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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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Biocides regulatory developments

Martinus Nagtzaam

DG Health and Food Safety
European Commission

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Future outlook on biocides

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.

Hugues KENIGSWALD

Biocides Assessment, ECHA

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Upcoming developments

Hugues 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.

Simón GUTIÉRREZ ALONSO

ECHA

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Endocrine disruptors – where are we

Simón Gutiérrez Alonso moved to Finland to work for ECHA in 2015. He currently leads the environmental team in the Biocides Assessment Unit in ECHA and is deputy chair of the Biocidal Products Committee working group on environment. The team provides support and delivers expertise to the Unit on any environmental related issues with regards to biocides.

Before joining ECHA, Mr Gutiérrez worked in the private sector as a regulatory manager and, before that, worked for four years as a Scientifc Officer for the Spanish national authorities as an evaluator for biocides. He has also worked in the Spanish National Reference Centre for Persistent Organic Pollutants.

Simón holds a Bachelor´s degree in environmental sciences and a PhD in ecotoxicology.

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Building a biocides application

Valerio SPINOSI

Biocides Assessment, ECHA

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IT tools and support

Valerio Spinosi 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 conclusions on existing active substances under the Plant Protection Product Directive and the drafting of Commission decision proposals.

Mr Spinosi joined ECHA in 2010 where he works as Scientific and Regulatory Officer in the Biocides Assessment Unit. He leads a team that deals with IT, communication and support. He is responsible for the communication of the strategy plan targeted to biocides stakeholders and for answering external questions. He is also responsible for drafting IT manuals targeted to competent authorities, the content of ECHA's biocides webpages and the BPR practical guide.

An GHEKIERE

ARCHE Consulting

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Working in a consortium

An Ghekiere graduated as master of biochemistry in 2001 and obtained her PhD in bio-engineering on endocrine disruption in invertebrates at Ghent University (Belgium) in 2006.

In 2006, she joined ARCHE Consulting and since 2010, has been responsible for the biocides team.

Since 2014, she has developed, together with her biocides team, a new consortium management service for biocidal products.

Caroline Hall is a toxicologist (ERT) within Product Stewardship of Evonik Nutrition & Care GmbH, Hanau, Germany.

She holds a diploma degree in food chemistry and earned a PhD from the Technical University Berlin, Germany.

Ms Hall started her career as study director within the field of genetic toxicology at a Contract Research Organization. Since 2012, she has been involved in different active substance approvals as well as biocidal product authorisations.

Caroline HALL

Evonik Nutrition and Care

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Union authorisation for a product family

Brigitte van Noorloos works as project manager in the field of biocides at the Board for the Authorisation of Plant Protection Products and Biocides (Ctgb) in the Netherlands. She joined the organisation in the beginning of 2016. Among other BPR projects, she is involved in the assessment of *in situ* generated active substances .

Ms van Noorloos has a degree in chemistry from Radboud University Nijmegen. In 2000, she started to work for NOTOX (now Charles River) as a study director on environmental fate and metabolism. In 2008, she joined Bayer CropScience as a regulatory manager for plant protection products.

Brigitte van NOORLOOS

Board for the Authorisation of Plant Protection Products and Biocides, the Netherlands

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Free radicals and other *in situ* generated substances: experiences & challenges

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Tips from authorities

Chiara PECORINI

Biocides Assessment, ECHA

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How to do a successful Union authorisation application

Chiara Pecorini joined ECHA in 2013 and is currently the process coordinator for Union authorisation of biocidal products in the Biocides Assessment Unit. She also leads 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 a 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.

Ulrike FRANK

Swedish Chemicals Agency, KEMI

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Treated articles – Member State advice

Ulrike Frank is a biologist, who has been involved with regulatory hazard and risk assessment for many years. She has worked at different authorities in Germany and currently works at the Swedish Chemicals Agency (KemI). There she is involved in the risk assessment of active substances for biocides and in the development and interpretation of the biocides legislation.

Amongst others, she has been working with efficacy testing of treated articles and has helped to develop guidance documents. She is involved in the discussion and interpretation of the rules about treated articles at KemI and in a European context.

Francesca RAVAIOLI

Ministry of Health, General Directorate on medical devices and pharmaceutical service, Italy

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What to expect from enforcement

Francesca Ravaioli is Vice-Chair and the Italian representative in the ECHA FORUM - Biocidal Products Regulation sub-group. She is the coordinator at the Italian national institutional working group, in collaboration with the State-Regions Conference, of the drafting of national legislation for the implementation of official controls on biocidal products and of national legislation on the training of professional users for biocidal products.

She is also the coordinator in the Ministry of Health, Italy, for the surveillance and monitoring of biocidal products and treated articles placed on the market and the risk involved in the use of biocides in collaboration with the National Institute of Health, National Centre for Epidemiology, Surveillance and Promotion health and the National poison Control centers.

Ms Ravaioli is the contact person for the ECHA FORUM on a pilot project requested by the European Commission, aimed at harmonising the collection and analysis of biocides exposures and poisonings data, in order to highlight the early signs of risk and collect adequate information essential to promote properly the sustainable use of biocidal products.

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 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. The directorate also manages and coordinates ECHA's scientific evaluations and assessments under the Biocidal Products Regulation.

Before joining ECHA, Mr de Bruijn worked at the European Chemicals Bureau (ECB) of the Joint Research Centre (JRC) in Ispra where he coordinated the development of 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.