

POPs in our Life

6th December 2011, University of Malta



Objectives of the workshop

This workshop wants to give students and young people in general, basic information about some toxic chemicals that are present in our day life. Participants will be shown where these chemicals are, how they can affect our health and environment and with which solutions we count in order to minimize their presence in our environment.

Proposed participants

This activity is prepared for university students, NGOs, and other interested participants.
Maximum number of participants: 30

Please, to participate in the course, contact Virginia Vidal (vvidal.tecnic@cprac.org) or Meritxell Remolins (mremolins@lavola.com)

Speakers

Roland Weber is working as independent international consultant mainly for UN Organisations (UNIDO, UNEP, UNDP) and environmental ministries on the implementation of the Stockholm Convention on reduction of Persistent Organic Pollutants (POPs). His areas of expertise is the reduction of Dioxins and other unintentionally produced POPs, related Best Available Techniques & Environmental Practice (BAT/BEP), and brominated and fluorinated POPs. He is visiting Professor at Tsinghua University in Beijing. As civil society activity he is board member of the NGO "Solidarity. Ecology and Lifestyle" (www.nachhaltig.at) and ambassador of the International HCH and Pesticide Association (www.IHPA.info)

Virginia Vidal, project manager on the Persistent Organic Pollutants in the Regional Activity Centre for Cleaner Production.

Moderators

Meritxell Remolins, environmental communication and museography expert in the Communication Department of LAVOLA 1981, SA

Language

The workshop will be given in English

AGENDA

9.00 - 9.30 Registration and welcome

9.30 – 11.00 **PART I. Introduction: POPs in our Life**

- Introduction on the workshop
- Slow Death by Rubber Duck? - Securing Health in a World of Chemicals

11.00 - 11.30 **Coffee Break**

11.30 - 14.00 **PART II. Interactive workshops**

- The Story of Electronics
- POPs in Electronics
- POPs in Food
- POPs in Textiles

14.00 - 15.00 **Lunch Break**

15.00 - 17.00 **PART III. Cineforum**

- Projection of the film “Silent Snow” (more information:
<http://www.silentsnow.org/>)
- Debate

17.00 **Evaluation and closure of the workshop.**