

ecopa **8th ANNUAL ecopa WORKSHOP**

“Potential improvement in the development of alternative methods: Needs in risk assessment of new technologies and their products vs. use of alternatives”

24-25 November 2007, Brussels, Sheraton-Airport

Friday, November 23, 2007 ARRIVAL

Saturday, November 24, 2007 WORKSHOP

09:00 – 09:15 Welcome and Status of *ecopa*
Vera Rogiers, *ecopa*-Chair, VUB Brussels, BE

09:15 – 11:00 SESSION I: Basics. New Technologies require different thinking
Chair: Vera Rogiers, *ecopa*-Chair, Brussels, BE

09:15 - 09:35 New EU 6th and 7th FP-projects: Challenges for alternative method testing in food, feed and other areas.
Elke Anklam, ihcp ECVAM, DG JRC, Ispra (c)

09:35 - 09:55 Alternative methods: need vs. experience of two decades
Bernward Garthoff, *ecopa*-treasurer, Bayer AG, DE (c)

09:55 - 10:15 Needs in risk assessment of new methodologies and their products vs use alternatives
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10:15 - 10:35 Evidence-based toxicology: does it work for long-term toxicity testing?
Andrew G. Smith, Univ. of Leicester, Leicester, UK (c)

10:35 – 11:00 INTERMEZZO
The *ecopa*/Eurogroup/P+G-analysis: funds and sponsoring for alternatives in Europe
Simon Webb, Procter & Gamble, Brussels, BE (for the working team) (c)

11:00 – 11:20 COFFEE BREAK

11:20 – 12:35 SESSION II: What do we really have vs. what is really needed?
Chair: Walter Pfaller, *ecopa*-Board, Innsbruck, A

11:20 - 11:35 Wish-list of Animal Welfare
Kirsty Reid, Eurogroup for Animals, BE (c)

11:35 - 11:50 The Commission's View
Christian Wimmer, DG RTD, EU (c)

11:50 - 12:05 The Industry-View
Philippe Vanparys, Johnson & Johnson, Beerse, BE (c)

12:05 - 12:20 The View from Academia
Lionel Larue, Institut Curie, Paris, Fr (c)

12:20 - 12:35 The Regulatory View
Aldert Piersma, RIVM, Bilthoven, NL (c)

12:35 – 14:20 LUNCH

14:20 - 15:40 SESSION III: OUTLOOK?

Chair: Horst Spielmann, *ecopa*-Board, Berlin, DE

14:20 – 14:40 Outlook: 3Rs in safety assessment in pharmaceutical industry.
Laura Suter-Dick, Hoffman-La Roche, Basel, CH, I (a)

14:40 – 15:00 Outlook: 3Rs in safety assessment of chemicals.
Thomas Hartung, ihcp ECVAM, DG JRC, Ispra, I (c)

15:00 – 15:20 Disappointment or hopes for new methodology?
Vera Rogiers, SCCP-co-Chair, Brussels, BE (c)

15:20 – 15:40 False positive results of *in vitro* genotoxicity testing; future approach?
Paul Carmichael, Unilever, UK (c)

15:40 - 16:00 SCIENCE FAIR: New Approaches

José Castell, *ecopa*-Board, Valencia, E

15:40 – 15:50 Development of a 3D-tissue culture model of human skin carcinoma
Suzan Commandeur, Leiden University Medical Center, NL (c)

15:50 – 16:00 Development of a cell based chronic wound bioassay
Phil Stevens, Cardiff University, Cardiff, UK (c)

16:00 – 16:30 COFFEE BREAK

16:30 – 17:30 SESSION IV / ROUND TABLE:

Best approach, best cell systems, best reference compound list: a chimaera?

Moderator: Odile de Silva, *ecopa*-Board, Paris, F

Participants : Flavia Zucco, Liintop coordinator, Rome, IT (c)
Hans-Jurgen Ahr, Bayer Healthcare AG, Wuppertal, DE (c)
Thomas Hartung, ihcp ECVAM, DG JRC, Ispra, I
Philippe Vanparys, Johnson & Johnson, Beerse, BE (c)
Manfred Liebsch, ZEBET, Bfr, DE (c)

- END OF SESSIONS -

19:30 COCKTAILS

20:00 DINNER

Sunday, November 25, 2007

GENERAL ANNUAL ASSEMBLY

09:00 - 11:00 SESSION I: *ecopa*-Management Board-Presentations

Chair: Jan van der Valk, *ecopa*-Board, Utrecht, NL

Peter Maier, *ecopa*-Board, Basel, CH

09:00 - 09:15 Vera Rogiers: Further activities; Approval of the Board Program Activities

09:15 - 09:30 José Castell: Scientific plans, new calls, status of project, proposals for the 7th EU FP

09:30 - 09:40 Bernward Garthoff: Financials

09:40 - 10:40 *ecopa*-Business Matters: National Consensus Platform, Elections

Admission of new associate member and NCP:

(France, Norecopa, Hucopa, Dacopa)

Annual Subscriptions

Board Elections

Miscellaneous

10:40 - 11:00 COFFEE BREAK

11:00 - 13:00 SESSION II: Proposals for further Mid Range-Activities of the *ecopa*-Working Groups, composition and communication

Moderator: Bernward Garthoff, Treasurer *ecopa*, Leverkusen, DE

Roman Kolar, *ecopa*-Board, Neubiberg, DE

11:10 - 12:10 Split up in working groups:

Group 1: "Organisation / Research": FP7 Project Organization Start-UP & Future activities

Moderator: Vera Rogiers

Group 2: "Politics: REACH, GMOs, cell systems and transgenics"

Moderator: Horst Spielmann

12:10 - 12:30 **Presentation of the discussion results of the working groups by the moderators**
10 minutes per WG

12:30 - 13:00 **Conclusions**

13:00 END OF MEETING:

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