

EDITORIAL ECETOC Launches e-Newsletter

We would like to welcome you to the first edition of ECETOC's quarterly electronic newsletter ("e-Newsletter"), designed to present up-to-date information on the latest developments and activities at ECETOC, in a brief and easily accessible format.

"The ECETOC e-Newsletter is the latest in a series of initiatives developed to enhance awareness of the ECETOC scientific work programme and its benefits. We foresee that the forthcoming series of e-Newsletters will become a useful addition to our existing information channels and documentation. We also hope it will provide an additional communication platform for experts and managers involved in our work programme and organisation", says ECETOC Secretary General, Dr. M. Gribble.

Each edition of the e-Newsletter will feature an editorial on a specific issue impacting the current ECETOC work programme and a summary of ECETOC activities, including new Task Forces, upcoming Workshops, other meetings and recently published reports. We intend to produce the e-Newsletter four times a year, in PDF format. Following an initial trial period, it will be subscriber-based.

In addition to the e-Newsletter, we are introducing "Email News" as a novel and quick way of keeping you up-to-date with new and ongoing activities of ECETOC's work programme. Unlike the e-Newsletter which covers selected topical issues and activities, Email News will alert subscribers of news in areas of their chosen interest. Each Email News item will contain a short summary with a hyperlink directing you to the location on our website where more specific and detailed information can be found.

Areas of interest include:

- > New Task Forces;
- > New Workshops;
- > Task Force Meetings;
- > Recently Published Reports;
- > Membership Information;
- > General Announcements.

If you sign-up to Email News, you will automatically receive an email alert every time our website is updated in one or more of the areas of interest that you have chosen.

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On the occasion of this first edition of the e-Newsletter, we look forward to your responses and invite you to submit your own editorial ideas, text and/or additional comments.

SG CORNER outREACH Prague

With the expansion of the European Union in 2004, the ECETOC Board decided that it was time for ECETOC to embrace the new EU Member States. With this in mind, ECETOC organised its fifth outREACH event in Prague, hosted by ECETOC Board Chairman Dr. J. Rudolph, Degussa, in conjunction with the ChemFed/ChemLeg Project. The 57 invited participants included national Federation representatives, industry HSE experts and toxicologists/ecotoxicologists from academia.

The event's objectives were:

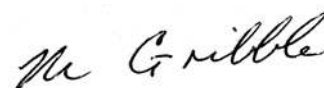
- > to introduce ECETOC to Chemical Users and Manufacturers, Chemical Federations and Academia in the new Member States;
- > to provide a forum for an in-depth focus on ECETOC's contribution to the EU Chemicals Policy initiative "REACH" including Targeted Risk Assessment methodology;
- > to inform on ECETOC's current work processes and on-going activities;
- > to seek a dialogue regarding industries' needs and priorities, to define specific topics of high importance to the future well being of chemical related industries.

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Further outREACH events are scheduled for the remainder of 2005, with the next event taking place in Ludwigshafen, Germany on May 11th 2005, kindly hosted by ECETOC Board Treasurer, Dr. M. Kayser, BASF.

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Dr. Michael Y. Gribble
ECETOC Secretary General

ECETOC Activities

UPCOMING Workshops

Association between Chemical Pollution and Respiratory Allergy and Asthma

(by invitation only)

Date: 16th - 17th June 2005

Place: Leuven, Belgium

In industrialised countries there has been an increase in the prevalence of asthma and of atopic disease. The increase has been too rapid to be caused by a change in the gene pool. Among the factors that have been implicated are the indoor environment, diet, vaccination programmes and the "hygiene hypothesis" (which suggests that decreased infectious challenge during infancy predisposes to atopic allergy).

The workshop will bring together scientific and clinical experts from industry, academia and government agencies, to consider specific questions regarding the apparent relationship between chemical pollution, asthma and allergic disease. A summary of the workshop will be published and key research needs identified.

Symposium on Biomarkers and Molecular Epidemiology - Present state and future trends and Workshop on Environmental Genotoxins and Children's Health

Date: 5th July, 2005

Place: Kos island, Greece

The objective of this Symposium-Workshop, jointly organised by ECETOC and the European Environmental Mutagen Society (EEMS) is to: (i) review the state of the science in the fast developing area of biomarkers in identifying exposure to environmental stressors and subsequently in the field of molecular epidemiology, and (ii) address our current understanding of the role of genotoxic environmental agents in childhood disease (<http://www.eie.gr/eems2005/>). Papers presented will be published in Mutation Research.

RECENTLY PUBLISHED Reports

JACC Reports

No. 45 1,1-Difluoroethane (HFC-152a) (CAS No. 75-37-6)

No. 46 1-Chloro-1,2,2,2-tetrafluoroethane (HCFC 124)

CAS No. 2837-89-0 (Second Edition)

Technical Reports

No. 92 Soil and Sediment Risk Assessment of Organic Chemicals

No. 93 Targeted Risk Assessment

No. 94 Whole Effluent Assessment

Workshop Reports

No. 3 Use of Human Data in Risk Assessment, 23-24 February 2004, Cardiff

No. 4 Influence of Maternal Toxicity in Studies on Developmental Toxicity, 2 March 2004, Berlin

No. 5 Alternative Testing Approaches in Environmental Risk Assessment
7-9 July 2004, Crecy-la-Chapelle



ECETOC In Brief

ECETOC, European Centre for Ecotoxicology and Toxicology Of Chemicals, was established in 1978 as a scientific, non-profit making, non-commercial association, financed by 48 of the leading companies with interests in the manufacture and use of chemicals. A stand-alone organisation, it was established to provide a scientific forum through which the extensive specialist expertise in the European chemical industry could be harnessed to research, review, assess and publish studies on the ecotoxicology and toxicology of chemicals.

Website

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UPCOMING Meetings

April

- 5 > ACUTEX Task Force
ECETOC, Brussels
- 6-7 > Scientific Committee
Bayer CropScience Office
Sophia Antipolis, France
- 11 > RIP, Framework
Working Group
ECETOC, Brussels
- 21-22 > PBT Task Force
ECETOC, Brussels
- 22 > Biomonitoring Task Force
ECETOC, Brussels
- 27 > Board Meeting
09:00 am - 13:00 pm
Procter & Gamble Office
Strombeek-Bever
- 27 > Annual General Meeting
14:00 pm - 16:00 pm
Procter & Gamble Office
Strombeek-Bever
- 28 > Annual Technical Meeting
Procter & Gamble Office
Strombeek-Bever

May

- 3 > Task Force on Derivation of OELs
ECETOC, Brussels
- 10 > RIP, Framework
Working Group
ECETOC, Brussels
- 11 > outREACH Event
Ludwigshafen, Germany

June

- 1 > Biomonitoring Task Force
ECETOC, Brussels
- 2 > RIP, Framework
Working Group
ECETOC, Brussels
- 14 > Scientific Committee
ECETOC, Brussels
- 29 > RIP, Framework
Working Group
ECETOC, Brussels

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Secretary General reports on ECETOC Annual General and Annual Technical Meetings

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