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PESTICIDE ACTION WEEK 2016

Launched in 2006 by the French Organisation Générations Futures and ACAP - a group of 170 organizations Citizen Action for Alternative to Pesticides - Pesticide Action Week has been a powerful force for awareness-raising and action. 2016 marked the 11th annual edition of Pesticide Action Week. Held March 20th-30th, 2016, (10 full days!), this Pesticide Action Week was the largest ever, including:



Here is what happened at PAN Europe and among some of our National Members

ADALIA: SPRINGTIME WITHOUT PESTICIDES

With the inspiration of the Minister of Environment of Wallonie, PAN Europe members, Adalia, launched a full Springtime without Pesticides!

From 20 March to 20 June, Adalia held many events highlighting the relationship between pesticides and health. Adalia received the support of local communes, associations, and citizens who organized **228 activities** over a period of 3 months.

The extended time period allowed Adalia to promote many more activities and to take advantage of better weather.

Here is an example of some of the activities that were organised:

**WORKSHOP THE CREATION OF ECOLOGICAL
CLEANING PRODUCTS**

VISIT GARDENS OPEN TO THE NATURAL WORLD

OPEN HOUSE A 100% NATURAL VEGETABLE GARDEN

CONFERENCE & CONCERT SEEDS OF MISCHIEF

**CONFERENCE THE NATURAL GARDEN
AN ALTERNATIVE TO PESTICIDES!**

**FILM SCREENING AND DEBATE
INSECTICIDE, MON AMOUR**

**OPEN HOUSE AT THE ORGANIC FARM
OF STEE IN THE COMMUNE OF BRABANT**

In addition, Adalia distributed information packets "How to Garden without Pesticides." They gave out 2620 copies to many enthusiastic people.

Their photo competition, "Pretty and Native," was very successful with much public participation. The 185 photos of native plants received a total of 3620 votes from the public. The photos are available on the following website: <http://concours.printempsanspesticides.be>



PAN EUROPE

PAN Europe kicked off Pesticide Action Week by releasing our much anticipated guide for towns to become pesticide-free. The guide titled [Stories and Principles on Pesticide Free Towns](#) examines the effort to become pesticide-free in towns across Europe and highlights pertinent examples of successes and challenges in this effort.

Available in English, French, Dutch, and German, this guide contains inspirational interviews and quotes, links to resources, descriptions of campaigns, explorations of challenges, innovative ideas, and approaches at answering difficult questions such as “What are the best environmentally-friendly techniques for maintaining sports grounds?” among other helpful resources.

In addition to releasing this guide, PAN Europe released:

AN OVERVIEW OF PRESENTATIONS MADE IN OUR CONFERENCE FROM 8 JUNE 2015 already online

A MAP OF PESTICIDE FREE TOWNS IN BELGIUM

A EUROPEAN MAP HIGHLIGHTING PIONEERS AND LESSON LEARNT FROM SOME OF THE TOWNS WHO HAVE BEEN PESTICIDE FREE FOR DECADES

AN OVERVIEW OF POLICY ACTION ACROSS EUROPE already online



PAN UK

PAN UK held a film screening of [Unacceptable Levels](#), a film by Ed Brown, with a discussion afterwards. PAN UK also made the announcement of the creation of the Hackney Pesticide Free campaign to coincide with Pesticide Action Week. So far the campaign has a petition with nearly 3,000 signatures, and the support of fashion designer Katharine Hamnett CBE .

In addition, the Brighton Council voted to go pesticide-free after a successful [campaign](#) by PAN UK and residents.



GÉNÉRATIONS FUTURES

Générations Futures continued to lead the charge of Pesticide Action Week by organizing many events across France, communicating to the media and general public, and by hosting a dedicated website: www.semaine-sans-pesticides.fr

FRANCE | Habitat | COP21 | Climat | La voix États | Énergie | Biodiversité | Ressources naturelles

Tout ce qu'il faut savoir sur les pesticides

14 Mars à 11:23 (2016) à 07:06 - Mis à jour le 23.03.2016 à 10:08 | Par Angèle Balle

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QUERCUS

PAN Europe's Portuguese Members, Quercus, were also very active for Pesticide Action Week. They took the following measures:

16TH MARCH

"Green Minute" broadcast* on the public Portuguese TV, exclusive about Pesticide Action Week

<http://www.rtp.pt/play/p55/e228199/minuto-verde>

18TH MARCH

Press release about Pesticide Action Week, Glyphosate, and Farmers National Day;

20TH MARCH

Interview on the radio (Renasçença Radio Channel)

26TH MARCH

Show taste of "bioshots" at a restaurant in Oeiras (Lisbon region) followed by a workshop on human health and nutrition

29TH MARCH

Talk on Pesticide Action Week and FoodVision picture exhibition (sustainable food as seen by European Citizens, an output of Supply Change project www.supplychange.org, held at Agrarian School of Santarém.

Meanwhile, all week:

- 📌 Free registrations to the Workshop "Alternatives to pesticides at a horticultural garden" held the 9th april at Quercus, Lisbon
- 📌 Promoting Orange juice petition, related to pesticides
<http://supplychange.org/a-campanha/sumo-de-laranja-justo/?L=pt>
- 📌 Promoting Quercus campaign on Herbicides Free Towns <http://www.quercus.pt/campanhas/campanhas/autarquias-sem-glifosato/3947-mapa-de-autarquias-sem-glifosato>

Also, in April, Quercus was participating, with other NGOs, on a program of urine analysis on Portuguese citizens and a long TV report on glyphosate. The TV report was broadcasted in May and the analysis results revealed to the public. Portuguese are contaminated **20 times more than Germans**. The report had a big impact on the public.



PAN ITALY

PAN Italy held a number of discussions and community events to highlight the importance of a pesticide-free approach to agriculture. Some of these events were:

MARCHE, ITALY

Which Approach to Sustainable Agriculture can Combine Health and Income? ☀️

A conference on the damage caused by industrial agriculture to the environment and human health, highlight the quality of food sources and comparing them to agriculture which respects the environment.

EMILIA-ROMAGNA, ITALY

Why Eat Organic? The Use of Pesticides and their Effects on the Health of Humans and the Environment ☀️

A discovery and discussion of diseases and the impacts of pesticides on users and bystanders. We are imposing irreparable harm to our children and to our children's children. Studies were featured by Dr. Patrizia Gentilini (oncologist and hematologist) outlining the worrying situation that we as consumers can and must try to remedy. A discussion (with thanks to George Baracani, Vice President of CONAPI) revealing the environmental consequences of damage to air and to bees. Andrea Cenacchi (Farmer of the Podere Santa Croce) discusses conventional agriculture and why humans are using poisonous products for the environment and for themselves. An analysis of the history and people driving these developments, the relationship between the great wars and pesticides and synthetic fertilizers. Is there a model of sustainable agriculture that respects the environment, humans, and can feed the whole planet both qualitatively and quantitatively?

MARCHE, ITALY

Agriculture: Health & Human Landscapes ☀️

Conference on the damage caused by industrial agriculture to the environment, human health and bees, compared to agriculture which respects the environment. A tasting of local products, following the screening of a movie on bees, pesticides and agriculture (La Zappa sui Piedi - The Hoe on the Feet).

MARCHE, ITALY

Bees in the Fields, Dialogue between Beekeeping & Agriculture in the Marche Region ☀️

Conference on the damage caused by industrial agriculture to bees, beekeeping, and the environment. How agriculture can help beekeepers and the conservation of biodiversity.

MARCHE, ITALY

The Deadly Garden ☀️ Conference on the indiscriminate use of pesticides in the Aso Valley: damage to health and the environment Mothers, farmers, grandparents, administrators discovering the poison in the garden.

CAMPANIA, ITALY

Environmental Protection & Health: The risks of herbicides, pesticides and GMOs ☀️

Conference on the damage caused by industrial agriculture to the environment, human health and bees.

LOMBARDIA, ITALY

Honey is good and combats damage caused by pesticides ☀️ CONAPI, in collaboration with Renata Alleva, demonstrates the benefits of honey polyphenols on health: at the center of the investigation, the study in vitro and in vivo the relationship between consumption of honey and contrast of damage induced by residential pesticide exposure.

MARCHE, ITALY

Pesticides on the Plate. Health in the Trash ☀️ Conference on the indiscriminate use of pesticides in the agriculture: damage to health and the environment.

MARCHE, ITALY

Glyphosate on the Plate: Not a New Weight-loss Strategy ☀️ Conference on the indiscriminate use of pesticides in the agriculture: damage to health and the environment.

ABRUZZO, ITALY

Agriculture and Beekeeping: A Common Path for a Sustainable Economy ☀️ Conference on the role of agriculture and beekeeping in the research of the future of productive activities and environmental sustainability.

SARDEGNA, ITALY

Pesticides, Agriculture, Health and Environment ☀️ Information session on the use of herbicides and pesticides in public areas and in agriculture, effects on the environment and to our health, the ongoing initiatives to counter this spreading of poisons and welcome more sustainable choices.



Look out for important issues of concern
We want to hear from you via our social media platforms
pan-europe.info / pesticide-free-towns.info



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