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Overview of speakers Biocides Stakeholders' Day

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Plenary session 1

Opening

Geert DANCET

Executive Director, ECHA

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Geert Dancet became the first elected Executive Director of the European Chemicals Agency (ECHA) in January 2008. Under his leadership, the Agency successfully managed all regulatory processes of the REACH and CLP regulations. ECHA has become one of the large-sized regulatory agencies of the EU with over 500 staff members in charge of the EU chemicals legislation. His mandate was renewed in 2012 and will end on 31 December 2017.

The Commission nominated him as interim Executive Director in January 2007 to set up the Agency in Helsinki as from 1 June 2007.

From 2004 to 2007, he was the Head of the REACH Unit in the European Commission's Directorate General for Enterprise and Industry. The unit was co-responsible for taking the REACH proposal through the regulatory process in the Council and the European Parliament as well as for developing and coordinating the REACH implementation strategy, which included the preparations for the new chemicals agency.

He first joined the European Commission in 1986 and worked for most of his Commission career in the competition policy field. Before working for the European Commission, Mr Dancet enjoyed a brief academic career in the University of Leuven (Belgium) and was programme coordinator for the United Nations Industrial Development Organisation (UNIDO) in Colombia.

He studied economics, econometrics and philosophy at the University of Leuven, Belgium. Mr Dancet is married and has four children.

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Challenges and opportunities

Martinus Nagtzaam

DG Health and Food Safety
European Commission

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09.05
Regulatory update from the Commission

Martinus (Mario) Nagtzaam is a policy officer at the Pesticides and Biocides Unit in the Directorate General Health and Food Safety of the European Commission. He has a background in plant pathology, microbiology, agriculture and public law.

He started his career at the Product Board for Agriculture in the Netherlands and then moved to Wageningen University to do a PhD thesis on the biological control of a soil-borne disease. He then joined the Dutch Ministry of Agriculture, Nature and Food Quality, where he worked on organic farming, biotechnology, biodiversity, environmental issues, rural development, plant health, intellectual property and international affairs.

At the European Commission, between 2000-2003 and 2006-2016, Mr Nagtzaam has held a variety of positions. He worked as a policy officer on rural development in Directorate-General Agriculture, and later as state aid case-handler in the Competition Unit. In 2009, he started as administrator at the Pharmaceuticals Unit in DG Enterprise. He worked on the review of the legal framework for veterinary medicinal products, the establishment of maximum residue limits of veterinary medicines and the policy development on antimicrobial resistance. In 2015, he joined the Pesticides and Biocides Unit. In the biocides team, his main responsibilities are treated articles, maximum residue limits and controls. He is also a member of the DG SANTE taskforce on endocrine disruptors.

Hugues KENIGSWALD

Biocides Assessment, ECHA

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09.30
Activities in 2016

Mr Kenigswald joined ECHA in 2012. He is responsible for the Biocides Assessment Unit, which supports the Biocidal Products Committee's working groups and the Coordination Group and is responsible for most of ECHA's technical and scientific assessment activities in the field of biocides and the R4BP 3 product management.

Before ECHA, he worked on the risk assessment of food additives and nutrient sources at the European Food Safety Authority since 2006.

Mr Kenigswald has been working in the field of chemicals risk assessment for over fifteen years and has been involved in a wide range of activities related to the risk assessment and risk management of chemicals at national, EU and global level. He has graduated in veterinary medicine and also holds post-graduate qualifications in business management, statistics and epidemiology. He is French.

Chiara PECORINI

Biocides Assessment, ECHA

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09.50

Union authorisation in practice

Chiara Pecorini joined ECHA in 2013 and is currently the process coordinator of Union authorisation of biocidal products in the Biocides Assessment Unit. She is also the Chair of the Working Group on Human Exposure and the coordinator of the Products and Efficacy team.

Before joining ECHA, she worked in the Chemical Assessment and Testing Unit at the European Commission - Joint Research Centre in Ispra. During this time, she was involved in the toxicological risk assessment of biocidal active substances and coordinated the Human Exposure Expert Group.

Before joining the European Commission, she held a post-doctoral fellowship at the Veterinary Medicine Faculty of the University of Milano. She also collaborated with the French National Institute for Agricultural Research and was visiting research associate at the Department of Physiology and Biophysics, University of Colorado Denver.

Ms Pecorini holds a master's degree in veterinary biotechnology and a PhD in biotechnology applied to veterinary and zootechnical sciences. She is Italian.

Plenary session 2

IT tools and dossier preparation

Dorota BURCHARD-SOSNOWSKA

Computational Assessment & Dissemination, ECHA

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11.30
IT tool developments: IUCLID 6

Dorota Burchard-Sosnowska joined ECHA in 2010 and is currently working in the Computational Assessment and Dissemination Unit. She is in charge of the biocides-related features in IUCLID.

Before joining the Agency, she worked in Poland for the Research and Development Centre of Cities Ecology and for the Institute of Health Medicine. She was also involved in the EU STAR project (Standardisation of the River Classification).

Ms Burchard-Sosnowska holds a master's degree in environmental science from the University of Lodz, Poland. She is Polish.

Roberto Gilioli

Biocides Assessment, ECHA

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11.50
IT tool developments: R4BP and SPC Editor

Roberto Gilioli joined ECHA in September 2008. He is currently the Product Manager for R4BP 3 and the Summary of Product Characteristics (SPC) editor in the Biocides Assessment Unit, responsible for the scientific development and further maintenance of the IT tools.

Before joining the Biocides Assessment Unit, he worked on a wide range of activities related to the risk management of chemicals under REACH in the Computational Assessment, Dissemination and Risk Management Implementation units in ECHA. He also worked in the Communications Unit on the definition of policies to enhance the participation of stakeholders in ECHA's activities.

Before joining ECHA, he worked as a consultant providing management advisory services on health, safety and environmental issues to companies in the chemicals and oil sectors.

Mr Gilioli is a chemical engineer. He also holds a master's degree in environmental management and economics. He is Italian.

Magdalena Kornacka is a specialist in Consortia management and Global Product Stewardship Management. At ReachCentrum, she is responsible for REACH Consortia and for the authorisation of biocidal products. Magda has supported clients from various industry sectors since 2009 with respect to REACH inquiries and dossier preparation.

During her career, she has provided a cross section of administrative, regulatory and technical advice under the EU's REACH Regulation. Ms Kornacka has extensive experience in IUCLID dossier preparation, both for REACH and the Biocidal Products Regulation, and provides guidance and support by delivering training and building dossiers on behalf of clients.

Magdalena KORNACKA

Project Manager
ReachCentrum

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12.10
Case study: preparing and submitting an application for *in situ* substances

Plenary session 3

Enforcement of biocidal products

Martinus Nagtzaam

DG Health and Food Safety,
European Commission

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14.40
Commission update on enforcement

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Mike POTTS

HM Inspector of Health and Safety
Health and Safety Executive, UK

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15.00
Case study: enforcement in a Member State

Mr Potts qualified from the University of Hull with a BSc in chemistry and MSc in analytical science. He has worked for the UK's Health and Safety Executive in chemical regulation for 27 years, firstly in pesticides and biocides where he was involved in the approval of pesticides under the Control of Pesticides Regulations.

In 2007, Mr Potts joined the UK REACH competent authority, initially working in the helpdesk providing information to stakeholders in response to enquiries. He also coordinated and delivered the authority's proactive communication and awareness raising functions. During this time, he was the UK member of Helpnet.

For the last seven years, he has worked in the CRD compliance team. His duties involve enforcing the compliance of REACH, CLP, Biocides and PIC, coordinating and advising the different enforcing bodies in the UK and inputting the UK's views into the EU arena. Mr Potts is the current UK member of the REACH enforcement Forum and the Biocides Enforcement Group.

Rodolphe QUÉROU

Regulatory Manager Europe
Dow Microbial Control

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15.20
Case study: enforcement from an industry perspective

Rodolphe Quérou is Dow Microbial Control's Regulatory Manager for Europe, Middle East and Africa with more than 20 years of experience in regulatory and technical fields of the biocides and agchem business.

He coordinates the regulatory and product sustainability support of Dow Microbial Control's portfolio of biocidal active substances and biocidal products.

Mr Quérou is Chairman of the CEFIC European Biocidal Products Forum and active in a number of biocidal product working groups at European and global level.

He graduated with a master's degree in engineering in agronomy from the Ecole Nationale Supérieure Agronomique de Toulouse, France, and a PhD in agronomy and environmental chemistry from the University Joseph Fourier Grenoble, France.

He is based in Valbonne, France.

Jack DE BRUIJN

Director of Risk Management, ECHA

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Closing remarks

Jack de Bruijn started working at ECHA right from the start in 2007. He is currently heading the Risk Management Directorate that is responsible for identifying and implementing the authorisation and restriction processes under REACH as well as managing the classification-related tasks resulting from the CLP Regulation. Since 2014, the directorate also manages and coordinates ECHA's scientific evaluations and assessments under the Biocidal Products Regulation.

Before joining the Agency, Mr de Bruijn worked at the European Chemicals Bureau (ECB) of the Joint Research Centre (JRC) in Ispra where he coordinated the development of the guidance documents for REACH. Before joining the ECB, he worked for many years for the Dutch national authorities in the area of regulatory risk assessment of chemicals.

Mr de Bruijn is a chemist by training and has a PhD in environmental toxicology.