



## **CONFERENCE: Pesticides free! Belgian cities and towns on the move**

**Date:** Monday, 8<sup>th</sup> June 2015

**Time:** 8.30 - 16.45

**Place:** Bruxelles Environnement - IBGE / Leefmilieu Brussel - BIM

Avenue du Port 86C/3000, B-1000 Bruxelles

**Signing in:** <http://www.pan-europe.info/Activities/Conferences/150608.html>

Working languages: EN/FR/NL

8.30 Registration and welcome

9.00 Welcome by Martin Dermine, PAN Europe

### **9.10-11.00 Session 1. Some good examples towards pesticide free towns/municipalities**

- ‘The French move towards pesticides free town’ by Francois Veillerette, president of PAN Europe and vice president for the region of Picardie, responsible for environment, food and health
- ‘The Dutch move towards pesticide free towns’ by Rien Klippel, Waterschap Zeeland (invited)
- ‘How Namur is moving towards becoming pesticide free’ by Muriel Guyot, écoconseillère de la ville de Namur
- ‘How the town of Watermael Boistfort is managing its green spaces without applying pesticides’ by Olivier Deleuze, bourgmestre
- ‘20 ans of special management for the green spaces in the Région de Bruxelles-Capitale, by M. Kempeneers Director of the Division espaces verts, Bruxelles Environnement

11.00-11.15: coffee break

### **11.15- 13.00 Session 2: Pesticide Free Towns - frontrunners to inspire others on sustainable urban development**

- ‘European good practice on urban biodiversity implementation’ by Peter De Franceschi Head of Local Governments for Sustainability (ICLEI) Brussels Office
- ‘Pesticide free towns an opportunity to reconnect with nature’ by Joop Spijker, University of Alterra

- ‘Pesticide free towns as part of a green growth plan’ by Jesper Lund Larsen, Danish workers unions 3F

Round table with speakers and Denis Godeaux (SPW), Dan Sloodmakers (VMM), Manuela de Vault de Champion (IBGE), Frédéric Jomiaux (Pôle wallon de gestion différenciée)

13.00 Breaking for lunch – each participant will receive a voucher for use in the restaurant

### **14.00-15.00 Session 3. Towns engaging with civil society in reaching its citizens towards pesticide free towns**

Round table with Bastien Domken (ADALIA), Greet Tijskens (VELT), Bénédicte Charlier (Natagora) Koen Hertoge (PAN Italy), Marc Fischers (Nature et Progrès), Marc Wollast (Apis Bruoc Sella)

### **15.00-16.30 Session 4. Invasive species: the importance of collaborating, monitoring and exchange of best practices**

- Available instruments to monitor the establishment and the spread of invasive species, by David Cary, Director General of IBMA
- Management of invasive species with emphasis on Japanese knotweed, by Dr Dick Shaw Country Director UK CABI

Round table on how invasive species are managed in public areas across Belgium, with speakers and Philippe Bizoux (SPW), Manuela de Vault de Champion (IBGE) and Dan Sloodmakers (VMM)

16.30 conclusions by Martin Dermine, PAN Europe

16.45 End of conference

#### **Access to the conference:**

1) for participants coming by public transport :

- metro 2 and 6 the métro stations « Ribaucourt » or « Yser » and then around 10 minutes walking (see map in the top);

- tram 3, 4 or 51 to ‘Gare du Nord’ and then around 10 minutes walking (see map in the top)

- bus 14, 57, 88 to bus stop « Armateurs », and bus 89 to bus stop « Picard ».

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By paying a parking 5 €ou can use the parking of the Tour & Taxis, right next to the building of the Bruxelles Environnement.

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