Overview of speakers
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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 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 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 – Issues and solutions

Christel Musset joined the European Chemicals Agency (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 (ECB) of the Joint Research Centre (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 and she is of French nationality.

Laurence Hoffstadt is a pharmaceutical doctor and holds a PhD in Toxicology.

After her studies on in vitro eye irritation at Janssen Pharmaceutica (Belgium) and Johnson & Johnson (USA) she pursued her post-doctoral experience in a clinical research organisation (CRO) in England. She then followed her husband, who started a research project in Benin (West Africa) and worked in a pharmaceutical company producing generic medication for the West African market.

After returning to Europe, she joined Brussels-based ExxonMobil Petroleum & Chemical. She was involved in numerous toxicological aspects relevant to EU legislation (REACH, food safety, alternatives to animal testing) interacting also with external partners (EPAA, ECETOC). She then seized the opportunity to work for the European Chemicals Agency (ECHA) in Helsinki.

Her initial tasks at ECHA were to develop the implementation of the data sharing provisions and the support to SIEFs. She currently contributes to the evaluation of registration dossiers and the development of supporting material for the registrants of the last registration deadline.
Fabrice Broeckaert has a PhD in industrial toxicology from the Catholic University of Louvain in Belgium. Since 2011, he has held the position of senior scientific officer within the unit of classification and prioritisation in ECHA. He is in charge of the coordination of CLP classification dossiers.

Before joining ECHA, he worked 12 years in different industrial sectors as regulatory and registration toxicologist. He is a European Registered Toxicologist and the author of several peer-reviewed publications and science book chapters.

Fabrice BROECKAERT
Classification and Prioritisation, ECHA

**Programme**
09.50
Classifying your substance: dos and don’ts

Mercedes Viñas joined the European Chemicals Agency (ECHA) in June 2013. She is currently heading the unit Dossier submission and PIC in the Registration Directorate of ECHA.

She oversees ECHA’s activities on the submission and processing of dossiers including the 2018 registration deadline, and the related support to industry. Her unit is also in charge of the implementation of the Regulation on Prior Informed Consent (PIC) and the submission of information to the appointed bodies and poison centres under the CLP Regulation.

Mercedes is a Chemical Engineer with a postgraduate in European legislation. She has been working on the implementation of the REACH Regulation since 2004 in different positions in the European Commission and industry associations.

Mercedes VIÑAS
Dossier Submission and PIC, ECHA

**Programme**
10.05
Submitting successfully: tips from ECHA
Plenary session 2

Case studies for successful registration

Mike Penman has 40 years’ experience in managing toxicology, regulatory affairs and information technology on a global basis.

He worked for ICI (Central Toxicology Laboratory and Chemicals & Polymers business) in the UK, then later in the US and Europe for ExxonMobil. Externally, has chaired and managed a number of scientific and regulatory groups. He was involved in the initial development of IUCLID and was an original author of the ECETOC TRA exposure model. He chaired the Reach Implementation Project responsible for the initial guidance on Information Requirements. During this time, he was awarded a UK civil honour for “Services to Environmental Safety”.

In May 2007, he founded Penman Consulting (now 25 + staff around Europe mainly in Belgium and the UK) providing managed service solutions to industry and Consortia on chemical regulation, toxicology and environmental sciences. These services include Technical (toxicology, environment and exposure issues) Product Stewardship, and Regulatory activities.

The business has been central in managing major project and consortia under REACH, developing hundreds of registrations for highly complex substances, subsequently developing and managing complex testing strategies to meet the increasingly stringent requirements of REACH.

Dr. Teubner is a EUROTOX-registered toxicologist holding the position of a regulatory toxicologist in the product safety department of BASF Switzerland. Her work includes the human health hazard and risk assessment of industrial chemicals with special focus on (Q)SAR modeling and the application of in-vitro methods.

She previously worked as a toxicologist for Ciba Expert Services and as a post-doc in the department of toxicology of human nutrition at the University of Potsdam. She received her diploma in biochemistry from the university of Hannover, Germany and did her PhD at the German Institute of Human Nutrition in Bergholz-Rehbrücke, Germany.

Dr Wera TEUBNER
BASF Schweiz AG

Programme
11.30
Case study: substance identity

Mike PENMAN
Penman Consulting

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Dr Wera TEUBNER
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11.45
Case study: applying alternative methods
After a degree in chemistry and ten years in Chemical Industry, first in R&D then in the Regulatory field, she specialised in toxicology applied to risk assessment and has been working in regulatory and implementation of REACH regulation since 2001, when REACH was still a proposal.

She specialised in Risk Assessment and she participated in several working groups for technical discussions and safety reports with ECHA (European Chemical Agency), EFSA (European Feed and Food Chemical Agency) EPA (Environmental Protection Agency) and the pharmaceutical industry. She participated from 2008 as active member to the main European Projects focused on exposure scenarios and Environmental Risk Assessment like the Chesar Consultation Group (ECHA) and the ENES network (ECHA).

Monica Locatelli founded REACH mastery in 2008 as a REACH specialised consultancy company.

The group has this year changed the name in TEAM mastery, counts of 16 people specialised in the different areas of toxicology, eco-toxicology, modelling and in-vitro testing. It gained a great experience in organising projects, contracting and monitoring toxicological and eco-toxicological studies for the registration of hundreds chemicals under REACH Regulation, Authorisation dossiers, Biocidal Active Substances and Products, pharmaceuticals and assessment of Feed and Food additives and Cosmetics.

The last newborn division is dealing with Plant Protection Products and Fertilizers.

Rudolf Staab holds a PhD in Inorganic Chemistry from the University of Saarbrücken, Germany. He spent 25 years in the chemical industry thereof 14 years in top management positions at Hoechst and Clariant. Since 2004 he is Partner at ChemAdvice GmbH a top level consultancy company focused on business transactions.

On request from his network in the chemical industry of the USA he founded REACH ChemAdvice GmbH in 2007 to offer Only Representative Service to Non-EU manufacturers worldwide. As a founding member of the Only Representative Organisation, the trade association for ORs, he serves as Vice Secretary since 6 years and is co-author of the Best Practice Guide for ORs and other interested parties.
Plenary session 3

Using chemicals safer in Europe

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 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 chemist by training and has a PhD in environmental toxicology.

Marten Kops is Manager Scientific & Regulatory Affairs at NVZ, the Dutch Detergents Association. As chairman of the REACH Implementation Working Group of A.I.S.E., the International Association for Soaps, Detergents and Maintenance Products, he has been a key contributor in the development of the A.I.S.E. REACH tools like use maps and Safe Use of Mixtures Information (SUMIs). Through his efforts at a national level, the professional cleaning industry in The Netherlands is becoming a key example of how REACH-generated information can truly lead to safer workplaces at the end of the supply chain.

At NVZ Mr. Kops is responsible for several regulatory dossiers like REACH, CLP and the Occupational Health & Safety legislation. He holds a master’s degree in toxicology and has over 7 years of experience with chemical regulatory affairs.
Dr Dirk Schwartz is an European-registered toxicologist with an academic background in chemistry and molecular biology. He switched from the pharmaceutical industry to the chemical industry in November 2010 to become Head of Product Safety & Regulations at Bruno Bock Thiochemicals.

Besides REACH he is in charge of coordinating all activities related to chemical inventories and chemical regulations worldwide. Dirk Schwartz is married, has two children and lives in Hamburg, Germany.

Mike Rasenberg has over 17 years of professional experience working in the field of chemical regulatory affairs with both governmental bodies and enterprises.

Mr Rasenberg is Head of Unit for Computational Assessment and Dissemination at the European Chemicals Agency (ECHA) since January 2011. Before this, Mr Rasenberg worked in the area of international chemicals management, with the European Commission, Chemical Industry, industry associations and as a consultant.
Jukka Malm joined the European Chemicals Agency (ECHA) in September 2008 as the Director of Assessment with the main responsibility to build up the processes of evaluation and risk management.

Since 2011 Mr Malm is leading the directorate of Regulatory Affairs, and was appointed as Deputy Executive Director in January 2014. He is responsible for the work of Scientific Committees of ECHA and for the Legal Affairs unit. In addition, he is coordinating the scientific activities of the agency.

Mr Malm has been working in the field of chemicals legislation for over 25 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.