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## PESTICIDE ACTION WEEK 2016

Launched in 2006 by the French Organisation Génération 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 11<sup>th</sup> annual edition of Pesticide Action Week. Held March 20<sup>th</sup>-30<sup>th</sup>, 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.printempssanspesticides.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](http://www.semaine-sans-pesticides.fr)

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## Tout ce qu'il faut savoir sur les pesticides

14 Mars à 11:23:20 (10) à 21:06 - Mis à jour le 23.03.2016 à 12:08 | Par Angèle Balle

**2016: une semaine sans pesticides**




Après que l'usage de pesticides dans les campagnes françaises ne cesse de grandir, tout autant que la conscience des risques qu'ils posent pour la santé et l'environnement, l'organisme Semaine pour les alternatives aux pesticides a été ouverte du 20 au 30 mars, avec, au programme des centaines d'événements, dont

**Le Monde** | Et si les pesticides disparaissaient plus qu'ils ne disparaissent ?

Par Stéphane Foucart

**2016: une semaine sans pesticides**



Hasard ou calendrier, le lancement de la semaine mondiale des alternatives aux pesticides, organisée du 20 au 30 mars, coïncide cette année avec la publication d'une vaste étude sur les « coûts cachés » de l'utilisation de ces substances. Ce travail de longue haleine, commandé par deux chercheurs de l'Institut national de la recherche agronomique (INRA) et publié dans la dernière édition de *Sustainability*,

# Le Monde

**Politis**

## L'alerte des médecins

Un collectif de praticiens dénonce l'effet nocif des pesticides sur la santé des patients et interpelle l'État sur ses responsabilités.


**D**eux ans après son lancement par des médecins du Languedoc, l'Appel national des médecins contre l'usage des pesticides professionnels de la santé de toutes les régions de France. Le collectif « Médecins contre pesticides » est ainsi devenu un interlocuteur reconnu par les pouvoirs publics sur la question des pesticides. « Tout est parti de deux régions de nos patients sur l'utilisation de pesticides dans les campagnes, raconte Pierre-Michel Pérochon, l'un des initiateurs de l'appel. Nous nous sommes donc réunis afin de partager encore avec eux ces pesticides ne servant plus à la fertilité des champs. » Leur mission consiste à alerter l'État sur ses responsabilités concernant la réglementation de leur usage et à sensibiliser et protéger toute la population: agriculteurs, ouvriers et consommateurs.

En 2013, l'Institut national de la santé et de la recherche médicale (Inserm) a dénoncé les liens entre l'exposition aux pesticides et certaines maladies comme les cancers de la prostate, les leucémies ou la maladie de Parkinson. Les études scientifiques abondent, le

corps médical reste encore trop peu sensibilisé à cette problématique. « Nous sommes aussi en question nous-mêmes, explique par exemple le médecin, car nous nous sommes formés et c'est par le temps de l'entretien avec certains des malades qu'il a été mis en évidence... », poursuit le Dr Pérochon. Ces médecins activistes ont ainsi commencé à associer à des spécialistes comme les endocrinologues ou les gynécologues sur la question des perturbateurs endocriniens dans leur pays, les pesticides pour aggraver les symptômes. « Ce collectif nous est venu en tête de commande, pour lequel il a fallu composer une phrase où nous sommes tous, mais ce n'est pas possible par la formulation actuelle faite », explique Jean-Philippe Couraud, médecin en Clinique Andromède.

Dans le cadre de la Semaine pour les alternatives aux pesticides du 20 au 30 mars, l'association Générations Futures a décidé d'impliquer les médecins en organisant une conférence nationale de la Santé, aux côtés généralistes et en diffusant une brochure présentée dans les salles d'attente des cabinets médicaux. **37 000 000 000**

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**37 000 000 000**

La Semaine pour les alternatives aux pesticides s'achève, un mois à peine après la publication de chiffres décevants sur leur utilisation en France (+9,4% en 2014). Pour endiguer le recours massif à ces produits phytosanitaires, le ministre de l'Agriculture lance son deuxième plan Ephyra, porté par le député Dominique Potier qui en défend l'intérêt auprès de La Tribune.

## Pesticides: sans attendre 2017, des communes ont fait leur révolution verte

Entretien les jardins et les parcs publics sans utiliser de ...





**La France Agricole**

**Zoom sur les fermes Dephy lors de la semaine d'information**

**La France Agricole**

**Dossier: 250 manifestants contre les pesticides**



# 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 (Renascença 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](http://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.



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