba), Ricardo Barra (STAP-GEF, Chile) and Davide Vignati (CNRS and University of Lorraine, France) Leaders: Jeroen Sonke (University of Toulouse, France) and David Amouroux (CNRS, France)
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16.00	Coffee break and End of symposium	