

## Overview of speakers



### **Geert DANCET**

Executive Director  
European Chemicals Agency (ECHA)

#### **Programme:**

09:30 – 09:40 Conference opening

#### **Biography:**

Geert Dancet became the first elected Executive Director of the European Chemicals Agency (ECHA) in January 2008. Under his leadership, the Agency successfully managed the preregistration deadline of December 2008 and the two firsts registration deadline of 30 November 2010 and 31 May 2013. ECHA has become one of the large-size regulatory agencies of the EU with over 500 staff members in charge of the EU chemicals legislation, soon to include biocides.

The Commission nominated him as interim Executive Director in January 2007 shortly after the adoption of the REACH Regulation in order to set up the Agency in Helsinki.

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.

## The new Biocidal Products Regulation: what will change on 1 September 2013



### Jukka MALM

Director of Regulatory Affairs  
European Chemicals Agency (ECHA)

#### Programme:

09:30 – 11:10 Chair  
18:00 - 18:10 Closing remarks

#### Biography:

Mr Malm joined the European Chemicals Agency (ECHA) on 1 September 2008. 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.

As of 1 January 2011, Mr Malm is in charge of the directorate for Regulatory Affairs. He is responsible for the work of Scientific Committees of ECHA, for the Legal Affairs unit, and for the Biocides Unit. In addition, he is in charge of the overall coordination of regulatory decision and opinion making of the Agency.

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. He holds a Masters degree in Agriculture and Forestry, specialising in Environmental Protection. Mr Malm is Finnish.



### Hugues KENIGSWALD

Head of Unit, Biocides  
European Chemicals Agency (ECHA)

#### Programme:

09:40 – 10:00 Biocidal Products  
Regulation vs. Biocidal Products  
Directive: new processes

#### Biography:

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 since 2006.

He is responsible for the Biocides Unit which is supporting the Biocidal Products Committee and the Coordination Group and is coordinating all activities of the Agency related to biocides.

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, and in statistics and epidemiology. Mr Kenigswald is French.



## Raf BRUYNDONCKX

Sector Group Manager, Biocides  
Cefic

### Programme:

10:00 – 10:20 Opportunities for  
companies under the new Biocidal  
Products Regulation



## Pierre CHORAINE

Biocides Team Coordinator,  
DG Environment  
European Commission

### Programme:

10:20 – 10:40 The role of the  
commission under the new Biocidal  
Products Regulation

### Biography:

Raf Bruyndonckx obtained a PhD in Theoretical Chemistry from the University of Fribourg (Switzerland). He started his professional career at Cefic, the European Chemical Industry Council, coordinating the environmental science and biocides activities for Euro Chlor, the federation of the European chlor-alkali industry. Since 2006, he leads the Cefic sector group of European producers of biocidal active substances and products – The European Biocidal Products Forum (EBPF). In this position, he actively follows the regulatory developments of the EU biocides legislation, providing intelligence, information and advice to Cefic member in the area of compliance and implementation. He is an observer in the Competent Authority and Technical Meetings of the Commission on the implementation of the BPR.

### Biography:

Pierre was born on 14 February 1967 in Lyon (France). Pierre qualified as a veterinary surgeon and has a degree in political sciences.

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

Pierre 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, Pierre 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.

**SESSION II**  
**Active substances and product authorisation****Jack DE BRUIJN**

Director of Risk Management  
European Chemicals Agency (ECHA)

**Programme:**

11:40 - 13:10 Chair

**Biography:**

Jack de Bruijn started working at the European Chemicals Agency 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.

Before joining the Agency he worked at the European Chemicals Bureau 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.

**Antero AIRAKSINEN**

Scientific Officer  
European Chemicals Agency (ECHA)

**Programme:**

11:40 - 11:55 New active substances

**Biography:**

Mr Airaksinen joined the European Chemicals Agency (ECHA) on 1 January 2013 and is working in the Biocides Unit. His main work area is toxicological risk assessment.

Mr Airaksinen has been working in the field of biocides for nearly 10 years and has been involved in activities related to the risk assessment of biocides at the national and EU level. Prior to working at the Agency he has worked as a senior adviser at the Finnish Safety and Chemicals Agency, and at the Joint Research Centre of the European Commission. He holds a Ph.D. degree in biochemistry from the University of Helsinki and was a postdoctoral researcher in Madrid, Spain. Mr Airaksinen is Finnish.



## **Erik VAN DE PLASSCHE**

Chair of the Biocidal Products Committee  
European Chemicals Agency (ECHA)

### **Programme:**

11:55 - 12:10 Review programme

### **Biography:**

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.



## **Heike SCHIMMELPFENNIG**

Senior Scientific Officer  
European Chemicals Agency (ECHA)

### **Programme:**

12:10 - 12:25 Union authorisation:  
practical implementation and steps for  
applicants

### **Biography:**

Ms Schimmelpfennig joined the European Chemicals Agency (ECHA) on 1 May 2012 and is working in the Biocides Unit. Her main work area is environmental risk assessment.

Ms Schimmelpfennig has been working in the field of biocides for over ten years and has been involved in a wide range of activities related to the risk assessment of biocides at national, EU and OECD level e.g. the preparation and revision of emission scenario documents. Prior to working at the Agency she has worked as a senior expert at a German consultancy. She holds a diploma in Geosciences, specialising in soil science and geology. Ms Schimmelpfennig is German.



**Anna NORDBERG**

Scientific Officer  
Kemi

**Programme:**

12:25 - 12:40 National authorisation:  
role of the Member States

**Biography:**

Anna Nordberg has been working with the authorisation of biocidal products at the Swedish Chemicals Agency since 2009. Her main areas of work are regulatory issues and procedures for authorisation. She has also worked with the chemical risk assessment of biocidal products. Between 2008 and 2009, she worked with the assessment and authorisation of plant protection products, also at the Swedish Chemicals Agency.

Anna Nordberg holds a Master's degree in Chemical engineering from Chalmers University of Technology in Gothenburg, Sweden.

## SESSION III Specific elements in the Biocidal Products Regulation



### **Christel MUSSET**

Director of Registration  
European Chemicals Agency (ECHA)

#### **Programme:**

14:40 - 15:55 Chair

#### **Biography:**

Ms Musset joined ECHA in 2007 and is currently in charge of the Registration directorate. She is responsible for activities related to the registration process under REACH, including data sharing, dissemination and the coordination of IT systems.

Before joining the Agency she worked for the European Commission, at the European Chemicals Bureau of the Joint Research Council in Ispra. During this time she coordinated the development of IT systems for REACH.

Prior to joining the European Commission, she held several positions in the private sector, managing large-scale IT projects and in the position of director of sales and marketing.

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



### **Camilla BUCHANAN**

Legal Advisor  
European Chemicals Agency (ECHA)

#### **Programme:**

14:40 - 14:55 Responsibilities of  
alternative suppliers

#### **Biography:**

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.



## **Suvi TAKALA**

Junior Scientific Officer  
European Chemicals Agency (ECHA)

### **Programme:**

14:55 - 15:10 Technical equivalence and data sharing

### **Biography:**

Ms Takala joined the European Chemicals Agency (ECHA) in September 2008. Prior to working at the Agency she worked in the Finnish chemical industry on regulatory affairs and product stewardship.

Ms Takala is working in the Substance Identification and Data Sharing Unit (C2) and is responsible for managing and coordinating processes related to these aspects under REACH in the unit. She is also coordinating the preparatory activities on BPR regarding substance identity and data sharing.

Ms Takala holds a Masters degree in Environmental Science and Bachelors degree in Economics and Business Administration. Ms Takala is Finnish.



## **Johanna BERNSEL**

Lead Policy Officer, DG Environment  
European Commission

### **Programme:**

15:10 – 15:25 Treated articles

### **Biography:**

Johanna Bernsel is a lawyer in the European Commission. Since 2009, she works for the chemicals unit of the Directorate General for Environment, mainly with biocides legislation. She previously worked with State subsidy control in the Directorate General for Competition. She has a background in the Swedish administrative Court system and in the European Court of Justice.



## SESSION IV Available support and tools for applicants



### **Andreas HERDINA**

Director of Cooperation  
European Chemicals Agency (ECHA)

#### **Programme:**

16:25 - 18:10 Chair

#### **Biography:**

Born in 1953 Andreas Herdina graduated from Innsbruck University in 1976 with a Doctorate of Law. He then practiced law in Innsbruck, establishing his own barrister's/solicitor's office.

In 1987, Andreas Herdina joined the Austrian Federal Ministry of Foreign Affairs. From 1989 to 1993 he was posted to the Austrian Embassy in Tokyo and subsequently was Deputy Head of the Austrian Permanent Mission to the United Nations in Geneva from 1993 until 1996.

During the immediate post-war period from March 1996 to March 1999, the Austrian Foreign Ministry seconded Andreas Herdina to the Office of the High Representative in Bosnia and Herzegovina that implemented the Dayton/Paris Peace Agreement.

In 1999, Andreas Herdina joined the external relations' services of the European Commission. In November 2008, he took up his post as Director of Cooperation at the European Chemicals Agency (ECHA).



### **Tom UOTILA**

Scientific Business Officer  
European Chemicals Agency (ECHA)

#### **Programme:**

16:25 - 16:40 IT tools

#### **Biography:**

Tom Uotila works as a business analyst at the European Chemicals Agency (ECHA). In this capacity, Tom bridges business and IT to ensure workable IT solutions are delivered to support ECHA's role in implementing the EU legislations it is responsible for, most recently in the context of the Biocidal Products Regulation and previously the REACH Regulation.



## **Ricardo SIMOES**

Junior Scientific Officer  
European Chemicals Agency (ECHA)

### **Programme:**

16:40 - 16:55 Biocide applications:  
submissions in practice

### **Biography:**

Mr Simões joined the European Chemicals Agency (ECHA) on 18 August 2008. Prior to working at the Agency he worked as an R&D Chemist in a Fine Chemicals multinational company and as a Project manager.

As of 1 December 2012, Mr Simões is in charge of preparing the procedures for the Biocides submissions.

Mr Simões has been working in registration related aspects of REACH since 2009. He holds a degree in Chemistry, specialising in Organic Chemistry. Mr Simões is Portuguese.



## **Adriana LIPKOVA**

Junior Scientific Officer  
European Chemicals Agency (ECHA)

### **Programme:**

16:55 - 17:10 Guidance for applicants

### **Biography:**

Ms Lipkova joined the European Chemicals Agency (ECHA) on 1 March 2008. Prior to working at the Agency she worked for ten years as a consultant in the area of environmental engineering in Finland.

Between 2008 and 2012 she was working for the Secretariat of the Committee for Socio-Economic Analysis at ECHA established under REACH with the purpose to provide scientific opinions on restriction proposals and applications for authorisation. Since August 2012 she has been working for the Biocides Unit as a coordinator of the preparatory activities in relation to the guidance in support of the Biocides Product Regulation.

She holds a Masters degree in Chemistry. Ms Lipkova is Slovak.



## **Mira BANERJEE**

Communication Officer  
European Chemicals Agency (ECHA)

### **Programme:**

17:10 - 17:30 ECHA communications  
and Helpdesk

### **Biography:**

Ms Banerjee joined the European Chemicals Agency (ECHA) on 1 February 2011.

She is the Communications Adviser for the Biocides Unit and coordinates ECHA's communications activities on biocides. In addition, she is in charge of developing the Agency's engagement with stakeholder organisations. As of 1 November 2012, she is the team leader for external communications in ECHA.

Ms Banerjee has been working in the field of communications for over twenty years. She has worked in international assignments through her previous positions in the national government, UN, Nordic Council of Ministers and now with EU. Ms Banerjee is Finnish.



## **Henna PIHA**

Junior Scientific Officer  
European Chemicals Agency (ECHA)

### **Programme:**

17:10 - 17:30 ECHA communications  
and Helpdesk

### **Biography:**

Ms Piha joined ECHA on 1 December 2011, where she works as a biocides project manager and HelpNet Secretary at the Helpdesk Unit. Prior to this, she worked on risk assessment and risk management of chemicals at DG Joint Research Centre in Italy and at the Finnish Environment Institute. Ms Piha holds a PhD in biology, specialising in ecotoxicology and ecology. Ms Piha is Finnish.