INVITATION

Pesticide use reduction for better health: scientific evidence and best practices for a European approach
7 March 2007 (14h00 – 18h00)

Brussels, European Parliament
60, Rue Wiertz, Paul-Henry Spaak building (PHS), Room PHS1C51

Hosted by MEP Hiltrud Breyer
Co-hosted by MEPs Erna Hennicot Schoepges, Dorette Corbey and Roberto Musacchio

Programme

14h00 Introductory speeches by MEP Hiltrud Breyer and co-hosters

14h30 Children and pesticides, a review of the evidence, Roberto Bertollini, World Health Organisation

14h50 The need for neurotoxicity testing of pesticides to protect children, Philippe Grandjean, Harvard University USA and the University of Southern Denmark

15h10 Protection of children against pesticides residues in food: current challenges and further improvement, Jana Hajšlová, Institute of Chemical Technology, Prague

15h30 Questions & Answers

16h00 Roundtable and debate: Best practices on reducing pesticide use and exposure for vulnerable groups
Facilitated by Genon Jensen, Health & Environment Alliance
- Peter Bergkvist, Swedish Chemicals Agency (KEMI): Swedish experience in the substitution of hazardous pesticides
- Georgina Downs, UK Pesticides Campaign: Campaigning to eliminate the exposure of rural residents and communities to pesticides
- Jean-Luc Dupupet, Caisse Centrale de Mutualité Sociale Agricole (CCMSA): Recognising pesticides links with Parkinson’s disease

16h45 Presentation of briefing and policy recommendations: New scientific understanding of health impacts of pesticides, Sofia Parente, PAN Europe and Genon Jensen, Health & Environment Alliance

17h15 Concluding remarks by MEP Hiltrud Breyer

17h30 Closure of meeting. Refreshments will be served in the break out area.

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