

# Overview of speakers

## Tenth Stakeholders' Day

27 MAY 2015  
HELSINKI, FINLAND



# Plenary session 1

## Opening



### Geert DANCET

Executive Director, ECHA

### Programme

09.00

Opening

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 largest regulatory agencies of the EU with over 500 staff members in charge of the EU chemicals legislations, including the new Biocidal Products and PIC regulations. His mandate was renewed in 2012 and will end on 31 December 2017.

The Commission nominated him as interim Executive Director in January 2007 in order 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. Prior to 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 with four children.

# Plenary session 1

## REACH 2018



### Christel MUSSET

Director of Registration, ECHA

#### Programme

09.10

Road to REACH 2018 - How ECHA can support your registration

Ms Musset joined ECHA on 1 September 2007 and is currently responsible for all activities related to the registration process under REACH – this also comprises data sharing and dissemination and the coordination of IT systems to support these activities, in particular REACH-IT and IUCLID.

Before joining the Agency she worked in the European Commission, at the European Chemicals Bureau of the JRC in Ispra, where she coordinated the development of IT systems for REACH. Prior to joining the European Commission, she held several positions in the private sector, first managing large-scale IT projects and then as a director of Sales and Marketing.

Ms Musset studied Physics and Computer science and is a postgraduate in Business and Administration.

Ms Musset is in charge of the directorate for Registration. Ms Musset is of French nationality.



### Dr. Stuart NIVEN

Senior Regulatory Affairs Manager  
Harlan Laboratories Ltd.

#### Programme

09.30

Substance Identity - the critical component of both lead and co-registration dossiers

After obtaining an honours degree in chemistry, PhD in organic synthesis and chartered membership of the Royal Society of Chemistry, Stuart spent 10 years working on the research, development and manufacture of pigment, ink, toner and paint concentrate formulations for a large multi-national chemical company.

Stuart entered REACH at the time of pre-registration as a portfolio manager where for the 2010 and 2013 deadlines he ran 3 consortia, had steering committee roles in 11 further consortia and acted as lead registrant for approximately 20 substances. The consortium groups in which he was involved registered more than 100 substances as lead over the first 2 phases.

Currently he is Head of Regulatory Affairs Switzerland with Harlan where he leads an expert consulting group in the preparation of dossiers for chemical, agrochemical, pharmaceutical, biocide, food contact and cosmetics regulations.



## René HUNZIKER

Toxicology Consultant Lead  
The Dow Chemical Company

### Programme

09.45

**Bridges and barriers to meeting your  
information requirements**

Dr. René Hunziker is Product Sustainability Leader for the diversified chlorinated businesses of the Dow Chemical Company. In this role he has responsibility for the safe use of the products and for meeting regulatory requirements globally.

In his previous role with Dow's Toxicology & Environmental Research and Consulting (TERC) department he has supported the hazard assessments and documentation of safe use of Dow's registrations under REACH and researched on the reliable use of QSAR methods in product safety assessments.

He is environmental scientist by training and member of the ECETOC scientific committee.



## Laura PORTUGAL

REACH Issue Manager, Downstream Users  
of Chemicals Coordination Group (DUCC)

### Programme

10.00

**Collection and communication of uses - best  
practice from a formulator's perspective**

Since June 2011, Ms Portugal is Technical & Scientific Affairs Manager at A.I.S.E, International Association for Soaps, Detergents and Maintenance Products and REACH Issue Manager at DUCC, Downstream Users of Chemicals Co-Ordination Group.

Laura has experience working at national level in chemicals regulation, in particular REACH, both at Competent Authority and Industry Association level since 2004.

She worked for APA, Portuguese Environmental Agency, from 2004 to 2008 and in APEQ, Portuguese Chemical Companies Association, from 2008 to 2011.

Ms Portugal has a degree in Applied Chemistry, with a specialisation in Biotechnology from the New University of Lisbon, Portugal.





## Douglas LEECH

Technical Director  
Chemical Business Association, UK (CBA)

### Programme

10.15

Effective SIEF management - a view from  
industry

Douglas Leech is the Technical Director of the Chemical Business Association based in Crewe. He joined the association in 2003 following over twenty years in the product formulation sector in both health & safety and R & D roles.

As the Technical Director for the Chemical Business Association (CBA), he is responsible for providing advice and assistance to member companies on legal, regulatory and compliance issues. He has been involved in both the initial advocacy stages of REACH since 2003 & subsequently in assisting Members in achieving compliance with the provisions of REACH, Biocides & CLP.

He works both in the UK and Europe in the area of REACH, CLP, Major Hazards and Biocides. He is also a member of the standing committee of experts on explosives as an industry expert in the field of misuse of chemicals.



## Plenary session 2

# Improving dossier quality



**Leena YLÄ-MONONEN**

Director of Evaluation, ECHA

### Programme

11.30

**New compliance check strategy - what changes and how you can prepare**

Ms Ylä-Mononen joined ECHA on 1 September 2007. Since January 2011 she has been in charge of the dossier and substance evaluation activities. Before becoming a Director, she was the Head of the Committees & International Relations Unit.

Prior to joining the Agency she worked in the European Commission, Directorate-General for Environment, as a Deputy Head of Unit; there she was in charge of the implementation of the Biocides Directive 98/8/EC and Regulation (EC) No 304/2003 concerning the export and import of dangerous chemicals, and of the co-decision negotiations on the Framework Directive on the Sustainable Use of Pesticides.

Ms Ylä-Mononen holds a Masters degree in Agriculture and Forestry, specialising in Environmental Protection. Ms Ylä-Mononen is Finnish.



**Jan WIJMENGA**

Ministry of Infrastructure and the Environment, Netherlands

### Programme

11.50

**Substance evaluation: what to do - or not to do**

Jan Wijmenga is the Dutch member of ECHA's Member State Committee.

He is employed by the ministry of Infrastructure and Environment, and currently works in its directorates for Environmental Safety & Risks and for International Affairs.

Previous areas of work include leading the Dutch delegation to the UNECE Convention on Long-range Transboundary Air Pollution and assisting the vice chairman of the European Parliament's ENVI committee.

In his free time he is involved in local politics in his home town Utrecht and can be spotted refereeing football matches.

Twitter: @jwjmenga.





## Martin KAYSER

Vice President, Product Stewardship, BASF SE

### Programme

12.05

**Beyond registration - a lead registrant's perspective on the evaluation process**

Before his current position at BASF SE, Dr. Kayser worked as a medical doctor in surgery and internal medicine from 1982 - 1987 in Germany. He joined BASF in 1987 as a scientific staff member.

From 1999 - 2003 he worked for Bayer Corporation in Connecticut (USA) and Bayer AG in Wuppertal (Germany). His last position was as senior vice president of preclinical development.

In 2004 he came back to BASF SE as senior vice president and head of Product Safety. He chairs the board of ECETOC (Brussels), acts as chairman of the AGS (Ausschuss für Gefahrstoffe) and he is also a member of several Cefic and VCI (Verband Chemische Industrie) leadership teams.

Since 2008, Dr. Kayser has been Co-Chair of the ICCA Chemical Policy & Health Leadership Group where he has advanced the development and global implementation of ICCA's Global Product Strategy since the very beginning.



## Sari HAUKKA

Head of the Registry of the ECHA Board of Appeal

### Programme

12.20

**Preparing your appeal - what you need to consider**

Ms Haukka joined the European Chemicals Agency in August 2007. She has been the Head of the Registry of the Board of Appeal since its establishment. Before joining the Agency, she worked from 1998 to 2007 as a legal secretary at the General Court of the European Union. Prior to working for the Court, she was an official at the European Commission.

Ms Haukka obtained her Master of Laws and Licentiate of Laws from the University of Helsinki where she later worked as a researcher and teaching assistant. She has also completed her Court training at the District Court of Helsinki.

In addition to her current role, Ms Haukka was appointed in 2011 as the alternate to the Chairperson of the Board of Appeal of the Community Plant Variety Office (part-time function).

## Plenary session 3

# Risk management



### Jack DE BRUIJN

Director of Risk Management, ECHA

#### Programme

14.50

Risk management - get ready

Jack de Bruijn started working at the European Chemicals Agency (ECHA) right from the start in September 2007. He is currently heading the Risk Management Directorate that is responsible for identifying and implementing the authorisation and restrictions processes under REACH as well as managing the classification related tasks resulting from the CLP Regulation. Since the beginning of 2014 the Directorate also manages and coordinates ECHA's scientific evaluations and assessments under the Biocidal Products Regulations (BPR).

Before joining the Agency he worked at the European Chemicals Bureau (ECB) of the 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. He is chemist by training and has a PhD in environmental toxicology.



### Hugo WAETERSCHOOT

REACH Advisor, Eurometaux

#### Programme

15.05

Avoiding 5 key pitfalls to ensure a successful authorisation application

Hugo Waeterschoot has a scientific and business management educational background and worked for close to 20 years in a multinational metal manufacturer on chemicals management practices and policy setting.

His more than 15 years' experience with EU and international chemicals management systems for the metals and inorganics sector allowed him to represent the metals sector in several ECHA committees like MSC and SEAC as well as at OECD level.

He sees his present function as helping to improve the quality and relevancy of chemicals management systems and substance assessments, while raising the awareness and preparedness of the industry for robust and anticipative chemicals management assessments, at the other hand.





Tim Bowmer joined ECHA in 2012 as Chairman of the Committee for Risk Assessment (RAC). RAC is responsible for making recommendations to the Commission on REACH Restrictions and Authorisations as well as Harmonised Classification and Labelling.

He studied marine biology at the National University of Ireland, Galway and was awarded a Ph.D. in 1982.

Moving to the Netherlands in 1986, he worked for many years in the field of ecotoxicology and biodegradation testing of chemicals. He was also involved in evaluating the hazard of chemicals in maritime transport for the UN International Maritime Organisation, chairing its GESAMP working group.

More recently, prior to joining ECHA, he worked as a consultant in the area of chemical hazard evaluation and risk assessment.

## Tim BOWMER

Chair of the Risk Assessment Committee, ECHA

### Programme

15.20

Getting your voice heard in the Scientific Committees



Ms Frida Hök has a MSC in Environmental Science from the University of Gothenburg, Sweden, where she specialized in Chemistry

Before joining ChemSec, Frida worked eight years as product manager at the Swedish Society for Nature Conservation (SSNC), Sweden's largest environmental organisation.

Ms Hök was recruited to ChemSec in 2009 and has since then been in charge of ChemSec's Greener Consumer Electronics project, ChemSec work on the recast of the RoHS directive, Endocrine disrupting chemicals, REACH and the launch of the updated versions of the ChemSec SIN List.

## Frida HÖK

Project Coordinator, International Chemical Secretariat (ChemSec)

### Programme

15.35

The importance of third party contributions through public consultations



## Jukka MALM

Deputy Executive Director, ECHA

### Programme

16.35

Closing remarks

Mr Malm joined the European Chemicals Agency (ECHA) on 1 September 2008 as the Director of Assessment with the main responsibility to build up the processes of evaluation and risk management.

Since January 2011, Mr Malm has been in charge of the directorate for Regulatory Affairs. He is responsible for the work of Scientific Committees of ECHA and for the Legal Affairs unit. In addition, he is in charge of the overall coordination of regulatory decision making and opinion forming of the Agency. Mr Malm was appointed as Deputy Executive Director on 16 January 2014.

Mr Malm has been working in the field of chemicals legislation for twenty-five years and has been involved in a wide range of activities related to the risk assessment and risk management of chemicals at the national, EU, and global level. Prior to working at the Agency he worked as the Director of Expert Services at the Finnish Environment Institute and was also the first chairman of the Management Board of ECHA. He holds a Master's degree in Agriculture and Forestry, specialising in Environmental Protection.

Mr Malm is Finnish.

