

PROGRAMME

PAN EUROPE Annual Network Conference 2005, organised in cooperation with the Polish Ecological Club

Towards better environment, health and rural economies: prospects for pesticide dependency reduction in CEECs

7-9 November 2005, Krakow, POLAND

Monday, 7th of November, Open session

9.00-9.30 Arrival and Registration

9:30-10.30 Panel 1 : Welcome and Introduction

Chair: Maria Staniszewska, Polish Ecological Club, Poland

Keynote presentation

Wieslaw Podyma, Vice-Director of the Department of Plant Breeding and Protection, Ministry of Agriculture, Poland

Welcome

Carina Weber, PAN Germany, Chair PAN Europe

EU Enlargement and Agriculture: Risks and Opportunities

Martin Konecny, Friends of the Earth Europe

Discussion

10:30-11.00 Coffee break

11:00-13:00 Panel 2: Health and Consumer Awareness

Chair: Carina Weber, PAN Germany, Chair PAN Europe

Latest research and recommendations regarding endocrine disruptor chemicals

Ragnor Pedersen, Centre for Toxicology- London School of Pharmacy, United Kingdom

Health and organic products

Janina Sokolowska, Polish Ecological Club, Poland

Pesticide Residues - The right to know, the must to reduce

Susanne Smolka, PAN Germany, PAN Europe Board member

Women's risks

Valentina Pidlisnyuk, Sustainable Development and Ecological Education Centre, Ukraine

Discussion

13:00-14.00 Lunch

14h00-15:30 Panel 3: Opportunities and constraints for pesticide dependency reduction in agriculture

Chair: Daniel Lesinsky, CEPTA/Friends of the Earth Slovakia

Problems in Polish plant protection

Prof. Stefan Pruszyński, Institute of Plant Protection, Poland

Implementation of agri-environmental schemes limiting use of pesticides in Poland

Msc Tomasz Motyka, Agriculture Advisor, Ministry of Agriculture, Poland

The experience of organic farming in Czech Republic

Renata Osladilova, Pro-Bio, Czech Republic

Discussion

15:30-16:30

Panel 4: Environmental impacts of pesticides in CEEC

Chair: Ewa Hajduk, Polish Ecological Club

Obsolete pesticides problems in Poland

Msc Stanislaw Stobiecki, Institute of Plant Protection, Poland

Persistent Organic Polutants (POPs) remaining in the environment of the Baltic Sea – temporal trends and present conditions

Phd Grazyna Sapota, Poland

Water pollution derived from pesticides in the Black Sea

Emma Givela, Black Sea Environmental Network, Bulgaria

Biodiversity in extensive and organic farms in Poland

Dorota Metera, IUCN- The World Conservation Union

Discussion

16:30-17:00

Coffee break

17:00-18:30

Panel 5: Work at European and national levels to prevent pesticides impacts

Chair: Stephanie Williamson, PAN UK, PAN Europe Board

New European pesticide policy: a chance to reduce problems?

Catherine Wattiez, Inter Environment Wallonie, Belgium

Projects and campaigns across Europe

1. Emma Anakhasyan, Armenian Women for Health & Healthy Environment, Armenia
2. *Campaigning for reducing pesticide impacts on human health in Ukraine*, Lew Gerbilsky, Green Doctors- ISDE Ukraine
3. Tatiana Stefanovska, Sustainable Development and Ecological Education Centre- SDEEC, Ukraine
4. Ewa Hajduk, Polish Ecological Club, Poland
5. *Lobby and PR on Obsolete pesticides in Bulgaria* – Valentina Lukova, Ecoglasnost, Bulgaria
6. *Two examples of campaigns by MDRGF in France* – Nadine Lauerjat, MDRGF, France

Discussion

18:30-19:00

Conference closure

Final remarks

Maria Staniszewska, Polish Ecological Club, Poland

Stephanie Williamson, PAN UK, PAN Europe Board

Tuesday, 8th of November, morning, Closed session

09.30-11.30

Discussion groups

Four discussion groups will look at specific initiatives, tactics and campaigns for pesticide and biocide reduction, including government, private sector and NGO initiatives. Different groups will share experiences, key 'ingredients' for success and important lessons and discuss how these could be adapted elsewhere. Each group will set the scene with short presentations on European level overview and specific experiences. The aim is to contribute with ideas, objectives and a work programme for future working groups in each theme under PAN Europe umbrella and identify organisations and individuals who can participate in the new working groups. The groups are:

Group A – Food: Agriculture, Supermarkets, Consumers

Chair: Stephanie Williamson, PAN UK, PAN Europe Board member

The group will look at what is needed to make available safe and sustainable food produce. They will discuss different strategies for pushing supermarkets and governments to take positive action to support farmers to change to integrated methods for pest and crop management. They will discuss current opportunities and constraints under CAP for the introduction of IP and ICM requirements and trends in organic farming. Consumers' right to know, experience of work with supermarkets and retailers and residues monitoring will be discussed to find opportunities in the food chain to achieve pesticide reduction.

Opportunities under CAP review

Martin Konecny, Friends of the Earth Europe

Local farmers' experience

Janusz Sliczny, organic farmer, Poland

Work with supermarkets and retailers

Luigi Guarrera, Associazione Italiana per l'Agricoltura Biologica, Italy

Consumers' right to know

Susanne Smolka, PAN Germany, PAN Europe Board member

Halina Kacprzak, Polish Ecological Club, Poland

Group B – Health: getting ride of obsolete and hazardous pesticides

Chair: Greta Goldenman, Milieu, Belgium

The group will look at opportunities under the EU framework to improve health. Assessment of the current situation in CEE and South Eastern European countries and key priorities for action. Issues of by-stander exposure and "right-to-know". Link to legislative processes and conventions like the Thematic Strategy, the Authorisations Directive (Directive 91/414) the EU Action Plan on Environment and Health, Community Strategy for Endocrine Disruptors, POPs Convention. The group will focus in particular how to address obsolete pesticides problems in CEEC in the light of the European legislation.

Addressing obsolete pesticides in the framework of EU legislation

Greta Goldenman, Milieu, Belgium

Role of NGOs in environmental health risk communication: look from the Ukraine

Lew Gerbilsky, Green Doctors- ISDE Ukraine

People's Pesticide Exposure

Alison Craig, PAN UK

Does European legislation protect our health?

Catherine Wattiez, IEW, Belgium

Group C –Biocide Use: country surveys and reduction strategies

Chair: Simon Gergely, Clean Air Action Group, Hungary

The group will examine some country surveys of biocide use in home, garden and industrial uses. The group will also analyse the implementation of the Biocides Directive and what substances should be given special consideration in the revision process at the European and national level. Biocides reduction examples in home, garden, amenity and industrial use will be presented in order to steer the debate on possible campaigns and projects at the EU level.

Survey on home use biocides in Hungary
Gergely Simon, Clean Air Action Group, Hungary

Biocides in Netherlands: environmental problems and campaigning for a ban
Hans Muilerman, Stichting Natuur en Milieu (SNM), The Netherlands, PAN Europe Board member

Biocides use in home and garden in Bulgaria: problems and needs
Valentina Lukova, Ecoglasnost, Bulgaria

Home and garden alternatives - the most important biocides to phase out in Europe
Roslyn McKendry, PAN UK

12.00-13.00 Plenary: Conclusions from each discussion group

Chairs from each working group will report to the plenary the conclusions from each working group and put forward proposals for PAN Europe work programme for 2006.

13.00-14.00 Lunch

Tuesday, 8th of November, afternoon, Network Annual General Meeting

14.00-16.00 PAN Europe Annual General Meeting

- Report on the main 2004-2005 activities;
- Report of accounts from 2004-2005;
- Presentation of new network members approved by the Board during 2005;
- Election of new Board Members for 2005/2008;
- Presentation of PAN Europe Work Programme for 2006: priority policies and actions, draft budget;
- Incorporation of conclusions from the morning discussion in the forthcoming Work Programme;
- Approval of Work Programme and budget for 2006.

Only network members are entitled to vote. Other organisations can participate as spectators only.

Wednesday, 9th of November, Field trip

09.00-16.30 Field visit to organic farm in Rozdziele

Rozdziele is situated about 70 km from Krakow. The small organic farm (6 ha) in situated in the mountains were the family (Irena, Jozef Plawecy and their 7 children) cultivate wheat, rye, vegetables and fruits. The farm also provides eco-tourism and education services. The visit will include a 30-45 walk in the mountains, a presentation of activities by Irena, a visit to the small eco-museum and a delicious organic lunch.