



**BRIDGING THE GAP
USING SCIENCE TO INFORM THE DEVELOPMENT OF POLICY**

Luxembourg, 27 January 2009

10.00 – 18.00 hours in Luxembourg Jean Monnet Building, Rue Alcide de Gasperi, 2920 Luxembourg, Room M1.

***Developments in Integrated Environmental Health Impact Assessment,
with special reference to policies that affect the Indoor Environment***

Scope and Purpose

The objective of the workshop is to review how science might better inform and influence the development and integration of environment and health policies across a number of sectors.

The workshop builds on the WHO meeting in Madrid in October 2008, *International Public Health Symposium on Environment and Health Research - Science for Policy, Policy for Science: Bridging the Gap*, which concluded that there is a need to enhance current practices and to take a holistic and integrated approach, embracing complexity and addressing uncertainty. The workshop is intended to promote the exchange between the policy and the scientific domain, and the effective use of newly developed methodologies in environmental health. It centres on the work of two current linked research projects, INTARESE and HEIMTSA, both funded by the European Commission (EC) under the 6th Framework Programme. These two projects, and others, are developing methods to inform the development of policy, working within a framework that is becoming known as Integrated Environmental Health Impact Assessment (IEHIA). The workshop provides an opportunity to influence those developments, so that the methods and tools that are being developed now will help ensure that future policy development, affecting indoor air or other environmental factors, can be grounded as fully as possible in scientific evidence

The workshop will:

- Identify the potential added value that integrated approaches to EHIA could bring to policy making, in European countries within and out of the EU
- Identify the characteristics of policy areas that have proved amenable to more integrated approaches in the past, exemplified by the use of HIA methods within the CAFE (Clean Air For Europe) process
- Identify the challenges the scientists face in delivering practical approaches, usable by policy makers, through:
 - a discussion of the state of the science for extending IEHIA approaches to a much wider range of environmental policies and pollutants – including the areas of concern in different countries,
 - illustrating the use of IEHIA methods through applications to the health effects arising from a variety of sources within the indoor environment,
 - describing the current work to extend IEHIA methods further, to other areas of application e.g. in sectors such as housing, energy, transport, waste.

The workshop will take place on the 27 January 2009 from 10.00 – 18.00 hours in Luxembourg at the Jean Monnet Building, Rue Alcide de Gasperi, 2920 Luxembourg, Room M1. The workshop will be held in English only.

There will be no charge for attendance and morning and afternoon refreshments will be provided. Delegates will be able to purchase lunch at the self service restaurant.

Delegates will be expected to find their own funding for their travel and subsistence

To register for the workshop please complete the online registration form at:
<http://www.intarese.org/event/bridging-gap-using-science-inform-development-policy-200901.htm>

The deadline for registration is January 15th.

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Agenda

Morning Session

Chaired by Fintan Hurley (HEIMSTA)

- 10:00 Registration
- 10:15 Opening remarks *Fintan Hurley(HEIMSTA)*
- 10.30 Setting guidelines for indoor air *Michal Krzyzanowski (WHO)*
- 11.00 The science of integrated assessment *David Briggs (INTARESE)*
- 11.30 Applying new methodologies to Indoor Air *Matti Jantunen (KTL)*
- 12.00 Breakout sessions
- Discussion questions:
- Who are the main players affecting indoor air and how do their decisions and actions affect indoor air quality and human health?
 - What types of action are most appropriate in relation to indoor air, and how can these be evaluated and compared?
 - What are the science demands to support effective action on indoor air and human health?
- 13.15 Lunch

Afternoon Session

Chaired by David Briggs (INTARESE)

- 14.15 CAFE's experience of policy integration *Mike Holland (EMRC)*
- 14.45 Discussion breakout groups to consider the general question of *how can we best influence the policy-making process in ways that better protect public health?*
- Discussion will focus on:
- What can we learn from the CAFE experience – and how applicable is it to other policy areas?
 - How can we best address the gap between science and policy assessment?
 - How can we improve the use of assessment methods in policy-making?
- 15.45 Afternoon Tea/Coffee

Final Session

Chaired by Colin Humphris (INTARESE)

- 16.15 Feedback and roundtable discussion with the meeting speakers and discussion group rapporteurs
- 17.30 Final Remarks
- 18.00 Meeting Close

List of Workshop Participants

Hermann Autrup	Aarhus University
Ralph Baden	Ministry of Health Luxembourg
Alena Bartonova	Norwegian Institute for Air Research
Pierre Biot	FPS Health, Food Chain Safety and Environment
Catherine Bouland	Brussels Institute for the Management of the Environment (IBGE-BIM)
Matthias Braubach	World Health Organization
David Briggs	Imperial College London
Bernard Collignan	CSTB
Vemund Digernes	Federation of Norwegian Industries
Eddy Engelsman	Ministry of Health, Welfare and Sport
Christian Farrar-Hockley	Health & Environment Alliance
Loredana Ghinea	CEFIC
Manfred Giersig	Bayer Mat. Science AG
Dragan Gjorgjev	Republic Institute for Health Protection, Skopje, R. Macedonia
Sonja Grossberndt	NILU
Mike Holland	EMRC
Colin Humphris	CEFIC
Fintan Hurley	Institute of Occupational Medicine
Matti Jantunen	THL (National Public Health Institute)
Dorota Jarosinska	European Environment Agency
Milena Jovasevic-Stojanovic	IV
Kornelia Jumel	Imperial Consultants
Stylianos Kephelopoulos	European Commission - Joint Research Centre
Gernot Klotz	CEFIC
Michal Krzyzanowski	World Health Organization
Eva Kunseler	Netherlands Environmental Assessment Agency
Guy Aloïs Magnus	European Society for Research & Prevention on Environment and Health
Maja Mampaey	Flemish Government
Corinne Mandin	INERIS
Marco Martuzzi	WHO
Siobhán McEvoy	Department of Health and Children
Gary Minsavage	CONCAWE
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Eduardo Oliveira Fernandes	IDMEC-FEUP
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