

Overview of speakers

Second Biocides Stakeholders' Day

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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 large-size 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 a 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

The EU biocidal market one year after the entry into operation of the BPR



Hugues KENIGSWALD

Biocides Assessment Unit, ECHA

Programme:

09.10

Achievements

14.35

Article 95

Mr Kenigswald joined the European Chemicals Agency (ECHA) on 16 August 2012. Prior to working at the Agency he worked on the risk assessment of food additives and nutrient sources at the European Food Safety Authority (EFSA) since 2006.

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

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 the national and EU, and global level. He has graduated in veterinary medicine and also has post-graduate qualifications in business management, in statistics and epidemiology.

Mr Kenigswald is French.



Pierre CHORAINE

DG Environment, European Commission

Programme:

09.30

Forthcoming revision of the fee regulation and national fees, relevant policy issues

Mr Choraine was born on 14 February 1967 in Lyon, France. He qualified as a veterinary surgeon and has a degree in political sciences.

Mr Choraine joined the European Commission in 2003. Since 2005, he is a policy officer in the biocides team and is leading this team since 2012.

Mr Choraine held previous positions at the European Agency for the Evaluation of Medicines in London, as an administrator, from 1994 to 1997, and at the Federation of veterinarians of Europe, as Executive Director, from 1998 to 2002.

As there is life beyond biocides, Mr Choraine is also interested in reading, sport, alpinism, photography, chess, piano and was for several years President of the Parents Association of the European School of Brussels I, in which he is still actively involved.



Sylvie LEMOINE

AISE

Programme:

09.50

**BPR: opportunities and challenges
for biocidal product formulators in
2014**

Ms Sylvie Lemoine has worked for 11 years in the petrochemical industry in different positions (R&D, market development, regulatory). She has also worked for 7 years so far in AISE (International Association for Soaps, Detergents and Maintenance products) as Director for technical and regulatory affairs.

She is Chair of DUCC (Downstream Users of Chemicals Coordination group).

Ms Lemoine is a Chemical engineer and holds a PhD in Chemistry.

Ms Lemoine is French.

Plenary session 2

Legislative developments and support for applicants



Camilla BUCHANAN

Legal Affairs Unit, ECHA

Programme:

11.15

BPR amendment and secondary legislation

Ms Camilla Buchanan joined ECHA in September 2012 as a Legal Advisor in the Legal Affairs Unit. Her main area of work is advising on the implementation of the Biocidal Products Regulation.

Prior to joining the Agency she worked in Brussels for eight years as a lawyer in private practice advising industry on compliance with a range of EU regulatory legislation, including the Biocidal Products Directive, REACH and CLP as well as representing clients in EU trade defence investigations.

Camilla is a UK qualified lawyer with a Master's degree in EU law from the College of Europe.



Erik VAN DE PLASSCHE

Chair of the Biocidal Products Committee, ECHA

Programme:

11.45

New review programme regulation

Mr van de Plassche joined the European Chemicals Agency (ECHA) on 1 September 2010. Prior to working at the Agency he worked at the Joint Research Centre of the European Commission in Ispra, Italy. As of 1 August 2012, Mr van de Plassche is the Chair of the Biocidal Products Committee.

Mr van de Plassche has been working in the field of chemicals management for over twenty 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. He holds a Masters degree in Biology, specialising in Ecotoxicology.

Mr van de Plassche is Dutch.



Jan WEBER

Biocides Assessment Unit, ECHA

Programme:

12.05

IT tools

Mr Weber joined ECHA in 2013 and is currently in charge of the R4BP 3 product management in the Biocides Assessment Unit. He is responsible for activities related to the further development and maintenance of R4BP 3 and the SPC editor, and the related involvement of costumers.

Before joining the Agency, he worked for the EC Joint Research Centre in Ispra, Italy. During this time, his work focussed on the preparatory activities in relation to ECHA's tasks under the BPR.

Prior to joining he held a position in a consultancy, working on the risk assessment of biocides.

Mr Weber studied Environmental Engineering and holds a PhD in Environmental Science.

Mr Weber is German.



Valerio SPINOSI

Biocides Assessment Unit, ECHA

Programme:

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Support for applicants

Mr Spinosi had worked from 2006 to 2010 in the European Commission Directorate General for Health and Consumers as a Legislative Officer in the Unit for Authorisation of Plant Protection Products.

His main tasks were the examination of EFSA peer review conclusions on existing active substances under the Plant Protection Product Directive 91/414/EEC, the preparation of Commission proposals and submission to the Plant Protection Products Standing Committee. He also managed, organised and coordinated the Committees' meetings and the work of the expert working groups.

Mr Spinosi joined the European Chemicals Agency on 16 April 2010 and he currently works as a Scientific and Regulatory Officer at ECHA in the Biocides Unit. He is responsible for answering external questions related to biocides and for the communication of the strategy plan targeted to biocides stakeholders. He is also responsible for drafting the R4BP 3 manual targeted to the Competent Authorities, the content of the biocides ECHA webpages and co-responsible for drafting the practical guide on procedural aspects of the Biocidal Products Regulation.

Plenary session 3

New opportunities and challenges



Jonathan Küster joined ECHA in 2013 and currently works in the Substance Identification and Data Sharing Unit. He is part of the team responsible for the assessment of data sharing disputes under the BPR and REACH.

Before joining the Agency, he worked in the European Parliament assisting one of the political Groups' Presidents. He holds an M.A. in Political Sciences from the Université Libre de Bruxelles and a B.A. in European Studies from the University of Osnabrück.

Mr Küster is German.

Jonathan KÜSTER

Substance Identity and Data Sharing Unit, ECHA

Programme:

15.05

Data sharing



Mr Grunwald is the Director of Regulatory Affairs in Europe, Africa and Middle East in Ecolab.

He is also a Member of the Management Committee and several working groups of EBPF (European Biocide Product Forum) of CEFIC (European Chemical Industry Council), Brussels, and AISE (International Association for Soaps, Detergents and Maintenance Products) Working groups 'Biocide Product Directive', Brussels.

Mr Grunwald holds a PhD in Food Chemistry from the University of Wuppertal, Germany.

Ludger GRUNWALD

Ecolab

Programme:

15.20

Union authorisation: analysis of benefits and risks - industry perspective



Camelia MIHAI

Cefic

Programme:

15.35

Biocidal Product Family - Work in progress

Camelia obtained a PhD in Sciences at the Vrije Universiteit Brussel. She started her professional career at Cefic, the European Chemical Industry Council, coordinating the regulatory activities of several REACH and biocides active substance consortia. Since 2012, she leads several groups within the Cefic sector group of European producers of biocidal active substances and products - The European Biocidal Products Forum (EBPF). In this position, she actively follows the regulatory developments of the EU biocides legislation, providing support, information and advice to Cefic members in the area of compliance and implementation. She represents Cefic in the Coordination Group and BPC WG Meetings regarding the implementation of the BPR.



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 over twenty 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.